

MINUTES 10-01  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 14, 2010

Mr. Ray White, president, called the meeting of the city of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:10 PM in the Board Room at Central Office. After the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag, Mr. White asked for a roll call of board members.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call of the School Board was recorded as follows:

Place No. 1	Mrs. Connie Spears	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. Frank Nola, architect with SKT Architects, and Leon Barkan, representative from Volkert & Associates, presented an update on the construction of the new high school. They presented information and answered questions regarding possible site plans for the new high school.

Dr. Camille Wright, Director of Secondary Instruction, and Mrs. Sharon Willis, principal at Discovery Middle School, presented information regarding a credit recovery program that implements A+ Software. The program would be piloted at Discovery Middle School before expanding to the other secondary schools.

Mrs. Brenda Albritton, Behavior Specialist with the Madison City Schools, introduced Ms. Tarasha Strong, representative from the Mental Health Center. Mrs. Strong presented information regarding a school based mental health service program for students and parents. The program is currently be utilized in the Huntsville City Schools and Madison County Schools.

Dr. Lydia Davenport, principal at Heritage Elementary School, Mrs. Mary Long, Director of Elementary Instruction, and Ms. Maria Kilgore, Director of Special Education presented gifts, on behalf of the administrators in the school district, and recognized the school board members, the superintendent, and the recording secretary in honor of School Board Appreciation Month. The administrators also presented the superintendent with a gift for his upcoming birthday.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #09-27, December 17, 2009; and (b) renewal of Bid # 2008-04, School Bus Video Monitoring (Digital) from RGH Sales, Inc. for a cost of \$1,195 per camera (The third year option will be in effect from January 31, 2010 through January 30, 2011). The Board agreed to act on the recommendations as a group. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval the November 2009 Financial Statements presented by Mrs. Lisa McMurray, Interim Chief School Finance Officer. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler presented Policy IHEA: Weighted Grading Scale for a first reading to amend.

No action was required for this item.

Dr. Fowler presented the personnel actions for approval by the Board. Mrs. Connie Spears asked that item number one hundred forty listed in the personnel attachment be acted upon separately. The Board agreed and acted upon the remaining personnel items as a group. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the personnel actions excluding item number one hundred forty listed in the personnel attachment. Mrs. Connie Spears seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of personnel item number one hundred forty listed in the personnel attachment. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-0, with one abstention from Mrs. Connie Spears.

#### V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler explained and presented the amended 2009-2010 school year calendar to the Board. The calendar showed an additional day added to the end of the school year due to the school day loss because of inclement weather.

Dr. Fowler acknowledged the attendance of Mr. Bill Holtzclaw, Madison City Council President, and Mr. Johnny Bizzard, from the city of Planning Department at the school board meeting.

#### VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Helms stated that she has information regarding charter schools that she would share with the board at an upcoming work session. All board members thanked the administrators for their kindness in recognizing them during School Board Appreciation Month. Lastly, Mrs. Spears stated that she attended at data meeting at Columbia Elementary School.

#### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ray White announced that the Board would be entering into an executive session to conduct an Expulsion Hearing as provided by Alabama law. Mr. White also announced that the hearing would be the Board's last item of business. Mr. White then stated a written decision would be given to the parties and the Board would not re-convene after the Executive Session. Mr. White called for a motion to enter into executive session for an expulsion hearing. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

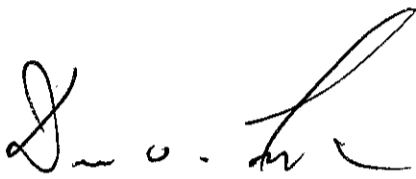
After a hearing on the expulsion of Andres Baron, a student from Discovery Middle School, Dr. Fowler recommended expulsion of the student. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.



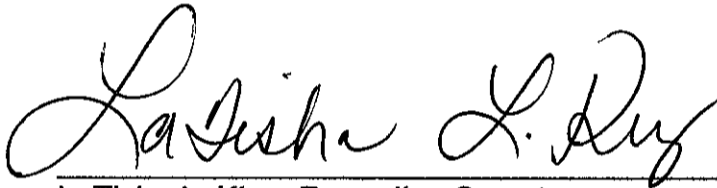
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Ray White, President



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Dee O. Fowler, Secretary



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LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary