

MINUTES 24-07
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
April 4, 2024

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting to order at 5:04 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. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the April 4, 2024, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Scott Piro and Mrs. Ann van Leeuwen, representatives with the Optimist Club of Madison, Alabama, presented essay awards and grants to students and teachers in Madison City Schools. The group presented certificates and checks to students who were first – third place essay winners. Additionally, teachers who submitted grants and were selected for their organizations or classrooms at their respective schools also were presented with checks. The Board and superintendent congratulated everyone who won an award or grant. The Board also thanked the Optimist Club for supporting Madison City Schools.

Mrs. Carol Bohatch and other federal programs grant administrators in the school district talked about April being Month of the Military Child. They discussed programs that are in place to assist students of military families with transitioning to Madison City Schools. They asked everyone to wear purple each Friday during the month of April to show the school district's support for military students and their families.

Mrs. Rebecca Tucker, supervising nurse for Madison City Schools, introduced two school nurses, Ms. Laura Dickerson and Ms. June Lawniczak, who earned National Board Certification as a nurse. The Board and superintendent applauded their efforts and hard work. The superintendent presented the ladies each with a certificate of recognition. They also received a boutique of flowers from Mrs. Tucker.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who addressed the school board members during this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): **(a)** Minutes #24-06, March 28, 2024; **(b)** field trip requests for Madison City Schools; **(c)** facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; **(d)** Revision of Policies: 5.23-Gifts and 6.1.2.b - Admission to Schools; **(e)** a memorandum of understating by and between the Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville, d/b/a HH Health System Hospice Family Care (The Caring House- a division of HFC) to provide grief support resources in Madison City Schools beginning April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025, as described in the MOU; and **(f)** Disposal of equipment:

- (1) 5x8 Covered Trailer
- (3) Gas Ovens for School Kitchen
- (17) Classroom Lab Tables
- (75) Classroom Desks
- (143) Office Chairs

The Board agreed to act on the consent agenda items as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the February 2024 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the recommendation to the Board and public. Mr. Travis Cummings motioned to approve the February 2024 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements. Mr. Tommy Overcash 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. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the substitute list. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of supplemental contracts for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the supplemental contract list as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the list of supplemental contracts. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel actions. The Board agreed to approve the personnel actions as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the personnel actions. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the following retirements: Lynn Hyché (Bookkeeper – James Clemens High), Colleen Johnson (Third Grade Teacher – Columbia Elementary), and Richard McKinnon (Physical Education Teacher- Discovery Middle). Dr. Nichols and the Board expressed their appreciation for the retirees' service to Madison City Schools.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols announced April as Month of the Military Child. He mentioned that our annual Purple Up Day would be celebrated on Friday, April 19, 2024. He encouraged everyone to wear purple that day in support of our military families. He then thanked Nurse Becky Tucker for inspiring our school nurses to obtain National Board Certification. Dr. Nichols also congratulated two students at James Clemens High School for developing, organizing and hosting a district math tournament for middle schoolers at James Clemens High. He then announced high school drama/theatre programs would perform the musical, Mean Girls, at Bob Jones High School on April 11-13, and 18-20th at 7:00 PM nightly. Also, James Clemens High drama/theatre students would put on Cyrano de Bergerac on April 18-19th at 7:00 PM and April 20th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. He also mentioned that Mrs. Alice Lessmann received the Philanthropic Businessperson of the Year Award from Madison Visionary Partners. Additionally, Dr. Nichols stated chess groups would be honored at an upcoming school board meeting. He also mentioned that Redstone Federal Credit Union provided financial literacy sessions for high school students. Lastly, Dr. Nichols thanked Mrs. Lee Shaw, for obtaining free solar eclipse glasses for the school district.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Newberry thanked the Optimist Club for providing grants to teachers and checks to student essay winners. He also congratulated all essay and grant winners. Mr. Newberry then congratulated nurses who obtained national board certification.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann congratulated winners of awards and recognitions presented during the school board meeting. She announced it was National Assistant Principals Week. She thanked assistant principals for their service to the district. She then talked about the Second Annual Friends Bowl. Mrs. Lessmann also thanked Mrs. Lee Shaw for the work she does for the Madison City School District.

Mr. Travis Cummings congratulated students and teachers for receiving awards and grants from the Optimist Club.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated he is grateful for organizations like the Optimist Club. He also thanked School Resource Officer Kearns for attending the school board meeting.

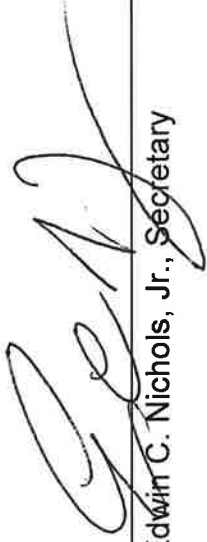
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Holtcamp".

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edwin C. Nichols, Jr.".

Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LaTisha L. King".

Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary