

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, March 4, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room 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

Patricia Griffin, Member

Joyce Brown, Member

James E. Lee, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance; Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Student Services; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Timofey Buzyan, Communication Specialist; Nicole Cush, Principal; Dr. Ivry Cheeks, Assistant Principal; Martin Jacobson, IT; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Asheville Primary School Students and the Asheville High School's JROTC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the agenda and James Lee second the motion - the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Work Session Minutes December 17, 2018

Closed Session Minutes December 17, 2018

Regular Meeting Minutes December 17, 2018

Special Called/Work Session Minutes January 7, 2019

Closed Session Minutes January 7, 2019

Special Called/Work Session Minutes January 22, 2019

Work Session Minutes February 4, 2019

Closed Session Minutes February 4, 2019

Regular Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019

Budget Amendments

Summer Hours for ACS Employees

Asheville Middle School - MathCOUNTS team, led by Jo Landreth, would like to attend the State Competition in Durham, NC on Mar 15, 2019.

Asheville High - Speech and Debate team, led by Will Smith, would like to attend the TFL State Championship, at Myers Park HS in Charlotte, NC Apr 5-7, 2019.

Asheville High - Speech and Debate team, led by Will Smith, would like to attend the CFL National Tournament at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI May 24-27, 2019.

Asheville High - Speech and Debate team, led by Will Smith, would like to attend the NSDA National Championship at Kay B. Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, TX June 15-22, 2019.

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

ACTION AGENDA

1. Personnel Report

James Lee made a motion to approve the Personnel Report and Joyce Brown seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Information Agenda

[Hometown Hero's Teacher Down Payment Program](#): City of Asheville

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent Report
Monday, March 4, 2019

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

National School Social Work Week: March 4-8, 2019

Please let our wonderful social workers know that they are greatly appreciated. They work hard to assist our schools, students, families, and community.

Budget Collaboration

Our district office staff and school principals have been meeting to prioritize our budget needs for 2019-2020. The district staff met as a group and then met with principals. Additionally, the district staff met with each school principal and the school improvement team chairperson. Our goal is to analyze our various data points and then prioritize the needs of our district to enhance student achievement. Finally, Charlotte Sullivan,

Dr. Dickerson and I met with the Buncombe County Budget Management Team to review our budget information and establish meeting dates and timelines to promote communication and organize our budget process.

Commissioner's Early Childhood Education Joint Session

I attended the meeting along with Dr. McAllister and Dr. Dawn Meskil and board members Shaunda Sandford and Martha Geitner. We shared our thoughts regarding the need for more preschool classrooms. We will have continued meetings to discuss our preschool vision and expected student and family outcomes. Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director for Buncombe County, facilitated the meeting. Commissioner group comprised of Beach-Ferrara, Pressley, and Whitesides were on the subcommittee to glean our feedback.

Asheville High School/SILSA Band Feedback Meeting

Members of the board of education and I attended the band meeting facilitated by principals Dr. Dingle, Asheville High School, and Ms. Cush, SILSA. The purpose of the meeting was to gather feedback from families and seek input. The principals have been collaborating with the human resources department to hire an interim band director which has been approved tonight as noted early by the personnel report.

ACS School and District Leaders

A special thank you to our school leaders and district leaders. Our teachers, staff, and principals work very hard each day to provide quality instruction, address student needs, and attend professional development. While we have a focus on our goals to improve student achievement, close the achievement gap, provide support to our leaders, we will continue to collaborate and strive for excellence.

Closing

As always, thank you to our Board of Education for your support of schools, families and community. Thank you for the endless hours that you spend visiting schools, attending meetings, and supporting Asheville City Schools. We look forward to continuing the 2018-2019 school year in ACS: 1 District 1 Vision 1 Voice!

Dr. Denise Q. Patterson, Superintendent

CURRICULUM FEATURE

Nicole Cush, Principal of [School of Inquiry and Life Sciences at Asheville](#)

Principal Cush shared some highlights from SILSA

- Ms. Robinson's English Lesson
- SILSA featured on WLOS - Never Stop Learning
- Using Technology to create ways to connect with SILSA students
- Mentoring group created for women to Glow and Grow

GOOD NEWS

Asheville Middle School Girls Basketball Team

Asheville High School Indoor Track Team

Asheville High School Student-Athlete GPA Accomplishments

Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award

North Carolina School Public Relations Association Blue Ribbon Awards

Asheville Primary School's #TheACSWay Awards

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Meier - Band Director for hire
Mary Ann Athens - Band Director
Will Griffith - Band Director
Alexander White - Vance Field/Band Director
Rich Rennick - Band Director
Ted Duncan - Math 1
Nathan Mueller - Band
Levi Meier - Band
Diana Toledo - Education & Equity Gap
Scott Barnwell - Transparency
Ginger Patton - Vance Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS

Calendar of Events

- **Early Dismissal**
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

- **Work/Closed Session Meeting**
Monday, March 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at Montford North Star Academy - Media Center

- **Early Dismissal**
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

- **Work/Closed Session Meeting**
Monday, April 1, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at Administrative Offices - Training Room

- **Regular Meeting**
Monday, April 1, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Administrative Offices - Board Room

- **Spring Break**
Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19, 2019

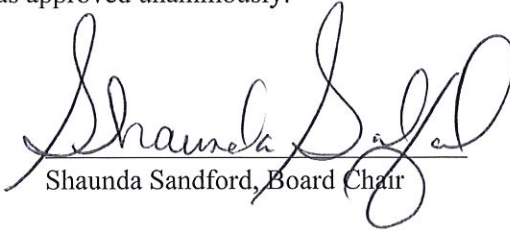
- **Regular School Day**
Monday, April 22, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:58 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion and James Lee seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.



Denise Patterson, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair