

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 26, 2014

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special meeting (summer retreat) at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at Asheville City Schools, 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina.

Members present were:

Jacquelyn Hallum, Chairperson, presiding

Matt Buys

Peggy Dalman (via phone conference for portions of the meeting)

Leah Ferguson

Precious Folston

Comprising a quorum of the Board; also

Dr. Bobbie Short, Interim Secretary/Superintendent.

Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Superintendent-Elect.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hallum called the special meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. The retreat agenda and the purpose of the meeting were reviewed and discussed. The members, Dr. Short and Dr. Baldwin had no questions.

RETREAT PRESENTATIONS

Director of Career and Technical Education, Lana Bradley presented a Powerpoint on the CTE program accomplishments, goals and new initiatives. The presentation included video clips of students sharing how the CTE program has helped to shape their direction for a particular field. A live demonstration on the use technology in the classrooms was viewed by all. Ms. Bradley concluded her presentation with the program's budget for the new school

year. The 2014-2015 CTE Plan is listed on the consent agenda for the Board to approve in open session.

Instructional Technology and Media Services Director, Matt Whiteside provided an update on the district's use of technology. An example of how technology continues to impact classrooms included a hands-on demonstration on the use of Chrome Books which were handed out to the Board and the leadership team. The Board and Mr. Whiteside discussed keeping a balance in the classrooms with Bring your Own Device and Digital Learning. The awareness that a good percentage of our students do not have internet access continues to be of concern to the Board.

Executive Director for Elementary Education, Paul Perrotta shared a Powerpoint presentation on implementing a three-year plan for K-5 English Language Arts to close the achievement gap by the time students reach 3rd grade.

Members of the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) provided the Board with an update on their goals and recommendations. ACS Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinator, Michele Lemell and ACS parent and SHAC Co-chair, Dr. Ameena Batada reviewed and discussed their three goals with the Board:

1. Wellness Policy development and implementation
2. Implementing Functional Wellness Teams at each school
3. Increase Student involvement in the Health of the Schools.

The Board assured Ms. Lemell and Dr. Batada of their support, and that Ms. Cynthia Grady will work alongside them to implement the requested changes to the district's Wellness Policies with the appropriate language to address SHAC's concerns on physical education and nutrition.

The Board was informed by Chief Finance Officer, Donna Watson that the General Assembly has not passed the budget and therefore, the district will have to start the new school year on July 1, 2014 operating with an interim budget. The Interim Budget is listed under the consent items for the Board to approve in open session.

MEETING RECESSED

At 12:00 p.m., Chairperson announced that the special meeting would recess and would reconvene at 12:15 p.m.

The special meeting resumed at the designated time and place.

At 12:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session to receive an update from Steve Parsons of Miles-McClellan Construction on the new Isaac Dickson Elementary School project. Mr. Parsons reviewed with the Board what Miles-McClellan will need available to them during the next 90 days in order to move forward. Following the walk through of the line items provided in the handouts, the Board approved the Construction Manager at Risk, Miles-McClellan to go ahead with their proposed plan for the funds to address the debris issues on the project site.

CLOSED SESSION

At 12:53 p.m., Precious Folston made a motion to go into closed session, pursuant to Section 143-318.11 (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321. The motion was seconded by Leah Ferguson and carried.

After returning to the special meeting at 1:15 p.m., Leah Ferguson made a motion to have consent items (F) AHS Custodial Services Agreement for 2014-2015 and (K) Policy

Code 7420-Classified Employees: Dual Employment as Bus Drivers, removed from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Precious Folston and carried.

CONSENT ITEMS

Precious Folston made a motion to approve the consent items listed below. The motion was seconded by Matt Buys and carried.

- A. Minutes of Meetings
- B. CTE Plan 2014-2015
- C. Drivers Ed Contract - 2014-2015
- D. Budget Amendments – 2013-2014
- E. Interim Budget Resolution – Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
- F. Policy Code 3225-Responsible Use of Technology and Internet Safety
- G. Policy Code 4315-Disruptive Behavior
- H. Policy Code 4318-Use of Wireless Communication and Personal Electronic Devices
- I. Policy Code 4333-Weapons, Bomb and Terroristic Threats and Clear Threats to Safety
- J. Policy Code 7810-Evaluation of Licensed Employees

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Matt Buys made a motion to approve the following recommendations as presented in closed session. The motion was seconded by Leah Ferguson and carried.

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Recommendation for Classified:

Jasper Brookshire	6/14/14	HVACI (Maintenance) Asheville City Schools Systemwide
Geraldine Hagarty	7/1/14	Teacher Assistant Asheville City Preschool

Recommendation for Contractual Agreements:Asheville City Schools Preschool

Eric Chad Canupp	7/1/14 - 7/25/14	Teacher Assistant Duties Early Head Start
Allison Waldern	7/1/14 - 8/8/14	Teacher Assistant Duties

Asheville City Schools Systemwide

Duncan Britton	6/13/14 - 6/30/14	Technical Support
Bobby Hall	6/23/14 - 6/27/14	Substitute Custodian
Nathaniel Koerschner	6/13/14 - 6/30/14	Technical Support
Elisha Lewis	6/13/14 - 6/30/14	Technical Support
Tony Magness	6/9/14 - 6/30/14	Exceptional Children Teacher Duties
Sally Mullins	7/1/14 - 6/30/15	Clerical Duties / Human Resources
Savannah Murray	8/11/14 - 8/22/14	Assisting Student Services / Student Enrollment
Casey Schoenauer	6/1/14 - 6/30/14	Mentoring, Academic Enrichment and Expansion of Summer Opportunities for Homeless Students

Asheville Middle School

Matthew Martin	6/16/14 - 6/20/14	Band Camp Teacher
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Substitutes:

Dayle Ambrus
Marley Ferris
Lisa Holderfiled
John Tyson
Madelyn Tyson

FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Precious Folston made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy Code 7425, School Administrator Contracts and Positions as presented by Cynthia Grady. The motion was seconded by Matt Buys and carried.

Precious Folston made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy Code 7821, Petition for Removal of Personnel Records as presented by Cynthia Grady. The motion was seconded by Matt Buys and carried.

Precious Folston made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy Code 7950, Non-Career Status Teachers: Nonrenewal as presented by Cynthia Grady. The motion was seconded by Matt Buys and carried.

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Leah Ferguson provided the members with a status update on the proposed Nutrition Steering Committee since their last presentation to the Board on June 2, 2014. Co-Director, Misty Miller was directed by the Chair and Vice-chair to make several recommended changes to the proposal that she presented.

The Board discussed the next step for the proposed Nutrition Steering Committee. Following the discussion, Matt Buys made a motion to approve the Nutrition Steering Committee. The motion was seconded by Peggy Dalman (via phone) and carried.

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Short reviewed the Randolph School Steering Committee binder with the members that she provided them with earlier. She also reminded that Leah Ferguson is the Board's liaison for the steering committee.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services, Kelvin Cyrus presented an update on the balanced calendar and preparation for the first day of school for Hall Fletcher Elementary School.

The Asheville City Board of Education reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014-2015 meeting schedule for work sessions, regular board meetings and Board school visits. They also reviewed and discussed the Board assignments to the various committees.

Board Attorney, Chris Campbell conducted a legal training with the Asheville City Board of Education.

CLOSED SESSION

3:35 p.m., Matt Buys made a motion to go into closed session, pursuant to Section 143-318.11 (a)(1) and (3) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321, and discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Peggy Dalman and carried.

The Board returned to the special meeting at 3:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting (summer retreat) was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Jacquelyn Hallum, Chairperson

Dr. Bobbie Short, Secretary/Interim Superintendent