

MINUTES 26-05
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2026

Mr. Travis Cummings, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:03 PM in the board room at the 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:

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| Place No. 1 | Mr. Tommy Overcash | Present |
| Place No. 2 | Mrs. Cara Sexton-Welsh | Present |
| Place No. 3 | Mrs. Tess Halbrooks | 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, board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Travis Cummings called for a motion to approve the March 12, 2026, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Tess Halbrooks motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Tim Smalley, accountant with Byrd, Smalley, and Adams, P.C., presented an independent audit report of Madison City Schools financial statements and reports. Mr. Smalley reported there were no finding with clean reports. He went on to say the finance department is doing an excellent job managing local, state and federal funds for the school system. All federal programs were in compliance -- no deficiencies or non-compliances areas found by the auditors. Mr. Smalley stated he would give a letter grade of an "A" to Madison City Schools Finance Department.

The motion was approved 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #26-04, February 26, 2026; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) Discovery Middle & Liberty Middle Schools Madison Summer Jam) Basketball Tournament for boys' and girls' basketball teams on June 5 – 6, 2026 at a cost of \$150.00 per Team; (e) 2026 Madison Basketball League for current 4th – 6th graders (2025-2026 School Year) for game dates of April 13 – 14, 2026 (Discovery and April 15th (Liberty Middle) at a cost of \$75.00 per player; (f) an agreement by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and The Lioce Group for an additional Canon copier at Bob Jones High School (due to printing of material needed for testing), as described in the agreement; (g) a request for disposal of playground equipment at the RISE Academy; (h) the 2026 Madison City Schools Summer Learning Programs (Special Education Extended School Year, Middle and High School Summer School, Elementary Summer Learning - 2026 Summer Reading/Math Program Invitation, and Elementary & Secondary EL Summer Camp); and (i) a contract by and between the City of Madison Board of Education and the ARC of Madison County for a pilot program with the ARC providing behavior support services in the home of designated student of Madison City Schools from March 1, 2026 – June

1, 2027 at a rate of \$8,930.00 per month as described in the contract. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve consent agenda items a-i. Mrs. Cara Welsh seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of the January 2026 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. LaVerne Williams, chief school finance officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mrs. Tess Halbrooks motioned to approve the January 2026 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for Madison City Schools. Mrs. Cara Welsh seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes, a list of supplemental contracts, and other personnel recommendations for Madison City Schools. All school board members agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the retirement of Phyllis Gains, current bookkeeper at Madison Elementary School. He expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Gaines service to the school district.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols announced that Mrs. LaVerne Williams has been nominated for the Alabama Association of School Business Officials Morton-Smith Award. He then thank all staff involved in implemented the upcoming summer programs for students. Dr. Nichols also expressed thanked to Dr. Zinkil, director of special education, for her efforts to establish an agreement with ARC of Madison County to provide behavior support services for students and families in their homes. The program will start with approximately 150 students/families from the school district. He mentioned that staffing for the next school year will start soon. He then announced that the Bob Jones High School Girls Basketball Team finished their season as runner-up for the Alabama High School Athletics Association 7A Girls Basketball State Champions. Lastly, Dr. Nichols provided an update regarding the HVAC at James Clemens High School. He stated the He sent out an update to students, parents, and staff. 100 portable units were rented and will be placed in the building at James Clemens High until the ordered parts for the HVAC are received and installed at the school.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Tess Halbrooks congratulated Madison City Schools Accounting Department staff for a great financial audit. Mrs. Halbrooks also mentioned she has applied for another term on the school board.

Mrs. Cara Welsh congratulated the Finance Team on a clean audit report. She then mentioned she attended the Alabama Association of School Board Spring Conference in Auburn, Alabama. Mrs. Welsh mention the AASB Spring Conference session on employee retention was great.

Mr. Tommy Overcash stated he assisted with the car line at Mill Creek Elementary. He also attended the Washington Update provided by Senator Tommy Tuberville. Mr. Overcash then Mrs. Halbrooks would be great to continue on the school board with her accounting background. wished everyone a Happy Spring Break!


Mr. Scott Newberry also congratulated the finance Department on a successful financial audit. He then expressed his support for Mrs. Tess Halbrooks continued service on the school board.

Mr. Travis Cummings stated the school district has a great finance team. He went on to congratulate the finance team on their wonderful financial audit. He then thanked School Resource Officer Parris for attending the school board meeting.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Travis Cummings announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM (board room at the central office), to be preceded by a Madison City Schools Instruction Committee Meeting at 4:00 PM. Mr. Travis Cummings then called for a motion to adjourn the March 12, 2026 school board meeting. Mrs. Cara Welsh motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

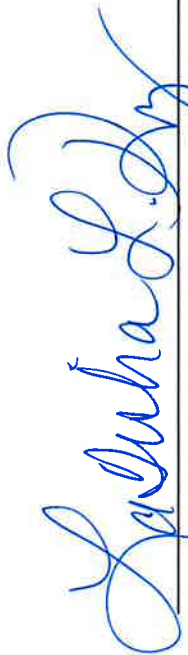
The motion was approved 5-0.



Mr. Travis Cummings, Jr., President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary