

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
9:00 a.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room  
**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on January 22, at 9:00 a.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

Staff Members Present:

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Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance; Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Student Services; Timofey Buzyan, Communication Specialist; James Cathers, IT; Kidada Wynn, Mental Health Liaison; Marta Alcala-Williams, Parent/Family Engagement Coordinator; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER** - Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford called the session to order at 9:07 AM.

**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**

The Special Called Board Meeting held on January 22, 2019, was to update and bring back together ACS and Asheville City Council on the progression from the Community Learning Session in November 2018 about the Achievement Gap at Asheville City Schools.

Dr. Patterson welcomed all of the attendees which included ACS Staff, Community Leaders, and Asheville City Council and the City Manager. Dr. Patterson asked ACS District Equity Leaders

and members of the Leadership Team to share the following. [Asheville City Schools 1 District 1 Vision 1 Voice](#) presentation included.

- Dr. Patterson's Vision
- Excellence with Equity in ACS
- Discipline Data
- Academic Achievement Updates
- Racial Equity Report Card - Youth Justice Project
- Race and Poverty - ACS 2015-2016 Grade Level Proficiency, by subgroup
- Race and Poverty Controlling for EDS - ACS 2015-2016 Grade Level Proficiency, EDS
- ICS Framework
- ACS Equity Non-Negotiables

Dr. Ayers shared some highlights of the academic data. The data shared was from the state of NC. Each school year the state grades each school on 15 point grading scale. Students are measured by proficiency and they are considered proficient if they make a 3 or higher. If a student makes a 4.5 they are considered college and career ready. The growth index of each school was discussed and what that growth has looked like over the last five years. The growth index does reflect proficiency. We have all 10 ACS schools on the Targeted School List (TSI). The state gives \$8,000 per school to improve students that are not performing in the mentioned subgroups Race and Poverty and Race and Poverty for Economically Disadvantaged students.

The Whole Child in Asheville City Schools means each child, in each school, in each of our communities, deserves to be healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged.

Deborah Campbell, City of Asheville City Manager, likes the Whole Child quote! Ms. Campbell along with Asheville City Council shared their goal and initiatives for supporting Asheville City Schools and the achievement gap. Asheville City Council goal is to support Asheville City Schools and programs that close the achievement gap. [Asheville City Council Initiatives](#) are


- City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA)
- Affordable Housing/Workforce Development
- Park and Recreation After School Programs
- Community Safety (SRO, Crossing Guards)

Asheville City Schools and Asheville City Council are proposing to put together a team of collaborators with community leaders to help with the goals of reducing the achievement gap in Asheville City Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion and Joyce Brown seconded the motion.

  
Denise Patterson, Superintendent

  
Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

