

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices

**Monday, June 4, 2018**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on June 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Administrative Offices located at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville North Carolina where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

James E. Lee III, Member

Patricia Griffin, Member

Joyce Brown, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Human Resources Director; Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance; Shane Cassida, Curriculum and Student Resources Executive Director; Dr. Eric Howard, Director of Student Services; Ashley Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Timofey Buzyman, Communications Liaison; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Marine Corps JROTC and Hall Fletcher Battle of the Books Team.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

James Lee moved to amend the agenda and Joyce Brown seconded - the motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Good Evening Members of the Board of Education, Staff, Students, and Community:

**Excellence with Equity in Asheville City Schools**

At our last meeting, I shared that our goal is to provide high quality instruction to all of students in Asheville City Schools. More professional development, effective use of instructional time, and implementation of best practices will be devoted to increasing student achievement and closing the achievement gap. Our district office and school teams continue to meet and discuss academic needs, determine instructional strategies, and monitor student outcomes. Our district's Excellence with Equity Team met today with Dr. Frattura and

Dr. Capper from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The two professors will be visiting some schools this week. Their guidance and feedback have added to our pursuit of providing equity for all students. We look forward to our collaboration next year and planning our goals for the upcoming years aligned to our Strategic Plan.

### **Community Connections**

In May, I attended a church service at Nazareth First Baptist Church. It was great to fellowship with Board Member, Ms. Griffin, and the congregation. Also, I attended an evening service at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The church hosted the 39th Annual Greater Asheville City-Wide Revival Service.

### **End of the School Year**

Our principals, assistant principals, and district staff have done an amazing job providing support to our students and families. I have enjoyed attending student and staff recognitions at year end events.

As the 2017-2018 school ends on Friday, June 8th, my expectation is that we continue with administering any assessments and providing instruction to our students.

Finally, Asheville High School and the School of Inquiry and Life Sciences at Asheville students will be graduating this Saturday, June 9th at 7:00 pm on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Congratulations to the Class of 2018! I wish them much success in their college, career, military, travels and other endeavors in life.

### **Closing**

In closing, thank you to the Board of Education for your support. Our students and teachers have had a wonderful year, and we look forward to another great year in 2018-2019.

*Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent*

### **GOOD NEWS**

- #TheACSWay Awards: Asheville High School's Laura Westbrook, Franklin Digby and Jessica Williams
- Elementary Battle of the Books: Hall Fletcher Elementary School (1st Place) and Vance Elementary School (Sportsmanship Award)
- Asheville High School's Tennis Team
- Asheville High School's Track Team
- Ira B. Jones Elementary School's Science Olympiad
- SILSA's School Improvement Team
- Graduation Snapchat Filter Winner
- The Civitan Club's Good Citizenship Awards
- High School Students recognized for participation and attendance at a Supreme Court Hearing - Dr. Howard

## STAFF RECOGNITION

- Joyce Graves, Dr. Dickerson and HomeTrust Bank presented to the Teacher of the Year.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Robert Kun spoke to Board Members about school safety.
- Priscilla Robinson spoke Board Members about bullying and harassment in the classroom.
- Stewart Wedhoff spoke to Board Members about racial equity.

## ACTION AGENDA

- Employment of Personnel
- Purchase of Chromebooks
- Small Claims

## CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes

1. Work Session Minutes May 7, 2018
2. Closed Session Minutes May 7, 2018
3. Regular Board Meeting May 7, 2018
4. Closed Session Minutes May 17, 2018

### B. Budget Amendment

### C. Driver's Education Contract for 2018-2019


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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS

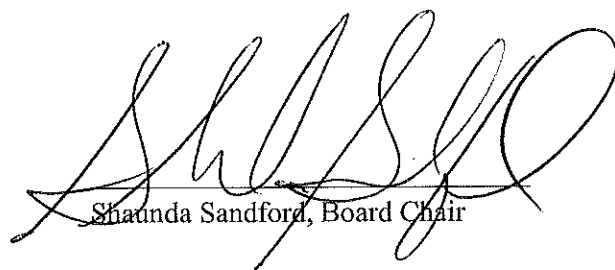
- **Celebration hosted by the Asheville City Schools Foundation for ACS teachers, staff, students, & families. Children are welcome.** Friday, June 1, 2018 at 4:00-7:00 pm., Salvage Station, 468 Riverside Dr. Asheville, NC 28801
- **AHS/ SILSA Graduation**, Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., UNC Asheville, One University Heights, Asheville, NC 28804
- **Work Session/Closed Session**, Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Administrative Offices, Training Room, 85 Mountain Street Asheville, NC 28801

## ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:45 p.m. James E. Lee seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.



Denise Patterson, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair