

MINUTES 23-07
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 6, 2023

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting to order at 5:00 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	Present
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, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Scott Piro, Madison Optimist Club Representative, introduced students who were first, second and third place winners for an essay contest sponsored by the Optimist Club. Students had to write an essay answering the question, "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimist in You?" Students received a certificate and check (\$300, \$200 and \$100, depending on placement won) from the Optimist Club. The teacher of the student who won first place also received a \$100 check from the Optimist Club.

Dr. Kerry Donaldson, interim principal of James Clemens High School, introduced Allison Shratter, Latin teacher at James Clemens High. Ms. Shratter won the Alabama World Language Association Best Latin Teacher. Ms. Shratter also received a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no individuals who addressed the Board during this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-06, March 23, 2023; (b) 2023 Special Education Extended School Year Program to be held June 5 – 29, 2023; (c) Bid #2023-06, West Madison Pre-K Serving Lines from BRESCO who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$41,516.00.; (d) a field trip request for Bob Jones High School JROTC students to compete at the National Drill and Physical Fitness Competition in Daytona Beach, Florida on May 5 -8, 2023; (e) a field trip request for Liberty Middle School students to compete at the National Science Bowl Competition on April 27, 2023 – May 1, 2023 in Washington D.C.; (f) a field trip request for Liberty Middle School civics students to travel to Washington D.C. on April 29, 2024 – May 3, 2024; (g) Change Order #1 for an increase of \$4,213.99 (boiler vent location change requiring additional expenses) for the Bob Jones High School boiler replacement; (h) Change Order #2 for an increased amount of \$9,334.96 (gas regulators required to alleviate as pressure issues) for Bob Jones High School boiler replacement; (i); authorizing LaVerne Williams, chief finance officer, and Jana Gray, finance coordinator, as designated individuals/authorizers, along with their specimen signature, to provide instruction and

direction to the Custodian with respect to the administration of the City of Madison Board of Education-Tax Revenue Fund; and (j) changes to the 2023-2024 school year calendar for Madison City Schools. 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 an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Red Rover Technologies, LLC to provide a substitute management program for one year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, with an additional year option at the same price) at a cost of \$14,750. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of an elementary English Language textbook adoption list (Open Court and 95 Phonics Core Program) for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the textbook list. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval the 2023 February Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the financial statements. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the 2023 February Budget Amendment for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Williams also explained this recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the budget amendment for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash 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. Scott Newberry 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. Travis Cummings 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. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the retirement of Ms. Gertha Griffin, custodian at Bob Jones High School. He expressed appreciation for her service to the Madison City Schools.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols talked about the Buddy Bowl sponsored by the Special Education Department; Assistant Principal Appreciation Day; an English Learner Podcast; a job fair to be held at Midtown Elementary School, and April being Military Child Month. He then announced an event to be held for the public regarding Fentanyl. Dr. Nichols also provided an update on elementary playground renovations and art /music education in the school district. Lastly, he thanked School Resource Officer Tyler Bollington for attending the school board meeting

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash stated he enjoyed State of the Schools event sponsored by the Schools Foundation.

Mr. Scott Newberry stated he is excited to hear of the additional art, music and STEM teachers in the elementary schools next year; the opening of the new playground at Rainbow Elementary, and the reappointment of Mr. Travis Cummings to the Madison City School Board. He also mentioned that speakers from Madison City Schools did a great job at the State of the Schools event.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann expressed her excitement regarding the State of the Schools event, Madison Visionary Partners (Paws for a Purpose), and Mr. Cummings reappointment to the Madison City School Board.

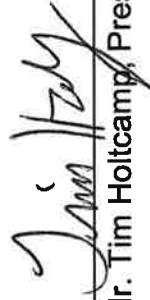
Mr. Travis Cummings expressed the same sentiment as previous school board members.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated a couple of school board members and the superintendent attended the Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) Conference. He stated the conference offered great sessions on safety. Mr. Holtcamp also thanked the Finance Department for their great work.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the central office. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary