

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
4:00 p.m. - Work Session - Montford North Star Academy - Media Center
Monday, March 18, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on March 18, at 4:00 p.m. at Montford North Star Academy in the Media Center located at 90 Montford Ave, 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

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Christy House, Financial Services Manager; Sarah Banks, Assistant Finance Officer; Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Student Services; Jeanne McGowan, Safety Officer; Dr. Paula Dowd, Director of Exceptional Children; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance/Property; Tim Holcombe, Capital Projects Coordinator; Dr. Dingle, Principal Asheville High; Nicole Cush, Principal SILSA; April Dockery, Principal Asheville Middle; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Sonya Leonard, Magnet Schools Coordinator; Timofey Buzyan, Communications Specialist; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford called the session to order at 4:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to amend the agenda to include NCSBA web hosting for policies. Martha Geitner approved to amend the agenda and Joyce Brown seconded the motion - the motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adopt the agenda, Martha Geitner approved and Joyce Brown second.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- [Cenergistic](#): Nora Scheiber, Regional Vice President Client Development, Ms. Scheiber shared with the Board a summary of a proposal about Cenergistic which assist with behavioral conservation and advisory services. There is no capital outlay is needed and we will not need to purchase any equipment. They will bring their engineers, software, and expertise and partner with the district. They create a new funding source, improve classroom comfort, and create a lasting culture of conservation. They optimize the equipment and environment that we have. ACS staff in the Maintenance Department will be trained and they train the energy specialist that will assist.
- AHS/SILSA Band Update: Mr. Wilson will start on Monday, March 25, 2019, and there will be a meet and greet at 4:30-5:30 that evening. There will be interviews for applicants on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Central Office.
- Update - [Vance Softball Field](#): Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Don Sims, Director of Maintenance/Property; Jeanne McGowan, Safety Officer, and Roderick Simmons, Parks and Recreation shared information about the portable fence currently on the softball field. ACS will be responsible for the setup and removal of the portable outfield fence for Asheville City Schools Games. Parks and Recreation will be responsible for the setup and removal of the portable outfield fence for Parks and Recreation games. There will be a custodian on duty for softball games and practices for access to the building. The building will be accessible for any safety concerns that may come about. Restrooms will be open, clean and useable. Mr. Simmons shared comments and questions from the Vance Community Meeting on February 27, 2019. There will be no additional fence added at this time.
- A-B Technical Community College Board of Trustee Reappointment: The Buncombe County Board of Education has approved on Thursday, March 7, 2019, the reappointment of Roger Metcalf to the A-B Technical Community College Board of Trustee.
- NCSBA Online Policy Webhosting: Attorney Chris Campbell is recommending that the board consider changing the current online format of the policies to be more user-friendly. He shared information about a contract for the NCSBA to host the ACS Policy manual on-line. This web hosting will allow for searching policies more easily by section, title, or keyword.
- [Field Trips](#): The board was presented with the field trips listed below for approval.
 - **Asheville High** - Technology Student Association, led by Luke Shofestall, would like to attend the TSA State Conference in Greensboro, NC Apr 3-5, 2019.

- **Asheville High** - AVID classes, led by Jerome Hughes, would like to visit Guilford College and UNC-G in Greensboro, NC Apr 4, 2019.
 - **Asheville Middle** - Selected Jazz Band students, led by Ana Bulluck, would like to attend the All-State Jazz Band Clinic at the UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC Apr 5-6, 2019.
 - **Asheville High** - Math Honor Society, led by Anu Kan, would like to visit Carowinds Amusement Park in Charlotte, NC Apr 6, 2019.
 - **Asheville High** - AVID classes, led by Jerome Hughes, would like to visit Wingate and Queens Universities in Charlotte, NC Apr 10, 2019.
 - **Asheville Middle** - Selected Band students, led by Amy Shaffer and Ana Bulluck, would like to attend the All-State Band Clinic at UNC-G in Greensboro, NC May 3-5, 2019.
- **Summer Testing Plan**: Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning shared the 2018-2019 (Proposed 2-Day) Summer School Program for Elementary, Middle and High School. The dates are June 10-11, 2019. The following services will be provided to all students in attendance transportation, breakfast, and lunch.
 - Update - **NC Check-In #2**: Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning shared an overview of the 2nd quarter NC Check-in with the Board members. This is one data point that can be shared with ELA and Math teachers. The data includes Math scores for grades third-eighth and ELA scores for fourth-eighth.
 - Update - **EC Staffing**: Dr. Dowd, Director of Exceptional Children shared the Exceptional Children's Organizational Chart for Staff. She also shared an overview of some the positions and their roles. There was more focus on the School Psychologist roles and responsibilities and what that job description looks like.
 - **Contracts/MOU's**: Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, shared information about the Contracts/MOU's and answered questions from the Board Members.
 - Narcan-Nasal Spray for High Schools
 - PFA Architects, P.A.
 - Asheville City Schools Foundation
 - **Policy 4230** Communicable Diseases - Students: Attorney Campbell recommended to the Board to remove procedure 4230-P from the Communicable Disease Policy. This policy and procedure will be looked at later when the 4000 policies series is presented to the Board.
 - **Policy 4202** Service Animals in Schools: Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, ACS currently does not have a policy for Services Animals and Emotional Animals to be on school campuses. This is a new policy for a first read.

- [Policy 4150](#) School Assignment: Dr. Patterson asked the Board for clarification on the following, staff members' children assignments to ACS schools. Will ACS out of district staff child or children be a priority? The Board members did discuss the benefits for staff and how allowing staff children to attend any ACS school would be a perk and good for staff retention. Information to consider for each child include: The child/children will need to be in good standing and meet all of the school assignment by ACS. There will need to be space at the requested school. At this time, the Board has made a decision to review spacing at the requested schools and all criteria will need to be met by the potential student for in district and out of district children of staff members. Once the enrollment department has reviewed all of the information and if there is space, the child will be considered for placement at the requested school.

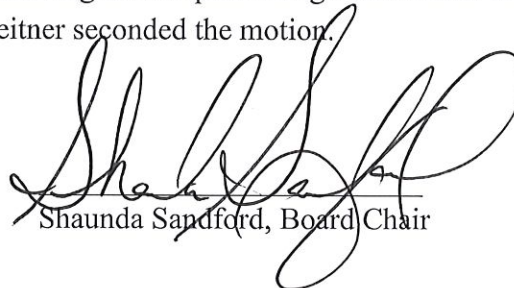
The Chair will entertain a motion for the Board of Education to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes:

- 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 5:35 p.m. and go into closed session. Joyce Brown approved the motion and Martha Geitner seconded the motion.


Denise Patterson, Superintendent


Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair