

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room

Monday, February 3, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on February 3, 2020 at 6:30 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

Patricia Griffin, Member

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; Charlie Glazener, Communications Consultant; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Kidada Wynn, Director of Student Services; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance/Property Management; Tim Shelton, Assistant Director of Maintenance/Property Management; Sherry Hicks, Director of Career Technical Education; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Vance Elementary; Mary Nichols, Interim Principal Claxton Elementary; Betts Conti, Third Grade Teacher; Amy Brown, Media Specialist; Dillion Huffman, Communications Specialist; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:46 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. James Carter approved the motion to amend the agenda to add Field Trip - Asheville High - 11th and 12 grade students that will participate in a Cultural Exchange and Homestay in Hobro and Copenhagen, Denmark in September 2020. Joyce Brown second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the agenda. Patricia Griffin second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Work Session Minutes December 2 , 2019

- Regular Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019
- Special Called Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019
- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2019-2020
- Asheville City Schools 2020-2021 Calendar
- [Policy 3405](#) - Students at Risk of Academic Failure
- [Policy 3420](#) - Student Promotion and Accountability
- Annual Budget
- [Field Trip - Asheville High - 11th and 12th grade students, led by Lizzie Rogers, will participate in a Student Cultural Exchange and Homestay in Hobro and Copenhagen, Denmark in September, 2020, for 10-11 days \(during the 2020-2021 school year\).](#)

Patricia Griffin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve Personnel Report No. 7
2. Auto Damage Claim - Policy 1810
3. Student Revocation
4. Proposed Naming of Asheville High School Athletic Facility
“The Eugene Hammonds Athletic Field”

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve Personnel Report No. 7. Joyce Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Griffin made a motion to approve the Auto Damage Claim - Policy 1810. Martha Geitner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Griffin made a motion to approve the student revocation. Martha Geitner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

James Carter made a motion to approve naming the Asheville High School Athletic Facility “The Eugene Hammonds Athletic Field”. Martha Geitner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Short shared informed the audience that there will be interview committees in place as ACS looks to permanently place principals. Dr. Short wanted to take time to recognize the following departments. The Maintenance Department was recognized for their hard work and dedication to Asheville City Schools staff and students. The Communications Department was recognized for the award-winning efforts in school communications and public relations. Ashley-Michelle Thublin was awarded the following Gold Awards at the NCSPPRA (North Carolina School Public Relations Association):

Digital Media Engagement

(Class of 2019's digital media engagement campaign - #ACSGrad19 and Senior Celebration Day)

Electronic Media (2)

(Graduation 2019 and First Day of School Videos)

Marketing

(Superintendent Search)

Photography (2)

(First Day of School and Friday Night Lights)

Special Events and Programs

Dr. Short and Asheville City Schools also congratulated Charlie Glazener, Asheville City Schools former Executive Director of Communications as the NCSPPRA's Barry Gaskins Award for his outstanding, long-term commitment to advancing the school public relations profession.

GOOD NEWS

Regional Scholastic Art Student Winners

ACS's Educator of Excellence

National Board Certified Teachers

School Counselors Week! Asheville City Schools has made an official declaration of title change for the School Based Counselors Faculty. The title change of Guidance Counselor will now be School Counselors. This change is being made due to the extended role that the NCDPI now assigns to these staff members in their job description. This change also comes by recommendation of the American School Counseling Association.

#The ACSWayAwards

Charlie Glazener introduced Community Members who came to say a few words of thanks for the Naming of Asheville High School Athletic Facility, "The Eugene Hammonds Athletic Field".

Audit Presentation by Dixon Hughes Goodman presented an overview to the board of the audit for the 2018-2019 school year. The Asheville City School Finance Department has been awarded the Association of School Business Officials Award for the 33rd consecutive year.

CURRICULUM and EQUITY HIGHLIGHTS Mary Nichols, Interim Principal at Claxton Elementary School, shared equity highlights from Claxton Elementary School. Betts Conti, 3rd Grade Teacher; Amy Brown, Media Specialist, and students Eric M. 4th Grade, Wahya A-M, 3rd Grade, shared information about Claxton New Monuments Project. Information shared included:

- North Carolina Social Studies Standards
- Teaching Tolerance Social Justice Standards
- Research & Kick-Off
- [Arts Integration](#)
- Claxton's New Monuments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

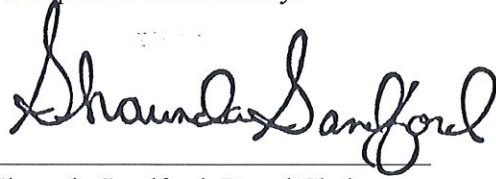
Phil Alexander - opinion regarding Asheville High School Principal

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:54 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.



Dr. Bobbie Short,
Interim Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair