

MINUTES 09-08
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 16, 2009

Mrs. Sue Helms, president, called the meeting of the City of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:10 P.M. in the board room at the Madison City Schools Central Office and Teacher Resource Center.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call of the School Board was recorded as follows:

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| 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

Mr. John Wilson, assistant principal at Bob Jones High School, introduced and presented certificates of recognition, on behalf of the school board, to members of the Bob Jones High Varsity Cheerleaders and coach. The team won a national cheerleading competition in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Davenport, principal at Heritage Elementary School, presented a certificate of recognition, presented a certificate of recognition, on behalf of the school board, to Ms. Leah Igo. Ms. Igo won the Huntsville Hospital Foundation Health Teacher Award.

Dr. Jameha Gardner, assistant principal at Heritage Elementary School, presented a certificate of recognition, on behalf of the school board, to students that won the Alabama Crime Victim's Compensation Commission Art contest.

Mr. David Smith, financial consultant for the school system, and Mr. Johnny Dill, financial advisor, presented information to the Board and public concerning possible financial opportunities of refinancing current bond issues.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments by members of the public at this meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda items: (a) Minutes #09-07, April 1, 2009; and (b) Change order # 3 for Mill Creek Elementary for an increased amount of \$10,836 (Modification of classrooms 317 and 318 to add access to changing rooms). Mr. Ray White moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the February 2009 financial statements presented by Mrs. Lisa McMurray, Interim Chief School Finance Officer. Mr. Ray White 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 presented at the meeting. The Board agreed to act upon the recommendation as a group. Mr. Phil Schmidt recommended approval of the personnel items. Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler gave an update on the federal stimulus package. He stated that he and other central office staff members would like looking at staffing for the upcoming school year. He also introduced Ms. Yvonne Betout, reporter for the Huntsville Times, who will be covering stories about the Madison City Schools.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

School Board members discussed the following - Mr. White stated that staff members did a great job with freshman orientation and the curriculum fair held at Bob Jones High School; Mr. Schmidt discussed a recent trip to San Diego, California, for a National School Board Associations conference; Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson stated that at the NSBA conference she learned that 21st Century Skills incorporates cross teaching as a method to instruct students; and Mrs. Helms talked about items discussed at NSBA Delegate Assembly.

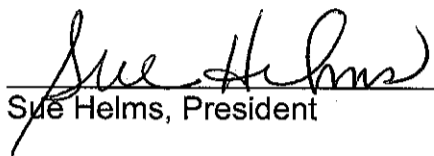
VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

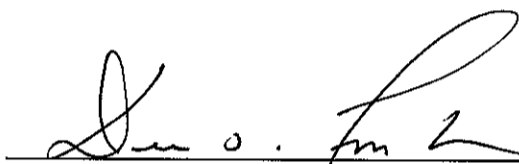
Mrs. Helms discussed items being considered by state legislators – Pre-Kindergarten programs, budget, school board member training, and fixed calendar.

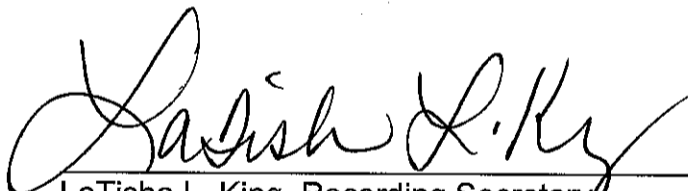
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Helms called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ray White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.


Sue Helms, President


Dee O. Fowler, Secretary


LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary