

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
3:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Training Room  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called session on April 24, at 3:00 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  
Patricia Griffin, Member  
Joyce Brown, 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; Sarah Banks Assistant Finance Director; Christy House, Finance Services Manager; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Don Sims, Director Maintenance/Property; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford called the session to order at 3:04 PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Board Members Training**

The Special Called Board Meeting started with general legal and ethics training for new and re-appointed school board members provided by the Board Attorney.

## INFORMATION AGENDA

- [Security Update](#): Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media shared with the Board the approval from Buncombe County Schools to move forward with the security assessment of all Asheville City and Buncombe County School Campuses.

*Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the Security Update and James Carter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.*

- May 1, 2019 - Teacher Rally in Raleigh: Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, updated the board about the district banked hours as of April 1st and the May 1, 2019 Teacher Rally in Raleigh. On May 1st N.C. Association of Educators is organizing a rally to advocate for education funding. The rally is expected to draw educators, school staff and supporters from all of over the state. As of April 24th, we have a large number of staff members who have requested leave. It was shared with the board that the district will not have enough substitutes to fill the positions of the teachers that have currently requested leave. It expected there will be more leave requests to come from staff for this rally. The administration is asking the board to approve an optional workday for May 1, 2019, and to include on the traditional calendar June 18, 2019, as an optional teacher workday.  
Martha Geitner asked to be on record that she thinks an optional workday for May 1st is what the Board should approve.

*Patricia Griffin made a motion to approve the amended calendar adjustments for May 1 and June 18, 2019. James Carter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.*

- [Extended School Days for 2018-2019](#): Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, shared optional makeup times for the district. Option 1 makeup time will be if the district is only going to make up 90 minutes of time from the 2-hour delay on April 1st due to water outage in the city. As of April 1, 2019, the district had a total of .5 banked hours available to use towards any inclement weather make-up days for the remainder of the school year. The school day would be extended by a total of 18 minutes starting April 29 - May 3, 2019 (5 Days). Option 2 make up time will include the make-up time for April 1st, and the May 1st Teacher Rally in Raleigh if the board decides to make it an optional workday. The district will have to extend the school day by 18 minutes from April 29 -June 4, 2019 (25 Days).

*Martha Geitner made a motion to approve adding the additional 18 minutes each school day starting April 29 -June 4, 2019. Patricia Griffin seconded, the motion passed unanimously.*

- **Math 1 Update**: Dr. Ayers, Chief Academic Officer shared updates since the Math 1 parent meeting in March 2019. The following items were presented and discussed with the board.
  - ACS Math Content and Progression Overview
  - ACS Historical Data
  - ACS Data Summary
  - Requirements for College Admissions
  
- **Broadband Survey**: Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media informed the Board Members about a survey to help Land of Sky Regional Council better understand and support the internet needs of its communities. The survey will be going out to staff and parents of ACS to solicit information about their current internet availability and the quality of service received in the home.
  
- **Chromebook Purchase**: Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media asked the board for approval to purchase 900 Lenovo 300e Chromebooks. The Chromebooks will be distributed to high school, middle school, and fifth-grade students in the fall of 2019 as part of the 1 to 1 program.

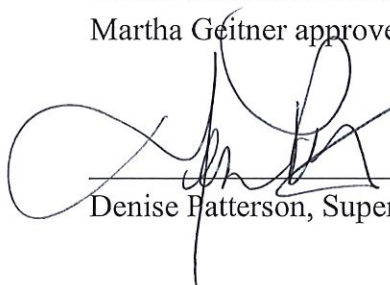
*James Carter made a motion to approve the Chromebook Purchase and Joyce Brown seconded, the motion passed unanimously.*

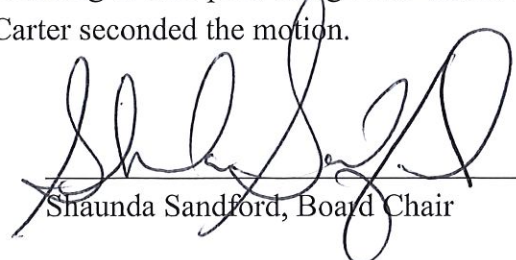
**The Chair will entertain a motion for the Board of Education to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes:**

- **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 6:39 p.m. and go into closed session. Martha Geitner approved the motion and James Carter seconded the motion.

  
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 Denise Patterson, Superintendent

  
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 Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

