

**MINUTES
CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA**

The City Board of Education of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, met for the Board's regular meeting in the office of the City Superintendent of Education of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, on February 28, 2022, at approximately 6:18 p.m. The meeting followed a work session held at 5:30 p.m. The secretary called the roll with the following results:

Present: Clayton Wood
Celia Rudolph
Marilyn Davis
Absent: Sonya Allman
Jamie Stoddard

Also present were Chad Holden, Superintendent and ex-officio Secretary to the Board and custodian of its minutes and records, Denise Woods, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief School Financial Officer, Sherry Langley. Administrators present included Wes Pounders, Jason Simmons, Dianna Ritter, Jeff Madden, and Kelli Nichols. Also present were Supervisors Dennis Conner, Todd Meckes, and Richard Templeton. Muscle Shoals Education Association reps, Christina Porter and Chris Porter, were also present as well as a few other school system employees and guests.

President Wood declared a quorum present and the meeting duly and legally constituted and open for the transaction of business.

A motion to approve the February 28, 2022, agenda was made by Dr. Rudolph and seconded by Dr. Davis. No discussion followed and the motion was subsequently approved with three yes votes.

President Wood asked Dr. Holden if any correspondence had been received that he would like to share with the Board. Superintendent Holden stated he had no correspondence to share.

Superintendent Holden stated the next item on the agenda was a video presentation highlighting achievements from the Muscle Shoals Career Academy.

President Wood proceeded with the meeting agenda.

I. Business Action Items

Superintendent Holden read the following resolution regarding Consent Agenda action items:

Consent Agenda Resolution

For the consent agenda, the Board has been furnished with background material on each item or has discussed the item at a previous meeting. Consent Agenda items will be acted upon with one vote without discussion. If a Board member wants to discuss any item, it will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

A. Dr. Holden recommended approval of the following Consent Agenda items:

1. *Minutes – January 24, 2021 (Regular Meeting)*
2. *Bills & Accounts for January*
3. *January Financial Report (January bank statements have been reconciled)*
4. *FY2021 Audit Findings (presented in Work Session)*

A motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation was made by Dr. Rudolph and seconded by Dr. Davis. No discussion followed and the superintendent's recommendation was approved by three yes votes.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Holden recommended approval of the Personnel Report. A motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation was made by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Rudolph. No discussion followed and the superintendent's recommendation was approved by three yes votes.

For the benefit of the audience, the Personnel Report was read by Dr. Holden.

The Personnel Report is shown at the end of these minutes.

II. Superintendent's Report/Academic Update/Announcements

- Dr. Holden stated February has been a tough month. There has been the death of a student, two car accidents with students injured in both, and employees who lost close family members unexpectedly. The school family has had challenges; however, this community never ceases to come together in times like these. Dr. Holden is thankful to live and raise his family in such a place.
- February 28, 2022, has been designated as Rare Disease Day. Board members are all wearing shirts that say "I Love Someone Rare." The school district partnered with the Kruz'n for a Kure Foundation to raise awareness for all kids who battle a rare disease. The proceeds from the shirts (over \$1,400) will be donated back to various rare disease charities.
- February is Career and Technical Education Month. The work Dr. Conner, Mr. Madden, and the faculty and staff at the Muscle Shoals Career Academy do each day preparing students for college and a career is appreciated. This past week, MSCA hosted several groups of elementary students on their campus to introduce them to the different pathways they take once they reach high school.
- Winter sport season has come to an end and spring sports are underway. The baseball, softball, golf, soccer, and track and field teams are wished the best of luck this season.
- Students chosen for All-State Band, MSHS: Linda Zheng, Mary Cole Kinney, Chandler Myhan, Janelle Parks, Abby McAfee, Lindsey Conner, Heather Medlin, Dahlia Lamas (Alternate), Josh Banister, Dillon Edwards, Allison Ornelas, Eli Colston, Eli Bell, Justin Hunt (Alternate)
- Students chosen for All-State Band, MSMS: Rico Chen, Trinity Carruth, Aiden Foster, Samuel Butte, Gian Ramos, Andrew Hubbert, David Nicolasora, Liam McGuire, Canaan Williamson
- MSCS had 17 high school students and 13 middle school students make district honor band. A total of 25 high school and 23 middle school students made the Shoals Area Honor Band!

- Congratulations to Sage Little for being crowned Miss Trojan Beauty this past week. Also, in the spirit of Black History Month, it was mentioned that Sage joins a group of minority students who have been selected to represent MSHS this year: Destiny Key was the 2021 Homecoming Queen. Destiny and Khamani Goodloe were crowned Mr. and Miss Muscle Shoals High School at the Coronation on Sunday.
- The Alabama Association of School Boards came to Muscle Shoals on February 22 to facilitate the Poverty Simulation with faculty and staff. It was a powerful experience for both participants and volunteers as we learned more about the challenges that come with living below the poverty line.
- Dr. Holden thanked Dr. Templeton for applying and receiving a \$126,000 grant that will help offset the cost of special education needs this year.
- Chief School Financial Officer, Mrs. Sherry Langley, was recognized for recently receiving national certification as a CSFO. She is one of only 31 in the State of Alabama to achieve this level of training and recognition. Congratulations, Mrs. Langley! Also, Mrs. Wimberly Springer has successfully completed certification as a Payroll/Personnel Clerk through AASBO.
- Dr. Holden ended by publicly acknowledging and thanking Dr. Denise Woods for her many years of service to the Muscle Shoals school system. He stated as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and mentor to so many, her impact on Muscle Shoals City Schools could not be described. Dr. Holden stated he had been encouraged as a young teacher by Dr. Woods, and most recently with her support to him in his role as superintendent. The impact of Dr. Woods will be felt in this system for years to come. Congratulations, Dr. Woods.

III. Adjournment

Mr. Wood asked if there was any other business to be addressed or any comments from the Board. There being no remarks, Mr. Wood declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Attest:

Chad Holden

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Personnel Report***I. Retirement/Resignation***

- 1. Connie Jones**
Teacher at Webster Elementary, Effective June 1, 2022
- 2. Missy Powell**
Teacher at McBride Elementary, Effective June 1, 2022
- 3. Denise Woods**
Assistant Superintendent, Effective June 1, 2022

II. Transfer/Reassignment

- 1. Jessica Hood**
From assistant band director (208 days) to director of bands (240 days), effective May 1, 2022
- 2. Kelli Nichols**
From assistant principal at Muscle Shoals High School (240 days), to assistant Superintendent (240 days), effective June 1, 2022

III. Employment

- 1. Leah Peebles**
System-wide custodian assigned to Muscle Shoals Middle School, regular 260 day assignment; effective March 01, 2022.

IV. Other/Special Appointments/Supplemental Assignment/Nurse Substitutes

- 1. Addition to Nurse Substitute List**
Sydney Uhlman Kilpatrick (RN)
- 2. William Hawkins**
Clock keeper for middle school basketball teams for 2021-2022 season, \$20.00/game
- 3. Keri Leigh Prestage**
MSMS Cheer Clinic instructor, \$50, to be paid from cheer account/fees collected from participants
- 4. Ashley Trousdale**
MSMS Cheer Clinic instructor, \$150, to be paid from cheer account/fees collected from participants
- 5. Amaria Fulgham**
MSHS Cheer Clinic Choreographer, \$400, to be paid from cheer account/fees collected from participants
- 6. Zack Mize**
Softball assistant coach (MSHS) supplement for 2021-2022 season, \$2000.00