

MINUTES 08-03  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 7, 2008

Mrs. Sue Helms, President, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 6:20 P.M. in the board room at the Teacher Resource Center and Central Office. The board held a work session at 4:30 P.M., prior to the board meeting.

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. Jim Sturdivant	Present

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

II. MINUTES

Mrs. Helms recommended approval of the minutes from the meetings held on January 8, 2008 and January 29, 2008. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve both sets of minutes with the correction of adding Allen King's name as the student from Heritage Elementary School who won the reading and writing contest recorded on the minutes from January 8, 2008. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A parent expressed his support of a second high school for the school district.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of Bid 2008-06, Telecommunications Bandwidth (WAN), from Norlight, Inc. who presented the low responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$99,962. Mrs. Kathy Rains, Director of Technology, and Ms. Teresa Hill, Interim Chief School Finance Officer, explained the bid to the Board and public. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Counselors from throughout the school system talked about National School counseling Week, February 4-8, 2008. The counselors showed videos of students talking about their school counselor in the district. They also distributed information regarding the six pillars of character to the Board.

Mrs. Mary Long, Elementary Director of Instruction, discussed a new wellness and fitness program in the school system. She called upon Mr. Jerry Jennings, Madison City Councilmember, who presented a check for \$5,000 to purchase pedometers for students participating in the program.

In honor of School Board Appreciation month, school system principals presented gifts and thanked the board members for their service.

VI. ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the December 2007 financial statements. Ms. Teresa Hill, Interim Chief School Finance Officer, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Ray White moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval to dispose/sale eight school buses. Mr. Bobby Jackson, Transportation Supervisor, and Ms. Teresa Hill, Interim Chief School Finance Officer, explained the recommendation to the Board and public. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval to renew the second year option of Bid 2007-02, HVAC Control Maintenance, with MJ Automation for a total bid price of \$14,000.04 per year. Labor costs that are not covered in the contract will be billed at a rate of \$55.00 per hour. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Jim Sturdivant seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval to renew the second year option of Bid 2007-03, Dishwashing Supplies & Services, with Alabama Foodservice and Chemical for a total bid price of \$5,471.73 per year. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler presented a voluntary drug testing policy for a first reading.

No action was required for this item.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of personnel actions. The Board agreed to approve the personnel actions as a group. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler announced that the ACCESS Support Center purchased the new screens on the wall in lobby. The screens will be used to direct visitors and staff to meeting locations within the building; and announce activities and recognitions in the school system. He also stated that the Governor of Alabama announced that the education budget will be \$6.3 billion dollars, which is a decrease in funding from the previous year.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Sue Helms stated that she traveled to Washington D.C. with the School Boards Association to meet with other school board members from across the country and senators about various issues affecting education. She also announced that Senator Jeff Sessions would like to visit Bob Jones High School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Helms announced that the next meeting will be held on March 6, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at central office. She then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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Sue Helms, President

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Dee O. Fowler, Secretary

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LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary