MINUTES 21-01
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 14, 2021

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:02 PM in the board room at Madison City Schools Central Office. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, roll call was conducted of school board members.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll Call of school board members recorded as follows:

Place No. 1	Mr. Greg Hulsey	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Luis Ferrer	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also, present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent, Mr. Woody Sanderson, board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 school board meeting agenda. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations made at this meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who addressed the Board at this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of consent agenda items: (a) Minutes 20-29, December 10, 2020; and (b) amending Policy 5.9.6 – Personal Leave. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of an application for acceptance and dedication with the Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison for utility improvements at the new elementary school off Wall Triana Highway. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the agreement. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a right-of-way deed by and between the City of Madison and the City of Madison Board of Education for the new middle school. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agreement. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of an agreement by and between Lean Frog and City of Madison Board of Education to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the internal processes of the Madison City Schools Transportation Department using the Lean Six Sigma techniques for a total price not to exceed $9,229.30. Mr. John Jones, director of operations explained the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the agreement.
Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of a Sports Medicine & Sponsorship Agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and The Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville to provide and support athletics programs at its schools as part of the extra-curricular activities for students at Bob Jones High School, James Clemens High School, Discovery Middle School, and Liberty Middle School (allocations are listed in the agreement) for the 2020-2021 academic school year. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the agreement. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of Resolution 21-01, Extension of any Unused COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSLA) under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) until March 31, 2021, which was due to expire on December 31, 2020. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agreement. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the November 2020 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams explained the recommendation. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to approve the financial statements for Madison City Schools. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the November 2020 Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the budget amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the list of new substitutes for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the list as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the substitute list. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of supplemental contracts for work performed in the school district. The Board agreed to approve the supplemental contract list as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the supplement contract list. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols recommended approval of the personnel action items presented at this meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel items as a group. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the personnel action items. Mr. Luis Ferrer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the passing of a central office staff member, Mrs. Lacie Ring, math specialist for the school district. He also asked for a moment of silence.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols welcomed and thanked School Resource Officer Ruby Jewell, a five-year veteran of the Madison Police Department for attending the school board meeting. He talked about the vaccination process for educators. He hopes vaccinations will begin in February for educators. Dr. Nichols also talked about students returning to in person learning after the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. He stated the COVID level in the county of Madison is now green. He then stated that other area school systems will also return to in person learning for students.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Luis Ferrer stated school system administrators try to make the best decision for our students. They try to balance safety and student instruction.

Mr. Greg Hulsey extended condolences to the Ring Family. He then wished Mr. Ferrer a happy birthday. Mr. Hulsey also thanked Dr. Nichols for returning students back to the classroom after reviewing data. He then talked the importance of monitoring the safety of students back in classrooms.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked Dr. Nichols for his decision making. She also expressed condolences to the Ring family. Mrs. Lessmann also wished Mr. Ferrer a happy birthday. She then welcomed SRO Ruby Jewell to the school board meeting.

Mr. Travis Cummings talked about the tough decision made by the superintendent to allow students back in classrooms.

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp wished Mr. Ferrer a happy birthday. He extended condolences to the Ring family. Mr. Holtcamp then talked about all the tasks the school system is doing to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Holtcamp then announced the school board meeting would be held on January 21, 2021.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Luis Ferrer motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President

Dr. Edwin Nichols, Secretary

Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary