

**MINUTES 10-03**  
**CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
January 27, 2010

Mr. Ray White, president, called the meeting of the city of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:15 PM in the board room at the Central Office. After the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag, Mr. White asked for a roll call of school board members and welcomed visiting school boards.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Roll call of the Madison City 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

Roll call of the Madison County School Board was recorded as follows:

Mr. Rich McAdams	Absent
Mr. Kenny Johnson	Present
Mrs. Mary Louise Stowe	Present
Mr. Ricky Stafford	Absent
Mr. Jeff Anderson	Present

Roll call of the Huntsville City School Board was recorded as follows:

Mr. Doug C. Martinson, II	Delayed
Mr. Topper Birney	Present
Dr. Jennie Robinson	Present
Ms. Laura McCaulley	Delayed
Ms. Alta Morrison	Present

Also present were Dr. Dee Fowler, superintendent of the Madison City Schools, Dr. Terry Davis, superintendent of the Madison County Schools, and Dr. Ann Roy Moore, superintendent of the Huntsville City Schools, and Mrs. LaTisha King, Recording Secretary for the Madison City Schools.

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Ray White introduced Dr. Tommy Bice, Deputy State Superintendent, to the Boards and public. Dr. Bice stated the following regarding charter schools:

- Race to the Top money does not require Alabama to have charter schools
- Race to the Top money is for reform (Can be used to fill holes in the budget)
- Race to the Top money – Each school that agrees to participate determines their own scope of work
- Race to the Top money – if a state has a law regarding charter schools the state will get 40 points out of 485
- Charter schools are geared toward low performing schools
- Having a charter school is not a way to re-segregate schools
- Charter schools are intended to perform as medicine for ailing schools
- The State of Alabama would not determine what schools look like, unless asked to intervene
- Legislature will allow local school boards to have control of charter schools, but the State can override local (The State would then be responsible for the charter school)
- Local Board can hire principal, but principal hires staff (granted entity control)
- A principal could hire family members – also some instructors are not certified instructors (Charter Schools can use professionals - doctors, engineers, nurses, etc...)
- Financial Reporting to school boards – depends on how the charter is written
- Accountability of students – Depends on how the charter is written - Expectations should be the same as local school, not lower
- School boards still have time to give input and have discussions regarding revisions to the Charter School Bill
- School boards still retain the right whether or not to authorize a charter school

- Revocation of a charter can be done by the local school board – depends on how the charter is written
- The charter school concept is not that complicated
- Charter schools have been received greatly by parents in urban Atlanta, Georgia
- Private businesses, grants and industry provide the remaining money to fund charter schools
- Part of charter being Title I – It would be under a different governing board
- A charter can use a school that is not being utilized (a charter school cannot be a church or home school)
- Only students in public schools can apply and enter a charter school
- Charter schools are not a one fit all, just an option
- Charter schools cannot cross districts
- More flexibility for current schools systems – Look at First Choice
- Your Legislators need to hear your concerns

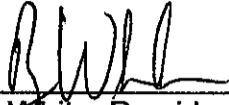
### III. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS

All school boards thanked Dr. Bice for providing them with information regarding charter schools.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

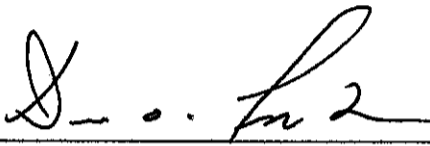
Mr. Ray White called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.



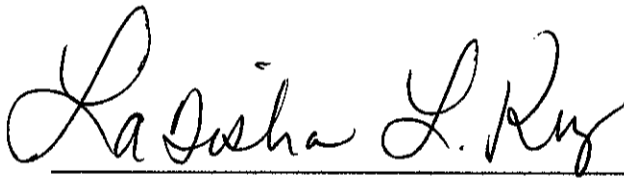
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Ray White, President



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Dee O. Fowler, Secretary



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LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary