

MINUTES 22-04
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 23, 2022

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 7:01 AM 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	Absent
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the February 23, 2022, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations at this meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval to remove the mask matrix for Madison City Schools. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve recommendations. Mr. Greg Hulsey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a mask optional status beginning on Thursday, February 24, 2022 for Madison City Schools. All persons will have to wear a mask on public transportation as ordered by the federal government. Mr. Greg Hulsey motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols talked about the challenges of the pandemic during the past two years. He also stated that after reviewing data from the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control, he believes it is now time to move to a mask optional status for the district.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked Dr. Nichols, central office staff, teachers and other staff for all their efforts to educate and keep students safe during this pandemic.

Mr. Travis Cummings stated he agreed with Dr. Nichols that it was time to change the mask protocol in the school district.

Mr. Greg Hulsey thanked Dr. Nichols for his leadership. He also stated that conditions have changed regarding COVID. He also thanked teachers and staff for their work.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated he believes the Board made the best decision based on data and recommendations from local health agencies to keep our students and teachers in school over the past two years. He also thanked teachers and staff for their efforts to educate students. He then announced a work session on February 24, 2022 at 4:00 PM, a school board meeting on February 24, 2022 at 5:00 PM, a finance committee meeting on March 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM, and a school board meeting on March 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was approved 4-0.


Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, President


Dr. Ed Nichols, Secretary


Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary