

## MINUTES

### THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2017.

The Asheville City Board of Education (“Board”) held a work session at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 13, 2017, in Board Room at the Asheville City Schools Administrative Offices,  
85 Mountain Street, Asheville, NC

Members present were:

Shaunda Sandford, Chairperson, presiding  
Martha Geitner, Vice Chairperson  
Joyce Brown  
Patricia Griffin  
James E. Lee III

Comprising a quorum of the Board; also  
Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent  
Shenika Smith, City Council Board Liaison

Staff:

Shane Cassida, Curriculum and Student Resources Executive Director; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Community Relations/Communications; Charlotte Sullivan, Chief Financial Officer; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Joyce Graves, Executive Director of Human Resources; Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent; and Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant/Clerk to the Board of Education.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Shaunda Sandford called the work session to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to amend the work session agenda and to Public Comments. The motion by Joyce Brown and seconded by James Lee and carried.

1. Board of Education Reminders
2. Superintendent Comments/Reminders
3. Public Comments
4. Asheville Primary School
5. Montford North Star Academy

## **Board of Education Reminders**

Board Chair gave updates on events going on throughout the District.  
Congratulations to Sheneika Council for City Council position and she will be the new Board Liaison.  
Board Retreat will on January 19, 2017 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Western Carolina University  
At Biltmore Park.

## **Superintendent Comments/ Reminders**

No makeup time for December 8, 2017 snow date or any of the year to date two hour delays. If we miss any days now until December 19, 2017 there will be make-up dates. Make-up dates may include Saturday dates as a last resort. Those dates are as follow January 2 and February 19, 2018.  
There will be a Celebration for the 130th Year Anniversary of Asheville City Schools.

## **Public Comment**

## **Work Session Presentations**

1. Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented to the board ideas to be explored with growth at Asheville Primary School.

Demographics

10 Pre-K Students

26 Kindergarten Students

15 First Graders Students

7 Second Graders Students

The demographics are balanced.

Description of the Montessori program

Multi-aging groupings (K-2nd)

Intentionally Designed Environments

Specific materials that is designed for students

Child-directed Learning

Uninterrupted Work blocks

There is opportunity for growth with two new classrooms next year. We would like to keep the current two second grade classes as Third Graders Students next year. School year 2019-2020 we would like to keep the options open to look at facility's needs, staffing needs and other factors. We wanting some time to plan and gather data before making any future plans.

2. Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning and Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Curriculum and Student Resources, provided an update on Montford North Star Academy, additional

information to the presentation presented at the December 4, 2017 Board Meeting and shared the following information with the Board:

Vision - The school campus will house a variety of secondary programs to meet the multi-faceted needs of Asheville City Schools students.

- To enhance the Graduation focus of the district.
- To develop unique digital learning environments.
- To collaborate and ensure greater access to postsecondary learning and give opportunities to students and families.
- To provide learners with competitive career skills to be successful in an ever-changing global economy.

Instructional Opportunities-Three-Year and Five-Year Plans

- Montford North Star Academy STEAM Middle School (Grades 6-8)
- Home Connect Program (grades 6-12)
- Asheville City Learning Program( grades 10-12)
- Additional Virtual Learning Opportunities for 8th graders ( Three- Year Plan)
- Additional Student and Family Educational Opportunities (Five-Year Plan)

Student Learning Areas

Lower Floor

Current Elective Rooms in Pod: 4 areas for 6th grade core classrooms

Main Hallway: 4 areas for 7th grade core rooms (including a science lab)

Remaining Rooms: will be 6 full-size classrooms (Art, Music, PLTW, EC AIG, etc.)

Upper Floor

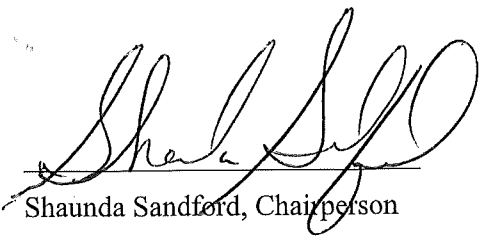
- Current 6th grade hall: 8th grade hallway- 4 core classes (including science lab)
- Remaining Rooms: 2 full-size classrooms on that hall ( Art, Music, PLTW, EC AIG, etc.)
- Continuing Spaces: Innovation Lab, Media Center, Gym
- Rooms available on the gym side of the building- ACLP Classrooms
  - 2 full-size classrooms + 1 full-size room that can be divided into two smaller rooms
  - Rooms can accommodate a 12:1 student-to-teacher ratio

At 6:58 p.m. Shaunda Sandford made a motion to go into closed session.

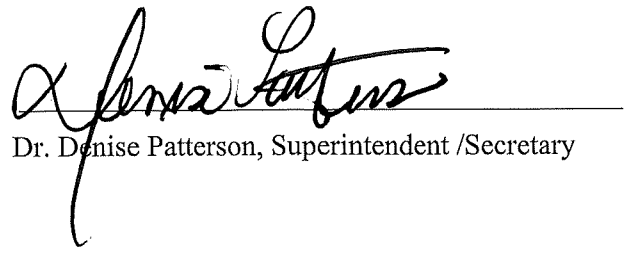
Pursuant to Section 143-318.11 (a)(1) of the General Statutes of North Carolina to prevent the Disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant G.S. 115C-319. The motion was seconded by James Lee and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.



Shaunda Sandford, Chairperson



Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent /Secretary