

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In re: Adoption of Resolution Endorsing the Goals and Purposes of the Excel By 5 Initiative

Following discussion, Paul Griffin did offer and Karl M. Banks did second a motion to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, studies demonstrate without contradiction that children who have learned the ABCs and numbers, have had many children's stories read to them, and have engaged in positive social interactions with peers and adults, progress more fully and faster when they enter kindergarten and thereafter in the education programs presented by the school district; and

WHEREAS, such studies further demonstrate that children who have not been exposed to activities that promote language development, healthy social development and pre-literacy skill development do not progress as rapidly and many of them fall farther and farther behind in learning as they move from grade level to grade level; and

WHEREAS, too many of such children ultimately become so discouraged that they become school drop-outs and never attain a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, these drop-outs result in large numbers of our children who will be educationally disadvantaged for the remainder of their lives and will suffer significant social and financial disadvantages compared to students who complete a high school education; and

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to reducing substantially the drop-out rate and improving the education opportunities for all of our students; and,

WHEREAS, the Excel By 5 early childhood certification process addresses the issue of preparing pre-kindergarten children for advanced learning in kindergarten and thereafter and we believe will prove to be effective in substantially improving educational progress for all children who participate in such programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Madison County as follows;

1. That this Board commends and endorses the goals and purposes of the Excel By 5 certification process to enhance and improve the learning opportunities of all pre-school children to the end that the children will be fully receptive to and prepared for the formal education provided by the K thru 12 program of the North Madison County Excel By 5 Initiative;

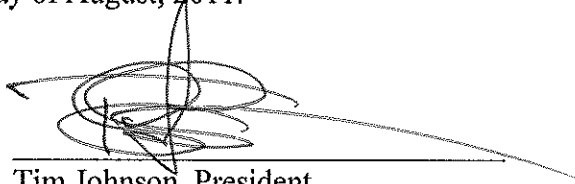
2. That this Board supports and encourages the Excel By 5 certification process in the North Madison County School area and offers the full support and cooperation of this Board in the implementation of the certification requirements;
3. That this Board encourages and invites the support of the Excel By 5 community coalition by local governments, industry, business, civic organizations, citizens, patrons of this school district, and, especially, parents of pre-kindergarten age children.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor D. I. Smith	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye


the matter carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 8th day of August, 2011.



Tim Johnson, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Arthur Johnston, Chancery Clerk

