

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m. - Regular - Claxton Elementary School
Monday, February 4, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on February 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Claxton Elementary School located at 241 Merrimon Avenue, 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. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; 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; Ashley Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance/Property; Tim Holcombe, Capital Projects Coordinator; Matt Smith, Maintenance/HVAC Department; Dr. Dingle, Principal Asheville High School; April Dockery, Principal Asheville Middle School; Lauren Evans, Principal Asheville Primary School; Derek Edwards, Principal Claxton Elementary School; Timofey Buzyan, Communications Specialist;; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Claxton Elementary School Students

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Shaunda Sandford made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Asheville City Schools 2019-2020 Calendar from Consent Items. Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Patricia Griffin second the motion - the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Work Session Minutes September 11, 2018
- Work Session Minutes September 24, 2018
- Work Session Minutes November 6, 2018
- Asheville City Schools 2019-2020 Calendar
- Amended Audit Contract for 2017-2018

- United Air Filters
- **Field Trip-Asheville Middle School 8th grade AVID** students to visit Johnson C. Smith University and UNC Charlotte in Charlotte, NC on March 22, 2019
- **Field Trip-Asheville High Girls' Basketball Team** to Clemson University, Clemson, SC, February 2, 2019.
- **Field Trip-Asheville High Wind Symphony and Concert Band Students** to All-District Clinic at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC February 8-9, 2019.
- **Field Trip-Asheville Middle Concert Band students** to All-District Clinic at Western North Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC February 8-9, 2019
- **Field Trip-Asheville High Wind Symphony** to Western Region Orchestra Clinic at UNC Greensboro, in Greensboro, NC February 22-24, 2019
- **Field Trip-Asheville Middle 7th grade AIG and AVID** to visit Various Atlanta houses of Worship in Atlanta, GA, March 28, 2019
- **Field Trip-Asheville High School Foods, Parenting, and Prostart teams** to the 2019 North Carolina FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Greensboro, NC, April 1-3, 2019.
- **Field Trip-Isaac Dickson Elementary 3rd Grade classes** to Camp Greenville, in Cleveland, SC, April 4-5, 2019

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

ACTION AGENDA

1. Personnel Report

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

2. Policies 2110, 2200, 2300

Patricia Griffin made a motion to approve Policies 2110, 2200, and 2300. Martha Geitner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Information Agenda

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Excellence with Equity

We are passionate about addressing issues revolving Civic Responsibility and Equity. I task administration, faculty and staff to open their hearts and minds to the following three core tenets:

1. To provide a rigorous learning environment for each child that personalizes learning.

2. To focus on helping each child develop by meeting their social, emotional, mental, physical, behavioral, and academic needs.
3. To provide ways for students to participate in globally competitive opportunities to **learn** and **discover** leadership skills so they **thrive** in college and their career.

I know that we each truly understand that a child doesn't care what you know until they know you care for them. We, at Asheville City Schools, and our community also fully understand that we have a responsibility to instruct thoughtful, productive members of society who are kind to themselves and each other.

With equity initiatives woven into the fabric of what we do, from professional development that empowers our leadership to have to collaborate and have crucial conversations to School Improvement work that supports cultural competence in our students and staff, we as a school community, are committed to developing outstanding leaders of today and tomorrow.

District Equity Team

The District Equity Team is comprised of the Leadership Team and Curriculum and Instruction Department. We have been meeting weekly and twice each week. We have a detailed agenda, complete modules, and provide school equity updates.

Asheville City Schools and Asheville City Council

We met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Our focus is on helping our community and 10 schools address racial equity, academic achievement, and student discipline. Our students are our future and the Asheville City School Board and Asheville City Council are committed to equity and high student achievement.

Economic Development Committee

Members from the committee addressed the District Equity Committee today Monday, February 4, 2019. We discussed survey results from businesses, recommendations, and ways for students to have learning opportunities with on-the-job training. CTE Director, Taylor Baldwin, provided additional insight to future courses for our students.

Online Enrollment

The online enrollment process began on Monday, February 4, 2019. Sonya Leonard, enrollment specialist, indicated that more than 50 families had used the online system.

Communications Department

I attended the North Carolina School Public Relations Association Awards Brunch on Friday, February 1, 2019. I am so proud of our department, Executive Director Ashley-Michelle Thublin and Communications Specialist, Timofey Buzyan, for their leadership and making sure that

Asheville City Schools has a visible presence on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. We were awarded nine gold awards in all nine categories nominated.

National School Counselor Week: Feb. 4-8, 2019

Please let our wonderful counselors know that we appreciate them. They work hard to assist our schools, students, families, and community.

Closing

As always, thank you to the Board of Education for your support of schools, families and community. 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

Derek Edwards, Principal Claxton Elementary School

Principal Edwards and Assistant Principal Nichols assisted Kindergarten students with the Racing Bear Game that they use in class for math. This was an interactive moment with Board Members, Dr. Patterson and some of the Leadership Team Members. Principal Edwards wanted to share what the Kindergarteners are doing in math for his curriculum feature.

GOOD NEWS

- #TheACSWay Awards
- Asheville High School's Elizabeth Greer
- Hall Fletcher Elementary School's Five-Star Preschool Program
- North Carolina's Summer Nutrition Program Superior Site Award
- Asheville High School's Regional Scholastic Art Winners

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rebecca Strimer - School Calendar /Achievement Gap

Miranda William -Achievement Gap/ Discipline Gap

Seth Bellamy and Zya' Brown - Achievement Gap

Stacy Claude - Asheville Primary School Expansion

Carrie Turner - Vance Field Improvements

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS


Calendar of Events

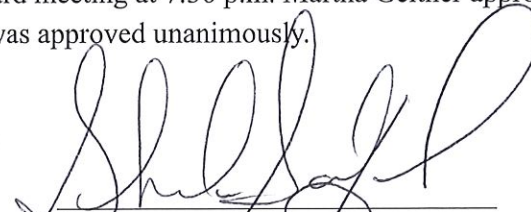
- **Regular School Day,**
Monday, February 18, 2019

- **Work/Closed Session Meeting**
Monday, February 18, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at Asheville Primary School
 - **Regular School Day,**
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
 - **Asheville City Schools Foundation and UNC Asheville host The Listening Project Live**
Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 5:45 p.m. reception at UNC Asheville Highsmith Student Union and program at 7:00 p.m. at UNC Asheville Lipinsky Auditorium. To purchase a ticket or to buy a ticket for a student you can purchase them at the Asheville City Schools Foundation.
www.ascf.org
 - **Work/Closed Session Meeting**
Monday, March 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at Administrative Offices - Training Room
 - **Regular Meeting**
Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Administrative Offices - Board Room
- Board of Education Future Training Workshops**
- Board of Education Retreat, Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 8:30 a.m and Friday, March 8, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., location TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:36 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion and James Lee seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.


Denise Patterson, Superintendent


Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair