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SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING/WORK SESSION
ADMINISTRATIVE

TRAINING ROOM
85 MOUNTAIN STREET
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Board of Education Members

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair
Martha Geitner, Vice Chair
Joyce Brown, Member
James Carter, Member
Patricia Griffin, Member

**The Vision of Asheville City Schools is to
Empower and Engage every child to
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Security Update	<p>Dr. Mark Dickerson' Assistant Superintendent of Administration, and Mr. Matt Whiteside, Director of Technology, presented a safety update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They explained that, in collaboration with Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools would like to approve TRC, a security and emergency management firm, who won the bid for RFP# 6-19 for School Security Assessment Consulting. Upon approval, TRC will conduct a thorough assessment based upon
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	<p>the Scope of Work listed in the RFP of all Asheville City and Buncombe County School campuses.</p>
<p>May 1st Teacher Rally / Extended School Day for 2018-2019</p>	<p>Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, gave a presentation about the May 1st Teacher Rally in Raleigh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He shared that Asheville City Schools currently needs to make up 90 minutes of lost instructional time due to April 1st, which requires adding 18 minutes to five school days. ● Furthermore, he explained that should May 1st become an Optional Teacher Workday, 18 minutes would need to be added to 25 school days. ● As of April 24, 2019, 129 teacher have requested leave for Wednesday, May 1st. ● The Asheville City Board of Education unanimously decided to make May 1st an Optional Teacher Workday. This means each campus will be closed for all students. In order to accomodate the Optional Teacher Workday and lost instructional time from April 1st, ACS elementary schools will dismiss at 2:48 PM, and ACS middle and high schools will end at 3:48 PM, beginning next Monday April 29th through June 4th. Tuesday, June 18th will also become an Optional Teacher Workday.
<p>Math I Update</p>	<p>Dr. Ayers, Chief Academic Officer, presented a Math I Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● She explained that a Middle School Math Night was held on Thursday, March 28th, and two letters detailing Math I updates were shared with families and posted to the district website on April 1st and April 5th. A second Middle School Math I Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th. ● Dr. Ayers showed Board Members a Middle School Math Content Overview, a progression charts for students moving forward and Asheville City Schools historical data based off the past five years. ● Dr. Ayers explained that Math I will still be an option for qualifying 8th Grade students. To qualify, any student who achieves a Level 5 on their 7th Grade End of Grade Exam will be

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	<p>placed in Math I in the 8th Grade. She reiterated that, by all students taking 7th Grade Math, our hope is to give core, foundational math skills to all students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furthermore, Dr. Ayers explained that the highest math class at Asheville High School currently has two students.
<p>Broadband Survey</p>	<p>Mr. Whiteside presented the Broadband Survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He explained the Land of Sky Regional Council has an initiative to put high speed broadband internet in several counties in Western North Carolina, including Buncombe. They have requested that Asheville City Schools distribute a request for our families and staff to complete a survey about broadband coverage in the area. The survey is online, and works on a smartphone. Land of Sky has too suggested that Asheville City Schools provides paper copies at each school's front office. • The survey will be shared with families this week.
<p>Chromebook Purchase</p>	<p>Mr. Whiteside also discussed Chromebook purchases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He explained that the Asheville City Schools Instructional Technology Department recommends the purchase of 900 Lenovo 300e Chromebooks from Trinity3 based on the competitively bid TIPS contract number 2062515. • The Chromebooks will be distributed to high school, middle school and 5th Graders in the fall of 2019 as part of the district's 1-to-1 program.

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