

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 24, 2013

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special meeting at 7:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 24, 2013 in Training Room 203 at the Asheville City Schools Administrative Offices, 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina.

Members present were:

Gene Bell, Chairman, presiding
Peggy Dalman
Precious Folston
Jacquelyn Hallum
Al Whitesides

Comprising a quorum of the Board.

Allen H. Johnson, Secretary/Superintendent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bell called the special meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Superintendent Johnson reminded the Board that the January 28, 2013 Board Work Session will be held at William Randolph School and that GO Kitchen will be providing the meal.

Chairman Bell commended Central Services' administrators for their handling of the January 18, 2013 incident at Vance Elementary School involving a second grade teacher. Mr. Bell said that "their outstanding work, coordination and receptiveness towards the parents of the school were truly impressive, and that they modeled for the parents, the process for the incident and at the same time, were able to fit the parents into the process". The sentiment was echoed by Vice-Chairman, Al Whitesides.

A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Superintendent Johnson shared that he understood better the purpose and role of the Construction Manager at Risk from the meeting that was held at The Asheville Housing Authority with Chairman Gene Bell and Chief Operations Officer, David Nash. Also in attendance were Cynthia Grady and Donna Watson.

Construction Manager at Risk:

- Definition – General Contractor
- Role – Is responsible for the coordination of the new project. He puts out the bids for sub-contractors which will do the work. He also gets involved during the design process and helps to determine how the project can be bid best.

The Board alluded to the positive impact it would have on the district's economy if they were to retain a Construction Manager at Risk for the two projects which would provide local jobs. Ms. Grady briefly reviewed how the process would work if it were to happen.

Chairman Bell briefly discussed budgetary issues and also reviewed with the other Board members, areas of concern from legislators that could affect the school district.

The Board discussed cutting back items relative to the new Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary School that were presented by the architects. The purpose would be to decrease the overall cost of the budgets for the building of the two new schools.

Cynthia Grady reviewed the list of issues that were presented at the Board's Mid-Year Retreat on January 17, 2013 from Legerton Architecture/Innovative Design – architecture firm for Isaac Dickson Elementary School:

- Ms. Grady informed the Board that she instructed Legerton Architecture/Innovative Design to go ahead and book the Phase II Environment Assessment – the assessment and removal of the existing Oil Tank at a cost of \$4,500. The Asheville Board of Education approved Ms. Grady's recommendation.
- Security Consultants – It was the consensus of the Board not to engage Standing Stone to design a security system for the new Isaac Dickson Elementary School.

Ms. Grady informed the Board that with the exception of the FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment) which she is planning a meeting to meet with the architects, the other issues on the list are either at no cost to the district or they are waiting for a response from the city.

Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that he has not heard back from Gary Jackson, City Manager regarding the Off-Site Water Line Design.

Board member, Precious Folston requested that communication with the staff at William Randolph School administrators be clear and consistent.

Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that he and Mr. Cyrus will be meeting with Interim Assistant Principal, Dewayne Tillman and staff on February 12, 2013.

Superintendent Johnson made a recommendation to the Asheville City Board of Education for their consideration and approval for a Construction Manager at Risk to be selected for the new Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary School. The Board unanimously approved Superintendent Johnson's recommendation that a Construction Manager at Risk for Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary School be selected as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 a.m., the special meeting was adjourned.

Gene Bell, Chairman

Allen H. Johnson, Secretary/Superintendent