

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MARCH 18, 2013

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special work session meeting at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2013 in Training Room 203 at the Asheville City Schools Administrative Offices, 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina.

Members present were:

Peggy Dalman
Precious Folston
Jacquelyn Hallum

New School Board Appointees present were:

Leah Ferguson
Matt Buys

Comprising a quorum of the Board.

Allen H. Johnson, Secretary/Superintendent.

CALL TO ORDER

The special work session meeting was called to order by Superintendent Allen Johnson at 4:00 pm for the purposes of welcoming new School Board appointees, Matt Buys and Leah Ferguson to the Asheville City Board of Education, to congratulate Board member, Peggy Dalman on her reappointment to the Board, and to update the new School Board appointees on the special work session agenda items.

Also in attendance were the Leadership Team: Kelvin Cyrus, Charlie Glazener, Cynthia Grady, Donna Watson and Administrative Assistant to Superintendent and the Board, Jackie Taylor.

Director of Technology, Matt Whiteside presented technology guidelines for Mr. Buys and Ms. Ferguson and provided them with iPads and with Asheville City Schools email accounts. They were handed copies of the ACS Responsible Use of Technology and Internet Safety Policy Agreement to read, sign and then return to Mr. Whiteside.

A member requested to know more about the backup procedure for the district's email system and also about email accounts being public records. Mr. Whiteside encouraged the members to contact Technology Desk Assistant, Tim Johel regarding how to forward their ACS email accounts to a non ACS email account if they were considering that option.

Before addressing the special work session agenda items, Mr. Johnson requested that the administrators present throughout the meeting introduce themselves.

- A summary of the Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary School projects that was presented to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2013 was reviewed. Mr. Johnson shared that acquiring the funds for the new school projects is the number one issue currently facing the school district. When asked about the videos, Mr. Buys and Ms. Ferguson admitted to seeing the videos for the new Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary School before. A brief time was dedicated to highlighting several key factors that were included in the presentation.

A question regarding building the new Isaac Dickson Elementary School at a different location and not move the William Randolph students was raised, but it was remarked that there was no other site available.

Mr. Johnson shared that June 4, 2013 is the date that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners said that they would make their decision concerning the funding of the new Asheville Middle School and Isaac Dickson Elementary school projects.

Superintendent Johnson shared information about the Board's plan to submit an editorial in support of the new Isaac Dickson Elementary School/Asheville Middle School Projects. The editorial will run in the March 31, 2013 edition of the Citizen-Times.

- A review of the April 4, 2013 New Board Member Orientation Meeting was discussed and Mr. Buys and Ms. Ferguson stated their availabilities. Board members, Jacquelyn Hallum, Peggy Dalman and Precious Folston were also invited to attend the meeting if their schedules allowed.
- Executive Director for Public Relations, Charlie Glazener updated the new Board members concerning the district's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. He explained that the Board was directed by the AdvancED Review Team when they presented their Exit Report to the Board last October, to revisit the strategic plan, scale down the information and create measurable outcomes for all the goals.
- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services, Kelvin Cyrus provided an update on the progress of the re-writing the seven strategies of the strategic plan with SMART Goal language, a framework used by the Dufour Model (PLC) Professional Learning Communities. A review of Strategy #1 was reviewed as an example.
- The Board became engaged in a discussion concerning the level of input that will be needed to incorporate the SMART Goals into the plan and also the on-going process in keeping the plan relevant. In addition to keeping the plan alive, Mr. Glazener passed around a three panel dashboard for the members to view. Each school will have their own panels which will show the schools' data information. They will be posted in open spaces at each school for easy viewing.
- Superintendent Johnson told everyone that the Leadership Team and Directors will continue to work on the goals and the SMART goals and will revisit the topic at another time.

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the April 1, 2013 Work Session and Board Meeting agendas with the Board.

Board member, Peggy Dalman requested that Superintendent Johnson add the election of chair and vice chair to the April 1, 2013 work session agenda as a discussion item.

ADOURNMENT

At 6:05 p.m., the special meeting was adjourned.

Gene Bell, Chairman

Allen H. Johnson, Secretary/Superintendent