

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 22, 2014

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special meeting at 7:15 a.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2014, in Training Room 203 at The Asheville City Schools Administrative Offices, 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina. Members present were:

Jacquelyn Hallum, Chairperson, presiding
Matt Buys
Peggy Dalman
Leah Ferguson
Precious Folston

Comprising a quorum of the Board; also

Dr. Bobbie Short, Secretary/Interim Superintendent.
Board Attorney, Chris Campbell
Donna Watson, Chief Finance Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hallum called the special meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 a.m., Precious Folston made a motion to go into closed session, pursuant to General Statute § 143-31.11(a)(1) and (6) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115-319-321 and to consider initial qualification of an employee. The motion was seconded by Leah Ferguson and carried.

At 8:05 p.m., Peggy Dalman made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Leah Ferguson and carried.

CALL TO ORDER

Jacquelyn Hallum, Board Chairperson called the special televised meeting of the Asheville City Board of Education to order at 8:25 a.m. and proceeded to thank City Council, Asheville City Schools Leadership Team, administrators, principals and staff for attending the meeting. She remarked on the lengthy superintendent search process in finding the right leader for the school district and the support that was received from the community, stakeholder groups, staff, and parents. She concluded her opening remarks to say that the Board had done their due diligence.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

Peggy Dalman made a motion to appoint Dr. Pamela Baldwin as the new superintendent for Asheville City Schools. The motion was seconded by Leah Ferguson and carried.

Superintendent elect Dr. Baldwin received a standing ovation from the audience.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD

Board members and Dr. Short took turns expressing their appreciation and excitement about the possibilities and opportunities that Dr. Baldwin will bring to the district, including her strategy to address the achievement gap. Vice-Chair Dalman and Board member, Matt Buys remarked on the overwhelming level of praise that they had received about Dr. Baldwin's leadership during their site visit to her school in Scotland County. What she was able to accomplish in her two years, small and large, and the positive impact that the changes has had on their school district. The audience and Dr. Baldwin were assured that the Board received a clear message from the community, staff, parents and stakeholder groups that Dr.

Baldwin was their choice as the new leader for the school district. Quotes from a Board member and student said that “Dr. Baldwin will be a game changer for Asheville City Schools and she will do a lot of work”!

REMARKS FROM SUPERINTENDENT-ELECT DR. PAMELA BALDWIN

In her remarks, Dr. Baldwin told the Board and the audience that she knows the work will be tough, long and more so, it will be extremely important. In her plans to collaborate with teachers and parents, she will relate both as a teacher and a parent. Every child will be like her child and stated that the school district’s leadership holds a great responsibility in making sure that the level of service to parents, community and the students are fantastic! Dr. Baldwin closed her remarks by thanking the Board and the audience for their confidence in her and said she looks forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 a.m., the special televised meeting was adjourned.

Jacquelyn Hallum, Chairperson

Dr. Bobbie Short, Secretary/Interim Superintendent

Approved by the Board
on Monday, June 2, 2014