

MINUTES 25-06
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2025

Mr. Travis Cummings, vice president, called the City of Madison Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:05 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	Delayed
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Absent
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. Cummings called for a motion to approve the March 4, 2025, school board meeting agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 3-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Jamie Hill, principal of Discovery Middle School, introduced a student from Discovery Middle who won the Madison County Spelling Bee Championship. The student also tied for fourth place at the national level. A certificate of recognition was presented to the student on behalf of the Board and superintendent.

Mrs. Lee Shaw, development coordinator, introduced representatives from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Huntsville Utilities who presented STEM grants to teachers from five elementary schools in Madison City Schools. Elementary schools that received grants were Columbia Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Madison Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary and Rainbow Elementary schools. The Board and superintendent thanked the groups for their support of Madison City School System teachers and students.

Principals from all secondary schools introduced band directors and students who were selected for Alabama Honor Band and All-State Band. A certificate of recognition was presented to each band program for their outstanding performances and musicality throughout the school year.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp enters the school board meeting, and presides over the remainder of the school board meeting.

Mr. Tim Smalley, auditor with Byrd, Smalley & Adams, P.C., provided a financial audit report for Madison City Schools. Mr. Smalley reported no deficiencies in the process and compliance of financial management for Madison City Schools. He also stated that funds received from the Federal Government are managed within the scope of regulations.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A parent addressed the school board and superintendent regarding Alabama House Bill 4, House Bill 67 and Senate Bill 129. She asked the Board and superintendent to publicly oppose these Bills. She then asked the Board and superintendent to support all students and reassure them they belong and are safe in Madison City Schools.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #25-05, March 4, 2025; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) a summer chess camp at Journey Middle School on June 2-6, 2025; (e) an agreement by and between the City of Madison and the City of Madison Board of Education to provide transportation services on specific dates and times for the City of Madison for various events beginning on March 27, 2025, and end on December 31, 2025, as described in the agreement; (f) Bid #2025-03, Cafeteria Equipment from Singer H&R, who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$170,785.00; (g) Bid #2025-05, Portal Restroom Trailers from Ready2Go, who presented the lowest responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$227,702.00; (h) a financial planning textbook, "Foundations of Financial Literacy, 10th Edition," Goodheart-Wilcox; (i) disposal of 111 Think Pads at Liberty Middle School (They are all outdated and cannot be updated. Richie's Electronic Recycling is the company that will recycle them); (j) 2025 summer youth camps for Bob Jones High and James Clemens High schools; and (k) a Memorandum of Understanding by and between Auburn University and the City of Madison Board of Education for Additive Manufacturing (AM) Workforce Education for K-12 Students (for five years) effective the date the MOU is signed, as described in the MOU. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve consent agenda items a-k. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of an agreement by and between Heartland School Solutions and the City of Madison Board of Education to provide a payment services platform with setup and training for MySchoolBucks for a total cost of \$1,799.00 (Training fee - \$599.00 and Setup fee of \$1,200.00). Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. Travis Cummings 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 recommendations as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Dr. Nichols congratulated seven retirees listed on the personnel recommendation agenda (Tamika Stringfellow- Columbia Elementary, Billie Wilhelm and Nathan Pahman – Liberty Middle, Rolanda DeBerry – Mill Creek Elementary, Bertha Massey – Midtown Elementary, and Ginger Hardy and Tam Hoang – Rainbow Elementary schools.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols congratulated band members who were selected for Alabama Honor and All-State bands. He also congratulated the Discovery Middle School student who won the Madison County Spelling Bee and achieved 4th place at the National Spelling Bee Competition. He then thanked Mrs. Lee Shaw, development coordinator, for her assistance in securing grants for classroom teachers. He also expressed appreciation

to Dr. Heather Donaldson, chief academic officer, for obtaining an agreement with Auburn University for additive manufacturing workforce education for K-12 students. Additionally, he announced the closure of Mill Road starting March 31, 2025 – May 22, 2025. Dr. Nichols then mentioned that the City of Madison ranked ninth in the nation as a best place to live by Niche.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash stated the Board assisted with the car line at Discovery Middle School. He then congratulated the MCS Finance Department Staff for receiving a great financial audit. Mr. Overcash also congratulated band students who were selected for Alabama Honor Band and/or Alabama All-State Band.

Mr. Scott Newberry also mentioned he assisted with the car line at Discovery Middle School. He then applauded the MCS Finance Team (outstanding audit) and band students (members selected for Honor and All-State bands).

Mr. Travis Cummings stated that students in Madison City Schools are truly afforded numerous opportunities and experiences to become successful.

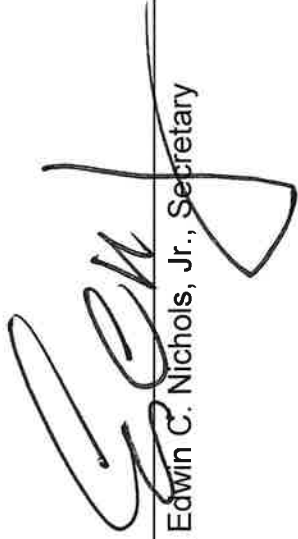
Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked School Resource Officer Sam Scott for attending the school board meeting. He also expressed his appreciation to Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief finance officer, and Mrs. Jana Gray, director of finance, for the great job they have done maintaining the finances for the school district.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 10, 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. Mr. Scott Newberry 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