

MINUTES 24-02
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 29, 2024

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting 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. 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 Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tim Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the January 29, 2024, 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

Principals and central office staff expressed their sincere appreciation to school board members for their untiring work, commitment to excellence, staunch advocacy, and never-ending support of education in Madison City Schools. Board members were presented with baskets (included thank you notes from students and staff), swag bag (included school paraphernalia), a Madison City Schools lapel pin, and a cheer from the Journey Middle School Basketball Cheerleaders. School board members conveyed their gratitude to all for the tokens of appreciation.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two members of the public who addressed the school board. They both talked about bullying in high schools. They asked the Board to look in to their concerns.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #24-01, January 11, 2024; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) 2024- 2025 middle and high school curriculum catalogs for Madison City Schools; (e) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Raptor Technologies, LLC for SchoolPass Visitor Management Plus for the term of twelve months beginning February 2, 2024 at a cost of \$850.00 for West Madison Pre-K Center; (f) a memorandum of understanding with the City of Madison for use of the north parking lot and gymnasium at Discovery Middle School on February 24, 2024 for ReadyFest 2024, as described in the MOU; and (g) support staff guideline changes for Madison City Schools Salary Schedule. The Board agreed to approve the items as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a LEA School Make-Up Day Option Request for relief of make-up days on January 16 - 22, 2024, due to Governor Ivey declaring a state of emergency because of a winter storm that presented hazardous travel conditions in the city of Madison, Alabama (located in the county of Madison). Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the LEA School Make-Up Day Option Request for relief of make-up days on January 16 - 22, 2024, due to Governor Ivey declaring a state of emergency because of a

winter storm that presented hazardous travel conditions in the city of Madison, Alabama (located in the county of Madison). Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the substitute list as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the substitute list. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of supplemental contracts. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the supplemental contracts. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of contracts for the ACCESS Program. The Board agreed to approve the contracts as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the supplemental 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. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced and congratulated Mr. Gerald Franks, assistant principal at Journey Middle School, on his retirement.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols expressed appreciation to operations and maintenance staff for their hard work during the winter storm (snow and ice) in the area last week. He also talked about a visit from Mr. Mike Coward, an Alabama State Department of Education safety inspector. Mr. Coward visited every elementary school and found no infractions in the area of school safety. Dr. Nichols then stated he met with state representatives from north Alabama regarding issues that would affect Madison City Schools such as a bill promoting School Choice.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash met with legislators during the past week to advocate for public education. He encouraged parents to contact their legislators and let them know their concerns or opinions regarding bills up for debate during the next legislative session. Mr. Overcash also announced the Madison Street Festival provided thirty-five grants to various groups. Fifteen grants went to groups or organizations within Madison City Schools.

Mr. Scott Newberry thanked teachers and staff for preparing for Alabama State monitoring of the school district. He also thanked principals and staff for the tokens of appreciation during school Board Appreciation Month.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann talked about the School Choice Bill. She stressed the importance of supporting public school teachers. Mrs. Lessmann also encouraged parents and PTAs to read the bill. She then thanked staff and administrators for the tokens of appreciation given during School Board Appreciation Month. She also mentioned the Board does listen to comments made by the public. Mrs. Lessmann thanked the Madison Street Festival and Knights of Columbus for their support of Madison City Schools.

Mr. Travis Cummings thanked everyone who expressed their appreciation to the school board during the month of January – School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Cummings also stated that public comments are taken seriously and the leadership does look into concerns brought to the school board.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked staff for taking care of schools during the snow and ice. He also mentioned the school board has a good relationship with our local legislators. Mr. Holtcamp thanked School Resource Officer Dion Hose for attending the school board meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on February 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM, preceded by a finance committee meeting at 4:00 PM. 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.

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Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LaTisha L. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary