

Jackson-Madison County School Board Meeting
April 12, 2018 5:30 PM
Jackson-Madison County Board of Education

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Kevin Alexander: Present
Mr. Bob Alvey: Present
Mr. Wayne Arnold: Present
Mr. Dave Bratcher: Present
Jim Campbell: Present
Mr. David Clifft: Present
Mrs. Janice Hampton: Present
Dr. Joe Mays: Present
Mr. George Neely: Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC

Discussion: The South Side High School Navy ROTC presented the Colors at the April 12, 2018 School Board Meeting. The ROTC is under the direction of Commander David J. Conner and Chief Dennis Reggans.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD

Discussion:

Keli McAlister presented high school students and their accomplishments to the Board on April 12, 2018.

A number of our students have been accepted to the 2018 Governor's Schools this summer. They will participate in the four-week high-intensity programs designed for rising 11th and 12th graders nominated by their school's faculty.

Liberty

*Anthony Portis-Governor's School for the Arts at MTSU

Anthony is graduating from Leadership University on

April 12, 2018

*Anna Grace Young-Agricultural Sciences at UT-Martin

North Side

* Elyza Gasmen-Arts at MTSU

* Ayshia Mann-Sciences & Engineering at UT-Knoxville

Madison Academic-These students are unable to attend due to their participation in the All State Band and Chorus Concert in Nashville

Arts at MTSU * Megan Christofersen

* Eleanor Garrard

* Rachel LaFont - hopes to attend

* Justin Leal

* Zane Milan - hope to attend

* Claire Myers

* Josian Nodurft

* Chloe Smith - plans to attend

- * Kaitlynn Wilson
- * Jesse Veltman
- * Robert Yin - plans to attend

Three rising seniors at Jackson Central-Merry Early College High have been selected to the Honors Program at Jackson State Community College.

- * Briana Navarro
- * Anna Pusser
- * Alondra Cantero

Each had to write an essay and get Jackson State faculty recommendations to be accepted. To graduate with honors, each must convert three classes to honor classes, which includes additional course work. They must also complete 15 hours of community service.

There will be five Destination Imagination teams from Northeast Middle School and the Academic Academy will leave for state competition in Nashville. This is the third straight year that teams from the schools have qualified for state competition. The teams and their members are:

- * "Juicy Jamaican Bacon" - Scientific Challenge

Corwin Bridges, Nathaly Galicia, Kehlle Hopper, Ashlyn Jenkins, Javier Labra, Samuel Murphy, David Steen

- * "The Super Spectavular Six" - Service Learning Challenge

Amy Galicia, Jackson Greer, Zainab Menneh, Londyn Williams, Roman Woods

- * "The Blue G.O.A.T.S" - Technical Innovation Challenge

Shelby Calhoun, Nya Phillips, Zoe Calhoun, Jasmine Sharpe

- * "The Young and the Restless" - Improvisational Challenge

Brooklyn Blackwell, Susanna Cook, Trinity Green, Sarah Lancaster

- * "The D.I.nosaurs" - Engineering Challenge

Michael Eberle, Grace Hilton, Lily Lewis, Landon Kopiar, Chole Rushing,

Autumn Woodard

The Madison Academic Decathlon team has won its 15th consecutive state championship. The team and their coaches, Linda Sikes Lane and Paula Maxon, leave for national competition in Dallas, Texas, on April 17. Team members are:

- * Olivia Bezold
- * Paula Faur
- * Mary Hardy
- * Wells Johnstone
- * Brian Lane
- * Meredith Lewis
- * Gabriel Storm
- * Quri (p: kr-ee) Twitty
- * Leven Ward
- * Katy Wilson

William Rowlett, a senior at North Side, recently won bronze at the Skills USA State Competition in the welding sculpture competition. That win earned him 75% scholarship to Tulsa Welding School in Jacksonville, FL.

Robert Yin, junior at Madison Academic, scored a perfect 36 on his ACT. It is believed Robert is the JMCSS student *ever* to earn a perfect score on the ACT.

3. APPROVALS

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Action(s):

A motion was made to approve all Consent Agenda Items Passed with a motion by Mr. Dave Bratcher and a second by Mr. Wayne Arnold.

Voting Detail:

Mr. Kevin
Alexander: Yes

Mr. Bob
Alvey: Yes

Mr. Wayne
Arnold: Yes

Mr. Dave
Bratcher: Yes

Jim
Campbell: Yes

Mr. David
Cliff: Yes

Mrs. Janice
Hampton: Yes

Dr. Joe
Mays: Yes

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action(s):

A motion was made to approve the Agenda Passed with a motion by Mrs. Janice Hampton and a second by Mr. Kevin Alexander.

Voting Detail:

Mr. Kevin
Alexander: Yes

Mr. Bob
Alvey: Yes

Mr. Wayne
Arnold: Yes

Mr. Dave
Bratcher: Yes

Jim
Campbell: Yes

Mr. David
Cliff: Yes

Mrs. Janice
Hampton: Yes

Dr. Joe
Mays: Yes

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. MODIFIED SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Discussion: Mike Nichols stated that the Liquor by the Drink tax money is in but there have been no expenditures at this time. There were no questions from the Board.

B. SALES TAX REPORT

Discussion: Mike Nichols stated that there was not a Sales tax report at this time. Jim Campbell asked, how are the Sales tax trending. Mr. Nichols stated that the Sales tax are going up and better than thought previous.

C. SCHOOL EXPENDITURE REPORT/SCHOOL UTILITY EXPENSE ANALYSIS

Discussion:

Holly Kellar stated that there have been some changes made to the General Purpose Schools Fund 141 Budget Projections and the Capital Projects Fund 177 since the Work Session on April 9, 2018.

Holly Kellar stated, compared to the report given to you Monday, the current year-end expenditure projections have been reduced by almost \$600,000.00. The decision was made to hold off on purchasing Security equipment for the schools pending more information on the Safety Grant that is in the State's proposed budget for next year. There have been some adjustments regarding the use of instructional and textbook funds as well as changes in the extended school year programs. With these changes, the District will use approximately \$1,450,000.00 from fund balance to meet this year's expenditures.

Holly Kellar stated we will see an increase to the cost for teacher retirement. The TCRS legacy plan rate will increase from 9.08% to 10.46%. Mrs. Kellar mentioned that the system did get word that the employer rate for the tCRS Hybrid Plan for teachers will not change as she had anticipated. So the overall cost for the retirement increase is now an estimated \$650,000.00. the TCRS rate for the support staff legacy plan will remain at 14.28% for FY19.

Holly Kellar stated that she has processed numerous changes to the FY19 Proposed Budget today. Mrs. Kellar stated as indicated on your report, the FY19 budget projections show the use of \$3 million from fund balance which brings the ending FY19 fund balance to approximately \$9.3 million.

Holly Kellar mentioned for the Board to keep in mind that the BEP estimate has not come in. Because of this, I have left the estimated BEP revenue for FY19 the same as FY18 in the budget projections. Mrs. Kellar stated that she has been told it may be the end of April before the numbers are sent out. The budget document you receive in May should reflect the April Estimate received from the state.

Holly Kellar presented a draft copy of the of where we are with the Education Capital Budget. In reviewing the Principals requests there were several items that Mrs. Kellar referred to as General Capital Upkeep. These items are listed at the bottom of the sheet and total \$229,500.00. The total Ed Capital Budget requests are approximately \$3.3 million, \$860,000.00 of which are priority projects funded by Bond Proceeds.

Bob Alvey asked, the \$229,000.00 at the bottom of the Capital Projects Fund #177, is that additional to the \$3.2. Mrs. Kellar stated, no that is included under the Building improvements.

Eric Jones stated that the team is making adjustments continuously to the upcoming budget and they will continue making adjustments as needed. Mr. Jones stated that some of the large expenditures in line items that are effecting the system are; Best Academy and JCMECH. The additional cost for \$650,000.00 retirement and health care for Jackson-Madison County

employees. The increase of textbooks and materials that are needed for the system because the children have been hurt by the lack of textbooks over the years.

5. JMCEA ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. MAL MATTHEWS, PRESIDENT OF JMCEA

Discussion: Mal Matthews thanked the Board for their assistance in the process with the Portfolio. Mr. Matthews asked that the Board consider having teachers with their students during the TCAP testing next year. This year the Teachers are not able to be in the classroom during the TCAP testing with their students from the year. Mr. Matthews feels that the children need security while testing and that their teacher needs to be in the classroom with them. Mr. Matthews asked that the Board look into ways of assisting with discipline with students.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. VOLUNTEER AND STUDENT RECOGNITION FOR JMCSS

Discussion: The School Board is recommending to TSBA Linda Clayton, School Volunteer Recognition Award and Chelsea Willis, Student Recognition Award for the Jackson-Madison County School System.

Action(s):

The Jackson-Madison County School Board will nominate Linda Clayton as the School Volunteer recognition and Chelsea Willis as the Student recognition Passed with a motion by Mr. Dave Bratcher and a second by Mrs. Janice Hampton.

Voting Detail:

Mr. Kevin

Alexander: Yes

Mr. Bob

Alvey: Yes

Mr. Wayne

Arnold: Yes

Mr. Dave

Bratcher: Yes

Jim

Campbell: Yes

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Dr. Joe

Mays: Yes

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

8. ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA PER VOTE UNDER ITEM 2.2

A. ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA BY A VOTE UNDER ITEM 2.2 WILL BE PLACED HERE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Discussion:

Dave Bratcher stated that the Insurance Committee met on April 6, 2018 to discuss changing the options with leaving the Local Government Insurance Pool. Mr. Bratcher stated that there was a lot of discussion concerning leaving but the committee feels that at this time, the system needs to continue with the Local Insurance.

Jim Campbell asked the question about Workman Compensation. Dave Bratcher and Eric Jones will have more answers for him at a later date.

Bob Alvey stated that the Committee was unanimous on the decision. The Board was unanimously agreed with the committee.

David Clift mentioned to the Board that there will be a Policy Committee meeting scheduled soon and the date will be given to the Board.

Action(s):

The Insurance Committee is recommending to the School Board to continue with the Local Insurance Pool at this time. Passed with a motion by Mr. Dave Bratcher.

Voting Detail:

Mr. Kevin

Alexander: Yes

Mr. Bob

Alvey: Yes

Mr. Wayne

Arnold: Yes

Mr. Dave

Bratcher: Yes

Jim

Campbell: Yes

Mr. David

Clift: Yes

Mrs. Janice

Hampton: Yes

Dr. Joe

Mays: Yes

10. LEGISLATIVE CONTACT REPORT

A. NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Teacher Recuirment

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Discussion:

Eric Jones presented to the Board the Current Enrollments reports for each school. Mr. Jones stated that the number of students will determine the number of Teachers and Staff.

Eric Jones mentioned that they have been meeting with the Aspiring Leaders. Mr. Jones stated that there are about thirty school leaders in attendance and they are teachers wanting to become Principals or Data Coaches. They are looking at ways to help Teachers with discipline and that a mind set will need to take change with Teachers and students.

Eric Jones stated that they have been meeting with Toyota and Black in Decker concerning the Loop Project. Mr. Jones stated that students will work four hours a day and will receive pay for their work. The students will continue class work too while attending this program. Mr. Jones stated the families will have an opportunity to visit the plants with their student. Eric Jones stated that Alexander Elementary and Lane College hosted 125 families and showed the parents how to help with homework and was fed a meal for attending. Mr. Jones stated that these nights will continue as needed for more families to learn how to help their students.

Eric Jones mentioned they have been meeting on the Project Lead the Way for students in the system.

Eric Jones mentioned they are looking at ways to save money through the study of Lean Frog. Mr. Jones stated that this will benefit the system and they will save money.

Eric Jones stated they have met with Matt Altbell with the Downtown Development Corporation about the possible incentives for our teachers and staff. Mr. Jones hopes that with incentives, the system would attract more people to come to the system.

Eric Jones stated that Mel Riddle was in town and they had opportunities to be in the schools. They continue to get feedback on how to better teachers in the classroom and Principals to coach teachers. Mr. Jones stated that there are a number of great things happening but that more work will need to be done.

Bob Alvey thanked Eric Jones on the encouraging news for the system.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

B. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY NECESSARY BOARD ACTION

C. HUMAN CAPITAL REPORT

D. CHECKLIST GREATER THAN \$14,999.99

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. ADJOURN THE MEETING

Discussion: Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Action(s):

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting Passed with a motion by Jim Campbell and a second by Mr. Kevin Alexander.

Voting Detail:

Mr. Kevin

Alexander: Yes

Mr. Bob

Alvey: Yes

Mr. Wayne

Arnold: Yes

Mr. Dave

Bratcher: Yes

Jim

Campbell: Yes

Mr. David

Cliff: Yes

Mrs. Janice Yes

Hampton:
Dr. Joe Yes
Mays:

Chairperson

Superintendent