

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 14, 2013

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special meeting at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 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 8:03a.m.

A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Chief Finance Officer, Donna Watson reviewed with the Board, the financial status for the school district, supporting their position that the school system cannot financially take on the funding of the new Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary School projects. Copies of reports that were reviewed will be sent to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners for their review.

Ms. Watson addressed a member's question regarding what are the deciding factors when the district conducts their reassessment of the maintenance needs or priorities when putting together the allotted dollar amounts for the new school year budget.

The Asheville City Board of Education took no action after reviewing the information and they will proceed with the hiring of a Construction Manager at Risk for Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary. It will be communicated to the architects that any expenses between now and June 30, 2013, must be contained within their existing budgets.

Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that he had a meeting with the staff at William Randolph School on March 13, 2013 and also that he will meet today with the City of Asheville about the possibility of moving the William Randolph School students to the Grant Center. Also included in the meeting, will be William Randolph parents and staff, along with Assistant Principal and Site Administrator, Dewayne Tillman and together they will visit the Grant Center and access the site for installation of mobile units. The Stephens Lee Center was also a consideration, but the facility did not provide adequate space to include mobile units.

ADOURNMENT

At 8:55 a.m., the special meeting was adjourned.

Gene Bell, Chairman

Allen H. Johnson, Secretary/Superintendent