

MINUTES 23-08
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 20, 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. Chris Pape, legal counsel reportative, and LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the April 20, 2023, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Nichols recognized two teachers from James Clemens High School, Mr. Johnathan Bailey and Mrs. Elisha Jemison, for their leadership and courageous in deciding to protect students traveling on a field trip during potential severe weather. The teachers received a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent for their heroic act.

Mrs. Kaetlyn Hermann, federal program specialist, introduced representatives from the University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) with Project Dial. The group presented scholarships and grants to teachers in the school district. The university offers a 54% discount to educators who pursue a masters degree at UAH. They also provided \$8400 grants to teachers to assist with furthering their education.

Mrs. Carol Bohatch, federal programs grant specialist, discussed Purple Up Day. She announced that April is month of the military child. She also announced that Madison City Schools was one of the first school system in the state of Alabama to have all schools in the district listed as a Purple School. Mrs. Bohatch also asked everyone to wear purple on April 21st to show support for military families.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Michael Bailey, parent in the community, shared information about IAQ recommendations, ionization, and absenteeism due to illnesses.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #23-07, April 6, 2023; (b) a field trip request for Bob Jones High School archery students to participate at a national archery competition in Louisville, Kentucky on May 11 -12, 2023; (c) a field trip request for James Clemens High School students to compete at the International Leadership Competition in Dallas, Texas on June 20-25, 2023; (d) a field trip request for Liberty Middle School archery students to participate at a national archery competition in Louisville, Kentucky on May 12 -13, 2023; (e) a field trip request for Mill Creek Elementary School archery students to participate at a national archery competition in Louisville, Kentucky on May 11 -12, 2023; (f) a field trip request for Midtown

Elementary School archery students to participate at a national archery competition in Louisville, Kentucky on May 11 -12, 2023; (g) a clinical internship agreement by the City of Madison Board of Education and OB/GYN Associates for James Clemens High School Medical Academy students; (h) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Simple Helix, LLC to provide VM Cloud set-up, storage, RAM, processor and licenses from current date through January 18, 2026, as described in the agreement for a cost of \$19,467.20 (\$11,467.20 per month for three years, and \$8,000.00 one-time set-up fee); (i) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and CENTEGIX to provide training, install, program, configure, and commission CrisisAlert Equipment and Software for a three year term, with optional extension of an additional three year as described in the agreement (60 days prior to the anniversary date in year four, with payment for year 4-6 due on the anniversary date of year 4). Scheduled Item Billing Milestones:

- Year One - 50% of first 3 years Execution of Purchase Order or signed OA \$207,550
- Year One - 50% of first 3 years 90 days after the Purchase Order or signed OA \$207,550
- Year Four - 100% of years 4-6 Year 4 anniversary date \$336,000

(i) change order #1 for Madison City Schools Stadium lighting improvements for a decreased amount of \$19,682.75; and (k) Bid #2023-09, Data Management Solution from LEAN Frog Digital who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$24,000 for one year. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of an affiliation agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Oakwood University Dietetics Program, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and Intern, to provide interns for learning and practical experience as described in the agreement. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent presented the following policies for a first reading to amend: 5.9.6 - Personal Leave; 7.3.2- Weighted Grading Scale; and 6.1.2 – Admission to School. .

No action was required for these items.

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. Mr. Tommy Overcash 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. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the retirement of Mr. Tom Runnion, assistant principal at Bob Jones High School. He also announced the transfer of Dr. Kerry Donaldson from interim principal to principal of James Clemens High School. Dr. Nichols expressed appreciation for Mr. Runnion's service to the Madison City Schools. Additionally, he congratulated Dr. Donaldson on his new position as principal .

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols talked about a tour of Simple Helix (Information Management System Company). He also congratulated Columbia Elementary School for being named a Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools Banner recipient. He then announced that Ms. Bonnie Howard teacher at Madison Elementary School, is one of sixteen candidates for Alabama Teacher of the Year. He stated the school district's student attendance rate has been approximately 95% - 96% all school year. Dr. Nichols thanked School Resource Officer Dafazio and School Resource Officer Scroggins for attending the school board meeting.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash stated he assisted with Discovery Middle School's car line. He also stated the tours of Simple Helix, the new BJ's Warehouse and school visits with the superintendent's key communicators group were amazing. Mr. Overcash congratulated Dr. Donaldson for being named principal of James Clemens High School.

Mr. Scott Newberry stated he attended AASB's Advocacy Day in Montgomery, Alabama where he met with local legislators concerning the needs of the school system. He then mentioned that students are ending ACAP testing. He thanked teachers for doing a great job with students and testing. He also extended congrats to Dr. Kerry Donaldson for being selected as the new principal of James Clemens High School.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann talked about Advocacy Days in Montgomery, Alabama. She also acknowledged the two teachers recognized during the school board meeting for their actions to protect students during the treat for server weather. She then congratulated Project DIAL scholarship recipients (teachers). Mrs. Lessmann also announced that seniors would graduate on May 15, 2023.

Mr. Travis Cummings also recognized teachers for their leadership during bad weather. He then congratulated teachers who received Project DIAL scholarships. Additionally, Mr. Cummings congratulated Dr. Kerry Donaldson on being named principal of James Clemens High School.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp congratulated Dr. Kerry Donaldson. He then talked about maintaining a strong sales tax base because the school system is funded near the bottom by state of Alabama. He thanked constituents for their continued support of Madison City Schools.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on May 2, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the central office, with a 4:00 PM finance committee meeting. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann 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