

MINUTES 11-04
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 17, 2011

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 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, Mrs. LaTisha King, Recording Secretary, and Mr. Woody Sanderson, School Board Attorney.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Taron Thorpe and Mrs. Amanda Holland, Madison City Parent Teacher Association Council Officers, presented a lifetime achievement award to Mrs. Darla Malueg, from the National PTA. The award was bestowed upon his Mrs. Malueg because of her countless volunteer work with the Mill Creek Elementary PTA.

Miss Jordan McRae, student representative for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, presented information regarding the last two meetings held by the council. During the first meeting, students discussed the Child Nutrition Program food offerings at the schools, technology problems, and school year calendar suggestions. During the second meeting, students gave their opinions regarding make-up day choices, 2011-2012 calendar options, technology needs, ID badges, uniforms, school safety, and drug usage at schools.

Student representatives from Local School Student Advisory Councils presented information regarding council meetings held at local schools. Bob Jones High School's representative stated they discussed unity throughout the school, and technical school options for students. Discovery Middle School's representatives discussed Challenge Day activities. Liberty Middle School's representatives stated that their group discussed what they like about school, freshman pep rallies, and congestion in the hallways.

Mr. Kevin Gunnison and Mr. Shane Bagwell, representatives with Volkert, Inc. presented an update on the construction of the new high school. Mr. Gunnison stated that they lost six days due to inclement weather. Therefore, they have been working weekends to make up some of the days. Mr. Gunnison stated that work related to footings, construction of the cafeteria area, and main gym is ongoing. He also presented pictures of the site work.

Mr. John Jones, Personnel Supervisor, discussed employee Progressive Discipline steps for Madison City Schools. Mr. Sanderson stated that this process is not a substitute for proper notice to employees.

Mr. John Jones then introduced Attorney Melissa McKey, who provided information regarding the progress of updating the Madison City Schools policy manual. Ms. McKey stated that much of the work has been completed to the manual. Mr. Jones announced that a final copy of the manual would be issued to the Board by May 31, 2011.

Mrs. Nancy Bocchino stated that the school system nurses would like to recognize local physicians at Cornerstone Pediatrics for their assistance in teaching puberty classes to fifth grade male students at elementary schools in the District. Dr. Fowler asked that the physicians attend a school board meeting to be recognized by the Board.

Dr. Camille Wright, Director of Secondary Instruction, provided a report from the Curriculum Committee. She discussed possible new Career Technical Education Program offerings for the new high school.

Dr. Fowler asked that a video from the Alabama Association of School Boards be shown to the Board and public regarding the economic reality of Alabama schools. The video describes a bleak financial year ahead for schools in Alabama.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Hergenroeder stated that he was glad that the agenda was placed on the website for the public to view prior to the school board meetings. He also said that he appreciates the School Board in their efforts to make hard decision regarding the education of Madison City students.

Another citizen asked questions regarding the size and population of Liberty Middle School.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #11-03, February 3, 2011; (b) a contract with RKR Planning Services, LLC. to provide the school district with specific data regarding student growth projections and possible attendance zone lines for a new high school and current middle schools; (c) an agreement between DS Management Services, LLC and the Madison City Board of Education for educational/financial consulting services; and (d) A resolution for purchasing between the City of Madison Board of Education and the Madison County Board of Education to enter into a joint purchasing agreement pursuant to Ala. Code §41-16-50(b), for the purchase of such parts, supplies and equipment as may be needed for buses owned and operated by Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations 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 the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar. 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 a resolution authoring the issuance, by the Board of Education of the city of Madison, of its Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2010-QSCB dated September 8, 2010. Mr. Woody Sanderson explained and answered questions regarding the recommendation to the Board and public. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Sue Helms seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the personnel action presented at the meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel recommendations as a group. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Connie Spears seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler thanked the Parent Teacher Association officers, from each school, and the PTA Council officers for meeting with him. He also thanked Officer Hovis for attending the school board meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Schmidt attended a luncheon for male students and their mentors held at the Madison City Council chambers. He also attended a beauty walk held at Liberty Middle School.

Mrs. Spears also attended the male mentor's luncheon at the Madison City Council chambers. She stated that Officer Sasan was a speaker at the luncheon. Mrs. Spears then stated that she attended a meeting held by the superintendent with Madison City Schools Parent Teacher Association officers.

Dr. Johnson discussed Mr. Robert Parker's, principal of Bob Jones High School, announcement on the news regarding students and Face Book.

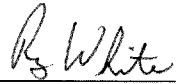
Mrs. Helms stated that she meet with legislator in Washington D. C. She also stated that there is talk among leaders regarding a rewrite of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Legislation.

Mr. White stated that he and two other school board members attended an Ethics Training webinar sponsored by the Alabama Association of School Boards. He also stated that he is saddened to see Lisa McMurray, Interim Chief School Finance Officer, retire.

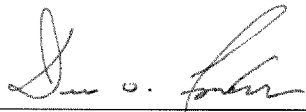
VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White announced the next school board meeting would be held on March 9, 2011, at 5:00 PM. Mr. White then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sue Helms moved that the school board meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Connie Spears seconded the motion.

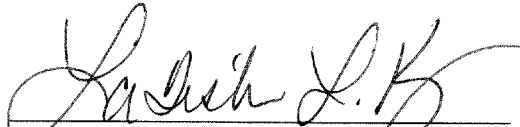
The motion was approved 5-0.



Ray White, President



Dee O. Fowler, Secretary



LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary