

MINUTES 10-25
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 12, 2010

Mr. Ray White, president, called a meeting of the city of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:45 PM in the board room at the Madison City School Central Office. Prior to the regular school board meeting, a joint meeting with the Madison City Council was held at 5:00 PM to discuss Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB).

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. Dennis James, Safety Coordinator, introduced elementary counselors, Mrs. Becky Thompson and Mrs. Cindy Perry. The counselors discussed "Make a Difference Day," which was held on September 30, 2010 for fifth and sixth grade students. Students learned what, when and how to report safety concerns. Students also learned character education.

Mr. Louis Gordon, principal at the Patriot Academy, gave a brief description of fire damage at the Patriot Academy. Mr. Gordon stated that cleanup due to the fire is going well. Also, students are adjusting well to their temporary classroom settings. Mr. Gordon extended sincere appreciation to all persons who assisted with the fire.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Adell Hoffman, parent in the school system, stated that she is concerned about safe bicycle routes to school. She also stated that money is available from the Alabama Department of Public Health to establish safe routes to schools. Applications for financial assistance must be submitted by November 30, 2010. Dr. Fowler asked that Ms. Hoffman contact the school system's Safety Coordinator, Mr. Dennis James.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes 10-24, September 23, 2010; (b) Change order #1 for the Bob Jones High School Culvert Replacement for a decreased amount of 26,035.66; (c) Change order # 1 for Mill Creek Elementary School Special Needs Playground for a decreased amount of \$58,814.62; (d) Renewal of third year option of Bid #2008-15, Waste Management from Allied Waste for a total cost of \$63,610.74; (e) Change order #1 for Bob Jones High School practice/soccer field renovations for a decreased amount of \$4,615(addressed Value Engineering items); and (f) Change order #2 for Bob Jones High School practice/soccer field renovations for an increased amount of \$918 (extended irrigation line). Mrs. Connie Spears moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of a land exchange agreement and an easement deed, by and between the city of Madison and city of Madison Board of Education, as described in the property exchange agreement. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the August 2010 Financial Statements for the Madison City Schools. Mrs. Lisa McMurray, Interim Chief School Finance Officer, explained the recommendation to the Board and public. Mrs. McMurray stated that an internal audit was conducted at Columbia Elementary School and all financial records were in order. She also announced that the LEAPS Report would be due on October 15, 2010, and Financial Statements are due to the Alabama State Department of Education by November 3, 2010. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. White asked the Board to determine a compensation amount for the superintendent, if he accomplishes his 2010-2011 school year goals. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved that a compensation cap be set at \$10,000, if the superintendent attains his 2010-2011 school year goals. Mrs. Sue Helms 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 approve the personnel actions as a group. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the personnel actions. Mrs. Connie Spears seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler stated that he hoped everyone had a good fall break.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Terri Johnson also stated that she hoped everyone had a restful fall break.

Mrs. Sue Helms announced that the Alabama State Department of Education School Board Members are discussing "Common Standards." She also stated that a letter may be sent from the Alabama State Superintendent of Education requesting that all schools in Alabama not to start the school year before August 15th.

Mr. Phil Schmidt stated that several school board members attended a great Alabama Association of School Boards conference in Montgomery, Alabama that was great.

Mrs. Connie Spears announced that Bob Jones High and Liberty Middle students will be participating in a Robotics Tournament on Saturday, October 16, 2010. She also expressed thanks to staff for their positive attitude as they dealt with the aftermath of the fire at Patriot Academy.

Mr. Ray White recognized the Mayor of Triana, Ms. Mary Caudle, was in attendance at the school board meeting.

VII. EXPULSION HEARING

Mr. White announced that the Board would need to enter executive session for an expulsion hearing and no other business would be conducted after the executive session. Mrs. Connie Spears moved that the Board enter into executive session for the expulsion hearing. Mrs. Sue Helms seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

At the conclusion of the expulsion hearing, the Board voted unanimously to expel the Bob Jones High School student for which the hearing was held until June 1, 2012.



Ray White, President



Dee O. Fowler, Secretary



LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary