

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 20, 2015

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special meeting (board retreat) at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 20, 2015, in the 7th Floor Conference at the Biltmore Company, 1 North Pack Square, Asheville, North Carolina.

Members present were: Peggy Dalman, Chairperson, presiding
Matt Buys
Leah Ferguson
Martha Geitner
Shaunda Sandford

Comprising a quorum of the Board; also

Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Secretary/Superintendent
Chris Campbell, Board Attorney

Staff present was: Dr. Terrence McAllister
Donna Watson
Charlie Glazener
April Dockery; and clerk to the Board, Jackie Taylor

Laura Davis arrived at 5:11 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Peggy Dalman called the special meeting (board retreat) to order at 5:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone, then proceeded to review the agenda.

BOARD RETREAT

The Board participated in an interactive Legal Training Session conducted by Chris Campbell. The training was provided to familiarize the members on the roles and responsibilities while serving on the Board of Education. The training topics included: personnel, public records and closed session. The training also included a review of protocols that were established by Buncombe County/Asheville City Schools to respond to potentially legal situations.

MEETING RECESSED

The special meeting recessed at 6:35 p.m. for break and dinner and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

The Board discussed for consideration, restructuring the monthly regular board meetings, and it included the elimination of School Board visits on a Board meeting day. They also reflected on how to improve the meetings and make them more meaningful to our stakeholder groups; which included tweaking the agenda items. Following the discussion, the Board expressed their agreement that each meeting agenda will corroborate with one of the district's new strategic plan focus areas, they will accompany the district's Leadership Team and participate in data walks to schools on selected days, and will alternate per semester to between the schools that they have been assigned. The changes will be implemented at the August 31, 2015 regular Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:49 p.m., the special meeting was adjourned.

Peggy Dalman, Chairperson

Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Secretary/Superintendent