

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
9:00 a.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, October 22, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on October 22, at 9:00 a.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 Lee, 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; 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; Dr. Eric Howard, Director of Student Services; Timofey Buzyman, Communication Specialist; Lauren Evans, Principal; Tim Holcombe, Capital Projects Coordinator; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance; Martin Jacobson, IT; Ruletta Hughes, Principal; Janette Broda, Director of Child and Nutrition; Brad Johnson, Principal; Michael Holton, Assistant Principal; Chad Donnahoo, Attorney; 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. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion - the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- SafePlus: Matthew Bacote and Ronald King, shared information about The SafeplusMore App an instant privacy alert system that will empower at-risk youth and young adults in the community. This app will create a safe and supportive digital environment for students to share their needs for and report topics like bullying, substance abuse, LGBTQ, and minority support.
- Asheville Primary School: Asheville Primary School is currently a K-2 school with the exception of it being K-3 with 5 third graders. It was also discussed current enrollment, concerns from parents, and compliments about the school. There has been some new information about the I-26 Connector since the I-26 Connector meeting in August 2018. This new information shared by Attorney Donnahoo are:
 - Crosswalk will be made safer
 - There will be a retaining wall on the APS side with a greenway
 - There will be some parking taking away and APS will lose parking spaces
 - The road will be closer to the building and there will need to be windows with soundproofing added to the school.
 - The flow of traffic and how it flows on Argyle Ln. Currently, students are dropped off on Argyle Ln and that will be taken away.
 - There is nothing we can do to factor in more land

If additional students and teachers were added to APS for grades 3-5 there would need to be renovations in the building to accommodate on the lower level. Some of the renovations that may be needed include adding a restroom, expanding the cafeteria, playground, and gym. This type of expansion could be in the millions of dollars. These projects are not on the critical needs list to receive funding.

APS is set up for kindergarten, first and second grades Montessori modules. If the school added grade fourth they would need to add fourth, fifth and sixth grades to stay with the Montessori module. There would also need to be additional training for staff. The third grade students who will be transitioning to fourth grade at their schools of choice are expected to move over well from APS and adjust well to their new school environment.

- Safety Security Committee with Buncombe County Schools: Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance, met with Buncombe County Schools to present to the Capital Fund Committee the safety concerns and challenges with Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools. The school districts are requesting funding for a school security assessment.
- Donation of Shade Shelters at Isaac Dickson Elementary School: Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance, shared with the Board Members the donation of Shade shelters

from the Isaac Dickson Elementary PTO to the school. There is a 20-year warranty and they will hold up to wind gust of 90 mph. They will be placed on the K-3 playgrounds.

- Child Nutrition Review Update: Charlotte Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance, on November 22-26, 2018 ACS will have their School Nutrition Administrative Review Process. The (AR) is to review and approach to collaborative compliance and the school meal programs that focus on two components.
 - 1. Critical Areas of Review
 - Performance Standard 1: Meal Access & Reimbursement
 - Performance Standard 2: Meal Pattern & Nutrition Quality
 - 2. General Areas of Review
 - Resource Management
 - General Program Compliance
 - Academic Update: Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer, shared information about NC Star. NC Star is a web-based tool that guides a district or school Leadership Team in charting its improvement and managing the continuous improvement process. The team continuous improvement cycle is assessed indicators, creates and revises plans, and monitors progress. Listed below are the five dimensions:
 - Dimension A - Instructional Excellence and Alignment
 - Dimension B - Leadership Capacity
 - Dimension C - Professional Capacity
 - Dimension D - Planning and Operational Effectiveness
 - Dimension E - Families and Community
- There are 125 indicators of student success with 12 key indicators that are more frequently used by the team.
- Field Trips - Brad Johnson and Michael Holton shared field trips with the Board Members for approval.
 - Isaac Dickson Elementary 4th Grade Students to Raleigh and Old Salem, NC on April 3-4, 2019
 - Asheville Middle School 8th Grade Students to Outer Banks, NC on April 23-25, 2019
 - Civil Design Concepts: Tim Shelton, Assistant Director of Maintenance, shared the information about the contractors that will be working on the Asheville Middle School Softball Field. The field will be designed to match the NC Athletic Association field requirements. Once the field work is started the project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2019. Civil Design Concepts was the lowest bid for the job and has done work for Asheville Middle School before. Once the contract is signed the work will begin in 8-10 days.
 - Informational Items:
 - Introduction to NC Star platform for School Improvement Plans
 - UNC Asheville University School Teacher Education Partnership
 - East Carolina University
 - In Real Life (IRL)
 - Mount Zion Community Development, INC./EMPOWER

- Buncombe Partnership for Children
- Muddy Sneakers
- NCDI OEL Demonstration Program
- Our Voice-MOU
- Adam Holland/ARC Educational Consulting

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:

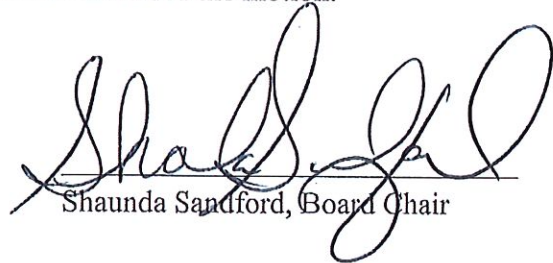
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential student information pursuant to 20 U.S. C. 1232g (FERPA);
- Under subsection (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 p.m. and go into closed session. Martha Geitner approved the motion and James Lee seconded the motion.



Dr. Terrence McAllister,
Interim, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair