

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Training Room

Monday, May 20, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on May 20, at 4:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Training Room 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

Joyce Brown, Member

Patricia Griffin, Member

James Carter, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Student Services; Dr. Eric Howard, Director of Student Services; Ashley Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Carrie Allen, Director of Elementary Education; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance/Property; Jeanne McGowan, Safety Officer; Dr. Dowd, Director of Exceptional Children; Sarah Banks, Interim Finance Director; April Dockery, Principal AMS; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Vance; Derek Edwards, Principal Claxton; Lauren Evans, Principal Primary School, Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford called the session to order at 4:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adopt the agenda. Martha Geitner approved the motion and Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion which passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- [2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule](#): Dr. Patterson presented to the Board of Education members an updated draft of the 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule that included new meeting times at school locations. Also presented was a list of potential community centers to have regular board meetings. The Board of Education members were asked for their thoughts and feedback on the updated draft schedule and meeting location list.
- Budget Amendments: Sarah Banks, Interim Finance Director shared information about three amendments 504, 505, and 506. The 504 and 505 are the first amendment to the CTE Federal Grant. The 504 is the first amendment submitted for the 108 Educational Tech Grant and the 506 is to record the initial budget from the NC Department of Revenue for the Targeted Support and Improvement Grant.
- [Policy 6140 Student Wellness](#): Dr. McAllister presented the first look at the policy. It is required by the state to have a student wellness policy which aligns with SHAC. Asheville City Schools now has its own SHAC team. SHAC is a Student Health Advisory Council works with the community to align community support for academics with overall health. It is a student-centered framework which is commonly referred to as the whole school whole community whole child which aligns with our strategic plan for the whole child. Asheville City Schools now has its own SHAC team which is working at the beginning efforts to establish a policy for Asheville City Schools so we can implement protocols, procedures, and policies for our SHAC Team. We have not had an established team for the prior two years. The SHAC Team has an established team with Administrators, Community Members, Students, Child and Nutrition, Physical Education Teacher, Communication Department, and Dr. McAllister. The policy currently does not meet the guidelines for Child and Nutrition.
- District Collaborative Council: Dr. McAllister shared information about a new initiative at Asheville City Schools to gain feedback from stakeholders for continued reflections, improvements and problem-solving for situations that may happen within the district. The council will invite district staff for the opportunity to apply to be a part of the council. There is a video that will go out to describe DCC to district staff.
- [Contracts/MOU's](#): Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, shared additional information about the contracts below. There were no additional questions from the Board of Education Members.
 - Schindler Elevator Corporation
 - Learning Circle Addendum
 - Bianco Educational Consulting, LLC (Pathways2Teaching)
- TRC Security Assessment Update: Dr. Dickerson shared information about the TRC firm visit at the following school campuses Asheville High/SILSA, and Hall Fletcher. There will be a visit to Claxton this week. The team arrived early at each site and observed the morning movement of

traffic. They met with the Principal and point of contact for each school. The team was escorted around the building to view the interior and exterior. There were discussions with the receptionist, counselors, teachers SRO's food service workers and students. The team will contact us if there were any critical needs that need to be addressed. A return visit will be in the fall to visit the remaining schools. Staff had an opportunity to express their security concerns during the assessment. There is a parent component and there will be a survey that will go out to Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools.

- **Math 1 Update:** Dr. Ayers, Chief Academic Officer, updated the Board of Education members with information that was shared with stakeholders and parents at the May 8th parent meeting. Dr. Ayers started with information about what NC four year universities systems are looking for from students. The graduating class of 2018 who took Math 1 and 75% of those students were planning to attend a four-year university. The recommendation from universities is for students to continue with rigorous math courses all four years of high school. Students who are interested in Math 1 can take it during an elective class period. Math 1 will be available for students at AMS and MNSA online. There will be a letter that will go out to the parents. Students will be eligible to take Math 1 in 8th grade if they meet the required criteria.
- **Board Discussion ICS:** Dr. Patterson arranged for the ICS Consultants to speak with the Board Members. Dr. Patterson shared that ACS would like to continue the partnership and to share goals with the equity process. One of the goals is to have a common language that will be more simplistic around the cornerstone and framework that will help staff and community to be able to recognize the ICS framework. It was discussed in an earlier call about the assistance with that through the three-year equity plan and the district non-negotiables. The Board of Education members would like to talk more about the proportional representation and some work that can help ACS in collaboration within the community to continue the ICS work. Listed below are the talking points for the phone call.
 - How can they continue to help and support us?
 - Non-negotiables/Core Beliefs
 - Proportionally represented statement in the non-negotiables/core beliefs
 - Collaboration with our community
 - Core Instruction

There will be a face to face meeting with the ICS consultants where additional questions can be shared after this call with the Board Members.

The Chair will entertain a motion for the Board of Education to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes:


- **Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;**
- **Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential student information pursuant to 20 U.S. C. 1232g (FERPA);**
- **Under subsection (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.**

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and go into closed session. Martha Geitner approved the motion and Joyce Brown seconded the motion.



Denise Patterson, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair