

MINUTES 08-12
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 10, 2008

Mrs. Sue Helms, President, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:00 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	Absent

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 meeting held on June 17, 2008. Mr. Ray White moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Madison resident recommended that the Board include the Pledge of Allegiance as a part of their school board meeting agenda. This resident also stated that politicking by the school system is wrong. Another resident thanked the school board for providing information to the public so that residents may make informed decision when voting for issues that may have an effect on the school district.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations given at this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda items: (a) the sell of surplus buses; and (b) the Calculus book: Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic by Finney, Demana, Waits, and Kenndey (ISBN: 0-13-063131-0). Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the May 2008 financial statements presented by Ms. Teresa Hill, Interim Chief School Finance Officer. Mr. Ray White moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

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. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler welcomed and congratulated Mr. Tim Scott as the new assistant principal at Madison Elementary School. Dr. Fowler talked about a retreat held for school system administrators at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. He then stated that Dr. Ann Flynn with the National School Board Association attended the Administrators' Retreat to discuss details of the 2009 Technology and Learning Conference to be hosted by Madison City Schools. Dr. Fowler thanked Mrs. Mary Long, Director of Elementary Education and Dr. Camille Wright, Director of Secondary Education, for coordinating the Administrators' Retreat. He also thanked Ms. Christine Ruhlman, secretary for Instruction and Mrs. LaTisha King, executive assistant to the Superintendent and School Board, for their assistance with logistics for the conference.

Dr. Fowler briefly discussed the Education Trust Fund budget. He stated that the school system is currently preparing and adjusting its budget for proration.

Dr. Fowler then commended Ms. Maria Kilgore, Director of Special Education, for conducting excellent summer school programs for developmental students.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Terri Johnson visited the elementary summer school program for developmental students. She stated that it was a wonderful program with exceptional assistance from area college and university students.

Mrs. Sue Helms stated that she was excited that Madison City was chosen as a site for the next Technology and Learning Conference. She then announced that a retreat would be held on August 8-9, 2008 for school board members. Mrs. Helms also stated that she attended an Education Commission of the States meeting in Austin, Texas. Additionally, she will be attending the Southern Regional Conference for school board members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Helms announced that the next school board meeting would be held on July 24, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the central office. Mrs. Helms called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0.

Sue Helms, President

Dee O. Fowler, Secretary

LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary