

MINUTES 10-27
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 28, 2010

Mr. Ray White, president, called a meeting of the city of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:00 PM in the board room at the Madison City School Central Office.

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 and Mrs. LaTisha King, Recording Secretary.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Carmen Buchanan, secretary for the Faculty Advisory Committee, stated that the committee met and discussed the following items: spring break - being held after testing, block schedule, learning gap among students, pay date for November and December, Child Nutrition Program's Thanksgiving dinner and start/end times for schools.

Mr. Nate Pahman, robotics teacher at Liberty Middle School, introduced students who participated in the semi-finals of a robotic competition. The students placed 8th out of all school across the nation. The students also brought a robot to demonstrate their work to the audience.

Mrs. Melanie Barkley, principal of Mill Creek Elementary School, introduced Nick Latham, a junior at Hazelgreen High school, who built six wooden garbage dispensers for Mill Creek Elementary School. The dispensers were built as part of the students Eagle Scout project.

Mrs. Barkley also introduced Mrs. Alison Willis, Mill Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Association President, who presented the Board with a check for \$10,000. The check was final payment of a loan the PTA made with the Board to build the playground at Mill Creek Elementary School.

Mrs. Mary Long, Director of Elementary Instruction, told the Board and public that the HIPPY program received a \$35,000 grant from Boeing for the Pre-kindergarten Program. She also stated that Senator Tom Butler also provided \$10,000 to the program.

Mrs. Long and the elementary school principals discussed strategies they will use to improve elementary Math scores and decrease the learning gap among students.

Mr. Bobby Jackson, Transportation Coordinator, discussed the results of a recent school bus seat belt pilot study conducted in Madison City Schools and other school districts in Alabama. The study showed that it would be too costly to place seat belts on school buses. Also, the study indicated that school buses are a very safe mode of transportation for students.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #10-25, October 12, 2010; (b) Minutes # 10-26, October 21, 2010; (c) LEA Parental Involvement Plan; (d) LEA Title I Plan; (e) LEA Title III (EL) Plan; and (f) Bid for Bob Jones High School Tennis Court Sports Lighting from Stewart Electric with a base bid amount of \$75,937. Mrs. Sue Helms 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 except item # 3 under "Transfer." The Board agreed to approve the remaining personnel actions as a group. 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 item #3 under "Transfer." Mrs. Connie Spears moved to the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-1, with a nay vote from Mrs. Sue Helms.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler asked that Dr. Camille Wright, Director of Secondary Instruction, introduced the new Technology Coordinator for Madison City Schools. Dr. Wright announced that Mrs. Katrina Allen had been transferred from acting principal at Heritage Elementary School to the position of Technology Coordinator. He then announced that he met with grade level chairs at Heritage Elementary School regarding his plans for Heritage Elementary during the absence of the principal. Dr. Fowler also asked for continued prayers for Mr. Hodge, a coach at Liberty Middle School. Mr. Hodge experienced a heart attack at Liberty Middle School. Dr. Fowler discussed the Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive and Common Core Standards explained by Dr. Tommy Bice in a school board work session.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Connie Spears announced that Columbia Elementary hosted a "Meet and Greet" for their parents.

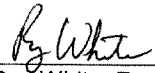
Mr. Phil Schmidt talked about students who participated in a track meet held at Auburn University. He also congratulated Mrs. Katrina Allen on being named Technology Coordinator.

Mr. Ray White thanked everyone for their selflessness.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White announced that our next school board meeting would be held on November 15, 2010. Mr. White then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved that the school board meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Connie Spears seconded the motion.

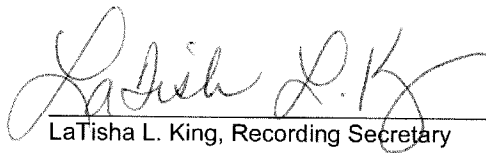
The motion was approved 5-0.



Ray White, President



Dee O. Fowler, Secretary



LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary