

MINUTES 25-04
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2025

Mr. Tim 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	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Scott Newberry	Absent
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 February 20, 2025, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Kerry Donaldson, principal of James Clemens High School, introduced a student from James Clemens High who won first place in the Alabama State Superintendent's Visual Art Exhibition. A certificate of recognition was given to the student. The student thanked her teachers for encouraging her to enter the contest.

Mr. John Jones, chief operations officer, introduced his team who were honored for their outstanding work ensuring schools were operational during the extreme cold weather for students and staff. A certificate of appreciation was given to the Madison City Schools Operations Department group from the Board and superintendent.

Dr. Travis Schrimsher, transportation department administrator, introduced the transportation shop crew to the Board and public. The transportation crew was honored for the efforts to ensure buses and other vehicles were operational during the extremely cold weather. A certificate of appreciation was given to the Madison City Schools Transportation Department shop crew from the Board and superintendent.

Mr. Jamie Golliver, safety and security coordinator, honored Madison City School Resource Officers in recognition of School Resource Officer Month. Each SRO was introduced to the Board and public. Additionally, each SRO received a lapel pin and a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent.

Mr. Golliver and Sergeant Scroggin, lead SRO, presented information regarding weapons detection K9s to the Board and public. The program partners K9s with existing SROs to patrol facilities and grounds of Madison City Schools. The program assigns a K9 team to each high school and floats one between middle schools. The initial cost for the program is \$123,213.00, with a reoccurring annual cost of \$16,500 (vet bills, food costs, and national certification cost for three dogs) per year.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made by members of the public during this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #25-03, February 6, 2025; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) revisions to the Dual Enrollment Policy; and (e) a consulting agreement by and between the Nathaniel Provencio and the City of Madison Board of Education to provide school leadership coaching for a rate of \$5,000.00, as described in the agreement. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve consent agenda items a-h. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval the 2025 Madison City Schools Summer Programs for elementary (English Learners camp and reading/math programs), secondary (summer learning, driver's education and ACT boot camp), and special education programs. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the list of personnel recommendations as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols mentioned that schools would start at their regular start times on February 21, 2025. He also stated that the Board would assist with the car line at Mill Creek Elementary on February 21, 2025. Dr. Nichols then stated that bands, choirs, and other groups would be participating in various competitions from now until the end of the school year.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Alice Lessmann thanked school resource officers honored at the school board meeting for their service. She also thanked operations and transportation staff for ensuring schools and buses are operational for students and employees. Mrs. Lessmann announced she and other school board members would be attending the Alabama Association of School Board Spring Conference in Florence, Alabama next week.

Mr. Travis Cummings also expressed thanks to SROs, transportation staff and operations staff for their service in the school district.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp also thanked school resource officers, operations and transportation staff.

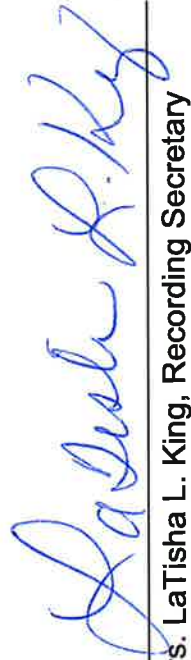
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 4, 2025 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. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.


Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President


Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary


Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary