

MINUTES 25-05
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2025

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. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the March 4, 2025, 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

Mrs. Lee Shaw, development coordinator, introduced representatives from the Optimist Club of Madison. Optimist Club representatives announced essay contest student winners and teachers who received grants. Students were asked to write an essay explaining how optimism has paved their road to success. Three students were honored during the school meeting with an award and check (1st place- \$200, 2nd place - \$200 and 3rd place - \$100). The student's teacher, who encouraged them to participate in the essay contest, also received a grant. The Board and superintendent thanked the group for supporting Madison City School students and teachers.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two individuals who addressed the school board during this meeting. The first expressed her concerns regarding Alabama House Bill 4 and House Bill 67. She asked the Board and superintendent to support all students. The second person asked that all employees receive training on using AEDs. She also asked that AEDs be readily available in all Madison City School System facilities.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #25-04, February 20, 2025; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) an architect agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and Nola | Van Peurseum Architects, PC for elevator improvements at Heritage Elementary School, Horizon Elementary School, Liberty Middle School, Discovery Middle School, and Bob Jones High School; (e) Bid #2025-02 - Band Instruments, from Gadsden Music, who presented a low responsive/responsible bid meeting the specifications for a portion of the bid for a total cost of \$48,596.00. Additionally, Music and Arts presented a low responsive/responsible bid meeting the specifications and were selected for the remaining portion of the bid at a cost of \$63,062.30. The total cost of the bid is \$111,658.30; (f) Bid #2025-04 - Simulated Medical Record for Education, from MedAffinity Corp., who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications for a total cost of \$80,000;

(g) 2025 Madison City Schools Summer Extended Day Camps to be held at Midtown Elementary and Rainbow Elementary schools from June 2, 2025 thru July 18, 2025; (h) a rate increase for Madison City Schools Summer Extended Day Camp (registration - \$185.00 per child and weekly tuition – 195.00 per child); (i) an agreement by and between PowerSchool Group LLC and the City of Madison Board of Education for an applicant tracking platform for Madison City Schools from March 4, 2025 to March 3, 2026 for a total amount of \$15,420.00; and (j) 2024-2025 Science Textbooks List for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve consent agenda items a-j. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 2025 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief finance officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols announced that Midtown Elementary and Columbia Elementary schools would be presenting plays, and choirs/bands are completing assessments. He also announced the Board approved the following: a bid for new band instruments for Liberty Middle and Discovery Middle schools; an applicant platform; and a science textbook committee. Dr. Nichols then wished everyone a wonderful spring break next week.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tommy Overcash thanked the Optimist Club for their support of Madison City teachers and students. He also stated the Board assisted with the car line at Rainbow Elementary School. Mr. Overcash then mentioned the Madison City Schools Safety Committee is working hard to provide a safe environment for students and staff.

Mr. Scott Newberry also mentioned he assisted with the car line at Rainbow Elementary School. He then stated he attended the Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) Spring Conference in Florence, Alabama. Mr. Newberry shared that Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Laverne Williams, chief school finance officer, were presenters during the conference. He applauded Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Williams for the outstanding job they did presenting financial information at the AASB Conference.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann stated she also attended the Alabama Association of School Board Spring Conference in Florence, Alabama. She then stated that Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Williams received several compliments regarding their presentation at AASB Spring Conference. Mrs. Lessmann then stated she and Mr. Travis Cummings attended an advocacy trip to Montgomery, Alabama meeting with local legislators and promoting issues pertinent to public schools in north Alabama area. Lastly, Mrs. Lessmann thanked the Optimist Club for their support of students and staff in Madison City Schools.

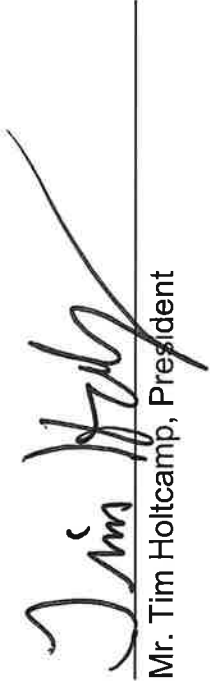
Mr. Travis Cummings encouraged training of staff as to how to use AEDs. He also encouraged safety packets for students and staff traveling on field trips to include an AED.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp thanked School Resource Officer Parris for attending the school board meeting.

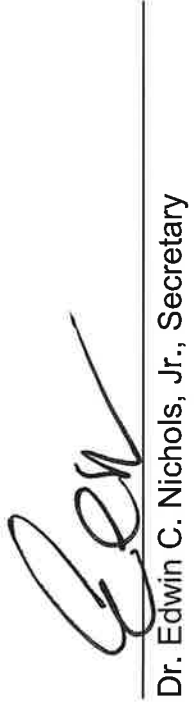
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 26, 2025 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.

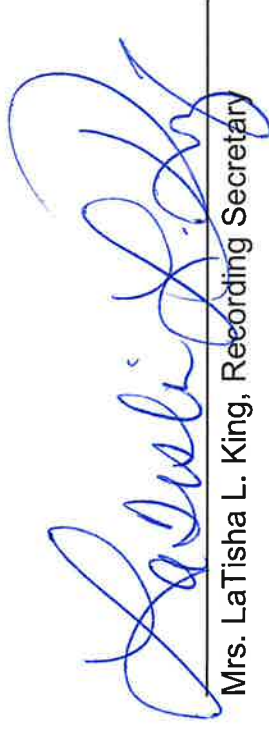
The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary