

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
5:00 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, May 4, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on May 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices - Board Room located at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board of Education members were present:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

Joyce Brown, Member

James Carter, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Bobbie Short, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Charlie Glazener, Communication Consultant; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Chris Campbell, Attorney (via video conferencing); Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Shaunda Sandford made a motion to approve the agenda. Joyce Brown approved the motion. James Carter second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Work Session Minutes April 2, 2020
- Closed Session Minutes April 2, 2020
- Regular Meeting Minutes April 2, 2020
- Chromebook Purchase Memo
- A-B Tech Board of Trustee Appointment
- Budget Amendments
- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2020-2021
- Policy Series 4000 - Second/Final Read [4330](#) [4333](#) [4341](#) [4342](#) [4345](#) [4351](#) [4352](#) [4362](#) [4370](#) [4705](#)
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Joyce Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. James Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve Personnel Report No. 12

James Carter made a motion to approve the Personnel Report No.12. Joyce Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COVID-19 UPDATE

- Grading and At-Home Learning - Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education shared the guidelines from NCDPI for elementary and secondary students. In grades K-5 no grades will be given for the 4th quarter. For secondary students in grades 6-8, if students were passing as of March 13 they will receive a PC(Pass) 19, and if not they will receive a WC(withdrawal) 19. They will have the opportunity to get to a PC in a course with at-home learning. If a student gets a WC they will have to retake the course. If students are not passing by the end of the year courses do not factor into GPA. There will be feedback for students. Students in grades 9-11 will receive a numerical grade or an improved overall average, or they can choose PC options for courses. Students can choose either option for each individual course. There will be credit recovery options for students who do not pass courses.
- Child Nutrition Update - Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, shared an update about the feeding program. Last week we gave out 42,000 meals. ACS is so proud of our Child Nutrition staff, Transportation, Custodial, Instructional Assistants, SRO's, and Digital Lead Teachers for helping to make the feeding program a success. Our custodial staff has kept books and art supplies stocked at different sites. We have a supply of gloves for the next month or two. On July 1st we will get more PPE items ordered. On Memorial Day, Buncombe County and ACS will not serve meals but additional meals will be given. We will work with our community partners to get families food supplies needed for the long weekend. Discussions for summer feeding will happen soon.
- Senior Recognition, Teachers/Staff Recognition - Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications, shared what ACS is doing for staff appreciation week. We have updated our Facebook and Instagram banners. An all-call was sent out to families about staff appreciation week and ideas on how they can show appreciation. The gift to staff this year is a yard sign that will be delivered to all staff member's homes.
Seniors 2020 will have a yard sign delivered to their homes by principals, teachers, staff, and SRO's. We will have special features for each senior who wants to participate and they will be shared on Facebook and Instagram. We will highlight Senior Superlatives and Cougar Travelers.
- Coronavirus Updates - Dr. Short shared about the CARES ACT from the Federal Government. NC has received 356 million to share with NC schools. They are not sure how much but it will be based on the Title 1 formula. The funds will have to be released by the end of June 2020. If all of the funds given are not used in 2020 it will carry over to 2021. The school calendar will be expanded by 5 days next school year and they have to be virtual learning days. School can not start earlier than August 17th. We have to submit a remote learning plan that is due in July. There are 13 components and the state will give us guidelines. On May 19th, ACS will present our

budget request to the Buncombe County Commissioners. There will be no salary increases next year. If we do get extra money next year, we will be looking at implementing Phase 1 of our salary study, and staff for the afterschool program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

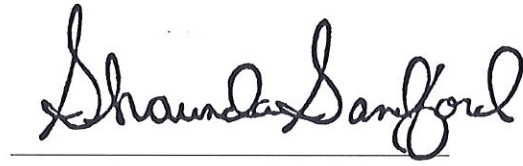
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ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 5:57 p.m. James Carter approved the motion. Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair