

MINUTES 11-05  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 9, 2011

Mr. Ray White, president, called the meeting of the city of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:05 PM in the library at West Madison Elementary School. The pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 83.

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. Braxton Perrin and other representatives from VALIC Insurance Company presented a certificate and a framed 2010 National Association of Elementary School Distinguished Principals (NAESP) poster to Dr. Lydia Davenport, principal of Heritage Elementary School for being selected as a distinguished principal by NAESP. The gentleman also congratulated and thanked Dr. Davenport for her outstanding accomplishments as a principal.

Principals introduced and presented to Alabama State Reflections Contest winners with certificates of recognition, on behalf of the Board of Education.

Dr. Daphne Jah, principal of West Madison Elementary School, introduced and recognized student and staff members of West Madison Elementary School's Student Leadership Training Program.

Mr. Jerry Mercer, auditor with Mercer and Associates, discussed the school system's 2010 audit report with the Board and public. Mr. Mercer stated that there were no findings in the report. He also congratulated the Finance Department for doing a great job with the school system's finances.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of Resolution 11-02, Requesting the city council of the city of Madison hold a public hearing on the issue of an increase in city Ad Valorem taxes for public school purposes and to support approval of a proposed Ad Valorem tax increase. 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 following consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #11-04, February 17, 2011; and (b) Disposal and sale of fixed assets. The Board agreed to approve 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 to amend the 2010-2011 Madison City School Year calendar by making Friday, May 27, 2011, a full day of school and Tuesday, May 31, 2011, the last day of school (a half-day for students) as make-up days for students due to inclement weather. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of an agreement for grant writing services from Resource Associates for a total amount of \$2,800.00. Mr. Woody Sanderson and Mrs. Jeana Ross, At-Risk Grant Coordinator, explained and answered questions regarding the recommendation to the Board and public. The company would also receive 10% of the grant for three years, if it is awarded to Madison City Schools. Mrs. Connie Spears moved to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Sue Helms seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the January 2011 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements. Mrs. Lisa McMurray, interim Chief School Finance Officer, explained the recommendation to the Board and public. 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 personnel action presented at the meeting. The Board agreed to approve the personnel recommendations as a group. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Phil Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

#### V. PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Mr. David Smith, Financial Consultant for the District, and Mrs. Lisa McMurray presented Financial and Staffing Reports to the Board and public.

Mrs. Katrina Allen, Coordinator of Technology, presented an update to the Board and public regarding the November Learning Report. Mrs. Allen shared how recommendations from the report are being implemented in the school system. She also mentioned that another update would be presented to the Board and public in May 2011.

#### VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler shared the ranking of the Bob Jones High School Girls Basketball Team's ranking in the nation. He also recognized Officer Ed Sasan was present at the school board meeting.


#### VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Johnson asked that staff continue to share good news with the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 7, 2011, at 5:00 PM. Mr. White then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Terri Johnson moved that the school board meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Connie Spears 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