

MINUTES 08-20
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 11, 2008

Mrs. Sue Helms, President, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:15 P.M. in board room at the Teacher Resource Center and Central Office.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call of the School Board was recorded as follows:

Place No. 1	Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Ray White	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Sue Helms	Present
Place No. 4	Dr. Terri Johnson	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Phil Schmidt	Present

Also present were Dr. Dee Fowler, Superintendent, Mr. Woody Sanderson, School Board Attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, Recording Secretary.

II. PRESENTATIONS

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, Mrs. Sharon Willis, principal of Discovery Middle School, introduced "Students in the Green." Students in the Green members discussed the purpose of their group and projects they have planned for their school and community.

Mr. Bobby Jackson, administrator responsible for Safe and Drug Free Schools, introduced students and presented them with certificates for winning coloring or poster contests held during Red Ribbon Week. Each student also received a \$25 savings bond from First Commercial Bank.

Ms. Maria Kilgore, Director of Special Education, introduced Mr. Richard Weber, with the Knights of Columbus, to the Board and public. Mr. Weber presented checks to each school for their special education departments. Mr. Weber also thanked volunteers for helping during the Knights of Columbus Candy Drive. Mrs. Kilgore announced that the Knights of Columbus have donated over \$71,000 to the Madison City Schools during the last ten years.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made by the public at this meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda items: Minutes #08-19, November 13, 2008; Renewal of Bid 2008-02, Web Portal Software from Stoneware, Inc. in the amount of \$14,680 (The second year option will be in effect from December 12, 2008 – December 11, 2009); Bid #2009-01, Fresh Produce for Child Nutrition Program from Adams Produce who presented the only responsive/responsible bid meeting specification with a total bid price of \$22,007.80; An architect agreement with Osborn and Associates Architects for the Liberty Middle School field house in the amount of \$300,000; an engineer agreement with Mims Engineering for West Madison Elementary School in the amount of \$350,000. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the October 2008 financial statements. Ms. Teresa Hill, Interim School Finance Officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the 2009-2010 school year calendar. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the personnel actions. The Board agreed to approve the personnel actions as a group. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Sue Helms discussed Dr. Fowler's employment contract. She recommended approval to extend the superintendent's contract from January 2009 - June 2013. Additionally, she recommended that he receive an increase of \$10,701 (for current year) and a three percent increase each year thereafter. She also recommended that he continue to have an opportunity to receive bonuses for goals met each year. His base pay would be approximately \$149,000 a year. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler welcomed Mrs. Beverly Sims, newly appointed Uniserv Director for the region. Dr. Fowler then congratulated Mrs. Linda Johnson, special education teacher at Liberty Middle School, for being named 2008 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. He also congratulated Dr. Camille Wright, Secondary Director of Instruction, and school system Technology Instructional Assistants for their work in obtaining a \$15,000 grant from Verizon for Internet safety. Dr. Fowler mentioned that the Bob Jones High School Boys Swim Team won the Alabama State Championship in swimming and will be recognized at the next school board meeting. He also commended Mrs. Chelonnda Seroyer, English teacher at Bob Jones High School, for her work being featured in a book written by Mr. Harry Wong. Lastly, he commended the principals who volunteered to participate in St. Jude's walk-a-thon and run-a-thon.

The next school board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2008, at 5:00 P.M.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Helms called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Sue Helms, President

Dee O. Fowler, Secretary

LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary