

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room  
**Monday, December 17, 2018**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on December 17, 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

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance; Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Student Services; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Lauren Evans, Principal Asheville Primary School; Ivry Cheeks, Assistant Principal; April Dockery, Principal Asheville Middle School; Dr. Jesse Dingle, Principal Asheville High School; Ashley Free, AIG Teacher; Sarah Cain, Principal Ira B. Jones; Ryan Hausner, IT; Chad Donnahoo, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:54 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 Asheville Primary School and Asheville City Schools 2019-2020 Calendar from the consent agenda. Policies 1000-2000 Second Reading and the District Three-Year Equity Plan and all amended items will be moved to January 7, 2019, Special Called Meeting.

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 November 5, 2018  
Closed Session Minutes November 5, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes November 5, 2018  
Work Session November 26, 2018  
Closed Session Minutes November 26, 2018  
North Carolina Total Retirement Plans  
The Budd Group, Inc.  
Donation-Asheville High School  
Budget Amendments

Field Trip-Asheville High/SILSA Speech & Debate Team 9-12 Grade Students to The Guilford County Challenge - Greensboro, NC on December 7-8, 2018

Field Trip-Asheville High/SILSA Speech and Debate Team 9-12 Grade Students to Durham Academy Cavalier Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament - Durham, NC on January 11-13, 2019

Field Trip-Asheville High/SILSA Speech and Debate Team 9-12 Grade Students to Harvard National High School Invitational Forensics Tournament- Harvard University, Boston, MA on February 15-19, 2019

Field Trip-Asheville High Honors Zoology Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies - Gatlinburg, TN on March 5, 2019

Field Trip-Asheville High School 9-12 Grade Students to the 2019 North Carolina ProStart Competition at Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, NC on March 7-9, 2019

Field Trip-Ira B. Jones 5th Grade Students to Washington, DC on April 8-11, 2019

Field Trip-Asheville Middle School 7th Grade Students to Dollywood-Pigeon Forge, TN on April 26, 2018

Field Trip-Asheville High School Honors Zoology to Zoo Knoxville - Knoxville, TN on April 30, 2019

Field Trip-AP US History (possibly Women's History also), Philadelphia, PA and Washington, DC May 22-26, 2019

Field Trip-Asheville High School HOSA Club, to attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference at Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, NC, March 7-9, 2019

Field Trip-AHS/SILSA CTE Graphics Adobe Class, to attend The Phoenix Challenge at Central Piedmont Community College, Harper Campus in Charlotte, NC, March 20-22, 2019

Field Trip-AHS International Thespian Society, to attend the NC Thespian Festival, McIver Education Center in Greensboro, NC, March 21-23, 2019

Field Trip-Isaac Dickson Elementary 5th grade, to travel to Washington, DC, April 8-10, 2019

Field Trip-Vance Elementary 5th grade, to visit SC Aquarium, Morris Island, Ghost Tour, Fort Moultrie and other locations in Charleston, SC, April 12-13, 2019

Field Trip-AHS Chinese classes, to travel to Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an - China, June 17-25, 2019

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent Report  
Monday, December 17, 2018

### **Academic Updates**

During a Board of Education Work Session on November 6th, the Asheville City Board of Education and community members collaborated to discuss and review academic data in schools across the district during the last five years. Dr. Mullen, former UNC-Asheville Professor, facilitated a discussion regarding the *State of Black Asheville*. We will continue to focus on increasing student achievement, ensuring equity, and supporting our teachers and staff.

### **Supper with the Super**

I have concluded community meetings at schools with Supper with the Super. I value the importance of staff and community feedback. Great discussions and ideas were shared to have Asheville City Schools moved forward as a district of excellence.

### **Excellence with Equity**

We will continue with our focus on 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.

#### **Winter Break**

Our Winter Break will begin on Thursday, December 20, 2018. Students and staff will return on Thursday, January 3, 2019. We wish all of our students and staff a wonderful winter break.

#### **Closing**

As always, thank you to the Board of Education for your support of schools, families and community. We look forward to another exciting year in ACS: 1 District 1 Vision 1 Voice!

Dr. Denise Q. Patterson, Superintendent

#### **Board Members recognized for the holidays**

##### **GOOD NEWS**

#TheACSWay Awards

Montessori Certification

Asheville Middle School's Twelve Competition Team

Asheville Middle School's Conference Championship Teams

Asheville High School's Arts I Students

Asheville High School's Men's Soccer Team

#### **AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Dixon Hughes - The audit is completed and they have issued their report. ACS Finance has been issued an excellent audit!

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stacey Claude - Asheville Primary School Expansion

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Calendar of Events**

**Holiday Meal**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at all Asheville City Schools

**Students Early Dismissal**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

**No School**

Thursday, December 20 and Friday, December 21, 2018

Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28, 2018

**Holiday/No School for Staff or Students**

Monday, December 24 thru Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Monday, December 3, 2018, and Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Optional Teacher Workday on Tuesday, January 2, 2019

**Elementary Magnet Information Night**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Asheville Middle School

**Elementary Magnet Information Night**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Asheville Middle School

**Elementary Magnet Information Night-SNOW make-up date**

Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Asheville Middle School

**Board of Education Future Training Workshops**

Board of Education Retreat, January 2019

Special Called Meeting with Asheville City Board of Education and Asheville City Council,  
January 22, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Asheville City Schools Administrative Offices  
- Board Room, 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, NC

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 7:23 p.m. to go into closed session. Martha Geitner approved the motion and Patricia Griffin seconded the motion.

#### **ACTION AGENDA- was discussed in closed session for approval**

Personnel Report

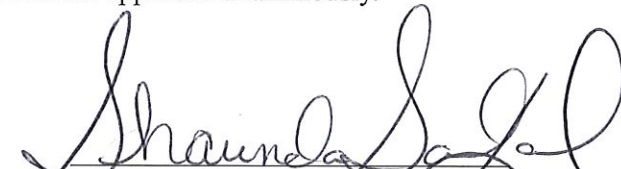
Audit

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the Personnel Report and Audit. Patricia Griffin seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:46 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion and Patricia Griffin seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

  
Denise Patterson, Superintendent

  
Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair