

MINUTES 23-06  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 23, 2023

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting to order at 5:03 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. Tommy Overcash	Delayed
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Scott Newberry	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent of Madison City Schools, Mr. Woody Sanderson, school board attorney, Mr. Taylor Brooks, additional legal counsel, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the March 23, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Ranae Bartlett, Madison Chess League Director, introduced chess team students who won state and national tournaments. A certificate of recognition was presented to the students by the superintendent on behalf of school board members.

Dr. Nichols also recognized Mrs. Bonnie Davis for her service to the school district. Mrs. Davis will retire as lead nurse for the school system on July 1, 2023.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Justen Alexander, a parent with students in Madison City Schools, publicly thanked teachers for providing her children with an excellent education. She specifically thanked teachers who sponsor clubs at schools. Ms. Alexander mentioned it is a lot of work.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-05, March 9, 2023; (b) Bid #2023- 08, Ice Machine Installation from Moores Refrigeration who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$18,495; (c) a field trip request for Bob Jones High School Girls Basketball Team to participate in a tournament in phoenix, Arizona on December 17, 2023 – December 22, 2023; (d) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Nivens & Associates Appraisals, Inc. to prepare a narrative appraisal report in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) related to property for a fee of \$3,800.00 utilizing the most relevant approaches to value; (e) an owner and architect agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Nola Van Peurseum Architects, P.C. for the track replacement at James Clemens High School; and (f) 2023 summer camps for Bob Jones High School and James Clemens High School sports. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a proposed construction project agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Warner Athletic Construction to maintain the Shaw Sports turf fields on the campuses of James Clemens (Football/Soccer/LAX, Baseball, Softball), Bob Jones (Football/Soccer/LAX, Baseball, Softball) and Madison City Schools Stadium, as described in the agreement, at a cost of \$20,000 annually for a two-year term contract. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the list as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the substitute list for the school district. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of contracts for supplemental work performed for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of ACCESS. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the ACCESS contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel recommendations for the school district. The Board agreed to approve the personnel recommendations as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the retirement of Ms. Elizabeth Bero, gifted teacher at Horizon Elementary School, and Ms. Zoe Williams, math teacher at Bob Jones High School. He expressed appreciation to both for their service and dedication to the Madison City Schools.

#### VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols thanked the board for assisting with the car line at the Madison City Schools Pre-Kindergarten Center. Dr. Nichols announced the creation of an app for activities and events throughout the district. He also discussed the Madison City School Job Fair, Best Buddies Night (held at James Clemens High), a Huntsville Cyber Competition on March 30, 2023 and Science Competitions. Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Mitchell Stease for attending the school board meeting.

#### VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash talked about his exciting experience participating in the car line at the Pre-Kindergarten Center.

Mr. Scott Newberry congratulated Madison City Schools Chess Teams for their wins at national tournaments. He talked about how the teams showed great sportsmanship at every competition.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann talked about how impressed she is with how the chess teams perform at competitions. She also discussed how much she enjoyed assisting with the car line at the pre-kindergarten center. Mrs. Lessmann then thanked Madison City Fire and Rescue for outfitting car seats on buses to ensure Pre-K students were safely transported to field trips.

Mr. Travis Cummings stated that students from elementary to high school are doing remarkable and thriving in Madison City.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp also talked about his experience assisting with the car line at the Madison Pre-K Center.

#### VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated the Board needed to enter an executive session to discuss pending or imminently likely litigation with legal counsel. Mr. Holtcamp also stated the Board would not take any actions after the conclusion of the executive session, but to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Woody Sanderson, board attorney, confirmed the topic to be discussed did meet the requirements for an executive session of the school board. Mr. Holtcamp called a motion for the Board to enter executive session. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned the Board enter executive session. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

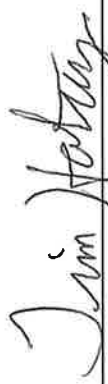
Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to end the Board's executive session. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to end the executive session of the school board. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM, with a finance committee meeting to be held at 4:00 PM at the central office. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President

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Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary

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Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary