

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 p.m. - Regular - Vance Elementary  
**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on February 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Vance Elementary School Auditorium located at 98 Sulphur Springs Road, Asheville North Carolina where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

Joyce Brown, Member

James E. Lee III, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Director of Human Resources; Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance; Shane Cassida, Curriculum and Student Resources Executive Director; Ashley Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Timofey Buzyman, Communications Liaison; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning; Dr. Paula Dowd, Director of Exceptional Children; Lance Abernathy, Asheville High School Athletic Director; Ryan Hausner, Technology Tech; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Ashley King, Interim clerk to the board/Administrative Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair, Martha Geitner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Vance Elementary School Students, Ashley Barcenas-Salas and Wade Sharp.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Martha Geitner moved to approve the agenda and James Lee seconded - the motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

- Asheville City Schools recently celebrated 130 years of providing outstanding educational opportunities to students, families and communities. We began by celebrating in January, and invited community leaders, former staff members and current leaders to our schools. It was wonderful to celebrate a fantastic milestone for our district. Thank you all for attending that celebration.
- Last week I spent time visiting many of our schools. As you know, last week of magnet enrollment week. We had several parents at our schools, it was great to meet the prospective parents. I enjoyed spending time visiting classrooms and meeting teachers and talking with students. Based on conversations with principals I would be visiting the schools and making sure that their magnet things are in effect and being implemented.
- Principals have also been asked to meet with their teachers individually to create goals around students with the achievement gap. As you know, we are focusing on excellence with equity. In the meantime we are preparing for the advanced visit, which will take place in April. A team of

educators will visit our schools for a few days. The educators are from out of state and in state as well. They will provide feedback to our districts. We will continue to focus on our strategic plan with the academic achievement, the whole child, preschool and resource allocations. Also as we focus on excellence with equity, one of the components that we have created is a flyer which will be given to each of our schools. We will send this electronically to each staff member and also provide copies to our parents as well.

- I heard from our coffee and conversations that we wanted more information written down and so our families will receive our one page or two page front and back that outlines what students can do, what families can do our school staff and district. This information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Martha Geitner thanked the schools for their gifts that were given to the board members.

### **GOOD NEWS**

- On January 24th Asheville's own Steep Canyon Rangers performed for our 6th graders. The students were presented with 4 new Alto Saxophones and 7 trumpets. The donation was made possible thanks to the Can'd Aid Foundation 'Tunes Program'. These donations will help jump start Montford North Stars Academy's band program.
- Hall Fletcher's Robotics team competed on Saturday, January 5th, 2017 against other schools in a robotics competition of skills. They earned the sportsmanship award during this event.

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

- Teacher of the year award was presented to Amy Powchak from Vance Elementary School.
- #TheACSWay Awards recognized 2 teachers from Vance Elementary School. Certified Staff Member: Colleen Fredrick, and Classified Staff Member: Ashley Allen, for going above and beyond the call of education.
- Dr. Mark Dickerson and Ashley-Michelle Thublin recognized the newly named National Board Certified Teachers. It is the highest professional certification available in K-12 Education. Greta Fletcher, Asheville Primary; Mairead Smitka, Dickson Elementary School; Steven Davis, Dickson Elementary School; Jessica Jackson, Jones Elementary; Jacob Kerber, Asheville High School; and Jacqueline Brown, Asheville High School.
- Dr. Denise Patterson recognized Ashley-Michelle Thublin. Last week Dr. Patterson and Charlotte Sullivan had the honor to attend the North Carolina School Public Relations Blue Ribbon Award. We were awarded some wonderful awards for #TheACSWay, publications, writing, photography and special events.
- Vance Elementary Presentation: Ms. Ruletta Hughes, Vance Elementary Principal, featured her curriculum highlights from their science department. They are the school of ecology and have been holding different events to streamline this. Each month the entire school does something that has something directly to do with Ecology. Some examples are : Walk and bike to school, Ecology week, Green out day, Ecology resolutions to be better stewards of the environment, dress like a scientist day. Also they are working towards their STEAM week in March. They have a science team to help get more outside partners to work with the students.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Laurie Stradley shared her thoughts about wanting to have daily recess for the students across Asheville City Schools. She represents the Asheville City Schools "Project Recess" Committee.

- Joseph Pautz brought attention and understanding to the importance of instituting some gender support guidelines for the entire district. He represents Asheville High School and SILSA'S Gay/Straight Alliance.

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

- Employment of Personnel

Mrs. Joyce Hatcher brought the personnel report to the board members that was discussed in closed session. Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the employment of personnel and James E. Lee seconded it.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### A. Minutes

1. Special Called Meeting October 6, 2017
2. Special Called Meeting October 18, 2017
3. Work Session and Regular Meeting November 6, 2017
4. Work Session and Regular Meeting December 4, 2017
5. Work Session Meeting December 13, 2017
6. Closed Session Meeting December 19, 2017
7. Closed Session Meeting January 23, 2017

##### B. Lottery Application

##### C. Budget Amendment

##### D. School Calendar 2018-2019

##### E. Contractual Agreement: Behavior Consultation & Psychological Services

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and James E. Lee seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS**

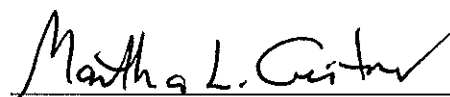
- Make-up days for students and staff on February 2, 2018 and February 16, 2018 will be full instructional days.
- Make-up day for students and staff on Monday February 19, 2018 will be a full instructional day.
- Board of Education Retreat - Time and Location to be determined.
- Work Session and Regular Board Meeting, March 5, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., Administrative Offices, 85 Mountain St, Asheville, NC 28801
- Make-up days for students and staff on March 9 and March 29, 2018 will be full instructional days.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Martha Geitner made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:06 p.m. James E. Lee seconded, motion was approved unanimously.



Denise Patterson, Superintendent



Martha Geitner, Vice Chair