

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Training 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 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Board 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 Lee, 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; Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance; Shane Cassida, Curriculum and Student Resources Executive Director; Dr. Eric Howard, Director of Student Services; Ashley Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Ian Nelson, Director of Secondary Education; Tim Holcombe, Capital Projects Coordinator; Dr. Dingle, Principal Asheville High School; Derek Edwards, Principal Claxton Elementary School; Brad Johnson, Principal Isaac Dickson Elementary; Timofey Buzyan, Communications Specialist; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford called the session to order at 5:14 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INFORMATION AGENDA

- [ACS 15 year Plan](#): Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Tim Holcombe, Capital Projects Coordinator shared with the board an overview needs assessment of our Capital Out-Lay Projects which will be funded by ACS and Buncombe County Schools Capital Commission. The next projects that will be funded by County Commissioners will be at Asheville High School and Hall Fletcher. Dr. Patterson shared the academic focus for the formally ROTC building will be Science and Engineering. The plans for the academic focus will be Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.
- Budget Amendments: Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance, The purpose of the Budget Amendment is to transfer funds for air filters for all schools; transfer unused funds to building repairs for repurposing and to transfer funds to custodial equipment for disinfectant fogging units.
- [Field Trips](#): The board was presented with the field trips listed below for approval.
 - **Asheville Middle School** - MathCOUNTS team, led by Jo Landreth, would like to attend the State Competition at NCSSM 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.
- Summer Hours for ACS Employees: Dr. Patterson asked the board for approval for ACS Employees to work 4 days for 10 hours daily. Staff would be off the following Fridays:
 - June 28th
 - July 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
 - Aug. 2nd
- [Middle School Math Course Offerings/Memo](#): Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Ian Nelson, Director of Secondary Education; shared the middle school math plan for the 2019-2020 school year. There has been a decline in math scores in all subgroups for students in grades K-8. We will continue to offer Math 1 in 8th-grade. Math 1 would no longer be offered to 7th-grade students. The goal is to focus on core instruction.
Students who take Math 1 in 8th grade will have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of Math during their high school career. Mr. Nelson also shared information about House Bill 986.
- [Contracts/MOU's](#): Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, shared information about the Contracts/MOU's and answered questions from the Board Members.

- ClassroomMechanics
- East Carolina University
- Make-up Days Survey due to Inclement Weather: Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, currently the district has .5 banked hours for inclement weather. Last year a survey was sent out and we will be sending out an updated survey from the feedback last year. Some of the questions will include
 - Add time to the end of the school day?
 - Saturday School?
 - Taking days from Spring Break?
 - Extend the school year beyond June 7, 2019?

The survey will be available for two weeks tentatively starting March 11-22, 2019.

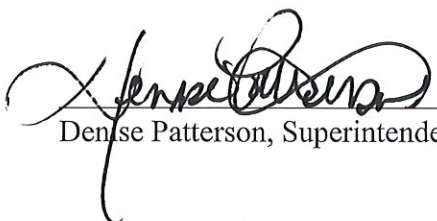
- [Policy 4202](#) Service Animals in Schools: Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, ACS currently does not have a policy for Services Animals and Emotional Animals to be on school campuses. This is a new policy for a first look.
- [Policy 4150](#) School Assignment: Dr. Patterson asked the Board for clarification on the following, Staff members' children assignments to ACS schools. Would staff members get the first pick for their children whether they are In-District or Out-of-District?

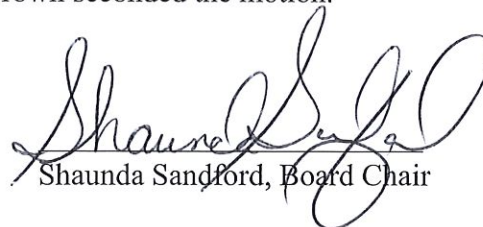
The Chair will entertain a motion for the Board of Education to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes:

- 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 6:22 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