

MEETING #41 – February 7

At a Joint Meeting of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the Madison County School Board on February 7, 2014 in the School Board Office located at 60 School Board Court:

PRESENT:

School Board Members:

Mr. James L. Nelson, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Doreen G. Jenkins, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Barry Penn Hollar, Board Member
Mr. Joseph Parker, Board Member
Dr. Matthew J. Eberhardt, Superintendent
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Patterson, Clerk of the Board

Absent: Mrs. Tonya D. Taylor, Board Member

Board of Supervisor Members:

Ms. Doris Lackey, Chairman
Mr. Clay Jackson, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Bill Campbell, Board Member
Mr. Kevin McGhee, Board Member
Mr. Jonathon Weakley, Board Member

The Madison County School Board conducted a special joint meeting of the Madison County School Board and the Madison County Board of Supervisors on Friday, February 7, 2014, at the Madison County School Board Office.

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of

Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Nelson called for revisions, corrections or deletions to the agenda for the February 7, 2014 School Board meeting.

Mrs. Lackey requested to add Item 3a. "What's on Your Mind" and Item 5a "Possible Next Steps."

Mr. Penn Hollar made the motion to amend the agenda to add Item 3a. "What's on Your Mind" and Item 5a "Possible Next Steps." Mrs. Jenkins seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried with 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

What's on Your Mind:

Each Board member was given a chance to communicate what was on their mind in regards to the two Boards working together.

Budget:

Mr. Nelson reminded the Boards that the budget process was a year-round process which starts with the teacher's needs in the classrooms and continues through to the principals and on to the superintendent.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Board is not asking for everything that they can get. The needs have been identified and presented. He further stated that whether it's funded or not, the Board accepts the fact that they may not receive all the funding but the needs have to be presented. He also stated there needed to be funds left over at the end of the year and that the Board did not have the attitude of "spend it or lose it." It was requested that the monies leftover be turned back over to the division with stipulations, i.e. heavy maintenance or a one-time expenditure for something needed. He stated the key to the School Board's job is to identify the needs. If the County can't fund them, the Board understands and will decide how to allocate the funds within the system.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any way to prioritize the list of needs that were previously presented.

Mrs. Lackey stated that the Board of Supervisors needs to understand how the money will be spent so they can help explain it to the public.

On the basis of a proposal by Board of Supervisors Chairperson Doris Lackey, the School Board will move forward with an increase of \$300,000 in local funds.

Dr. Eberhardt will present a revised budget at the February 10 School Board meeting.

Possible Next Steps:

The two Boards discussed the implications of an extended pre-school/4-year-old program which is being encouraged by the Governor to increase pre-school enrollment. Madison currently services approximately 70 pre-school students. Facilities to accommodate an additional 70 students are currently insufficient.

Dr. Eberhardt stated that the school division wants to meet the needs of every 4-year old; however, with state funding for K-12 education still at 2007 levels, he doesn't understand how the state will be able to fund the program.

Mr. Nelson commented on the security work that was being implemented at the schools. Using the grant money from the 2013-2014 School Security Equipment Grant program, video cameras, electronic door openers, and intercoms are being installed at all four schools.

The Board of Supervisors requested that the two Boards meet on a quarterly basis. No date was set for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Parker made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Penn Hollar seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 Ayes and 0 Nays. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

On motion of Supervisor Jackson, seconded by Supervisor Weakley, Minutes #41 were approved as submitted by the Madison County School Board, with the following vote recorded:

Doris G. Lackey	Aye
R. Clay Jackson	Aye
Jonathon Weakley	Aye
Robert Campbell	Aye
Kevin McGhee	Aye

Doris G. Lackey, Chair
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Ernest C. Hoch, Clerk of the Board

Adopted on: September 9, 2014

Copies to: Doris G. Lackey, R. Clay Jackson, Jonathon Weakley, Robert Campbell,
Kevin McGhee, V. R. Shackelford, III & Constitutional Officers