

MINUTES 08-08  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 8, 2008

Mrs. Sue Helms, President, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:05 P.M. in the 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. 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 meeting held on April 24, 2008. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mrs. Sue Helms passed the gavel to the superintendent to conduct elections for the office of president of the school board for next term. Dr. Fowler opened the floor for nominations for the office of president. Mrs. Sue Helms was nominated as president. No others persons were nominated for the office, and nomination were closed. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved that Mrs. Sue Helms continue to serve as president of the school board. Mr. Ray White seconded the nomination. Dr. Fowler asked for a roll call to record each board members vote.

The nomination was approved 5-0.

Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Ray White	Yes
Mrs. Sue Helms	Yes
Dr. Terri Johnson	Yes
Mr. Jim Sturdivant	Yes

Dr. Fowler gave the gavel back to Mrs. Helms to conduct the remainder of the school board meeting. Mrs. Helms called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the school board. Mr. Ray White was nominated as vice president of the school board. No other nominations were made for the office of vice president, and nominations were closed. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve Mr. Ray white as vice president of the school board. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson seconded the nomination.

The nomination was approved 5-0.

Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Ray White	Yes
Mrs. Sue Helms	Yes
Dr. Terri Johnson	Yes
Mr. Jim Sturdivant	Yes

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Madison resident asked that the Board install sidewalks from the new school to the surrounding neighborhoods for students to walk or ride their bikes to school. He also asked that the chaplain be removed from the Bob Jones High School football team because it violates the separation of church and state.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Elizabeth Bero, teacher at Horizon Elementary School, introduced Alabama Council for Technology in Education winner. The student discussed his project and was presented with a certificate of recognition from the school board.

Mrs. Melissa Hughey, teacher at Bob Jones High School, introduced students who won various awards in visual art. Students displayed their art to the board ad public. All students were presented with certificates of recognition from the Board.

Mr. Randall Fields, choral director at Bob Jones High School, and choral students sang the National Anthem to the Board and public. Mr. Fields and the choral students were also recognized for receiving superior ratings at the National Choral Festival. The Board presented a certificate to the Choral Department for their outstanding performance at the National Festival.

. Dr. Lydia Davenport, principal at Heritage Elementary School, and other administrators in the school district presented a glass trophy to Mr. Jim Sturdivant for his years of dedicated service to the Madison City Schools.

Dr. Terri Johnson, school board member, presented certificates of appreciation and publicly thanked Mrs. Janice Walters and Mrs. Anita Parker for their outstanding work in organizing this year's Sixth Grade Sports Spectacular. Mrs. Walters organized the entire event. Mrs. Parker was responsible for the hospitality portion of the event.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval to amend Policy JAJ: Student Code of Conduct. Mr. John Jones explained the corrections suggested for the Student Code of Conduct. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson moved to approve the motion. Mr. Jim Sturdivant seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval to name the new elementary school, located at 847 Mill Road, Mill Creek Elementary School. Mr. Jim Sturdivant gave a brief history of the area where the school is being built. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler announced that the groundbreaking for the new school would be held on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:30 A.M. at 847 Mill Creek Road. He also announced that the Madison City School System was the only school district with two teachers that made the top sixteen teachers in the state of Alabama. Mrs. Jeanne Welt, teacher at Liberty Middle School, was named among the final four for Alabama Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Amanda Evans, teacher at Columbia Elementary School, was named among the top sixteen teachers vying for Alabama Teacher of the Year.

## VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Helms announced that the Alabama State Board met and approved the Governor's "First Choice program," a credit diploma for seniors. She also stated that the education budget has not been approved. She encouraged the public to contact their legislators.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Helms announced that the next school board meeting would be held on May 20, 2008, at 3:30 P.M. Mrs. Helms called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jim Sturdivant moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ray White 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