

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Wednesday, December 18, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called session on December 18, at 5:00 p.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 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; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford called the session to order at 5:00 PM. A motion was made to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Joyce Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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)(3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.
- Under subsection (a)(5) to discuss the terms of a contract for employment

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting at 5:17 p.m. and go into open session. Joyce Brown approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion.

Board Chair Sandford would like to entertain a motion to formally elect the next Superintendent. James Carter moved that the Asheville City Board of Education hire Dr. Gene Freeman as the next Superintendent of Asheville City Schools. Patricia Griffin second the election, which passed unanimously.

OPENING REMARKS

Board Chair Sanford with excitement stated “I’m happy to announce that, following a six-month search process that included public engagement forums and surveys where we gathered input from more than 2,000 stakeholders, the Board has unanimously approved our new Superintendent, Dr. Gene Freeman.”

After a warm COUGAR welcome for Dr. Freeman, Board Chair Sandford read aloud Dr. Freeman's Biography, then welcomed Dr. Freeman to make a few remarks.


REMARKS FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. GENE FREEMAN

Dr. Freeman thanked the Board for their support and for hiring him. He will do his best not to let them down. One of the feelings he got from a picture of the Board Members is that they all get along well and are here for the students. Dr. Freeman enjoys talking about instruction. He wants to take a few months after his arrival to meet the staff and have some conversations. Dr. Freeman plans to share some ideas he has with Central Office Staff, Principals, Teachers, and other staff members. He does think he can bring some success that can help our student achievement. Dr. Freeman opened up the floor to the audience for questions.

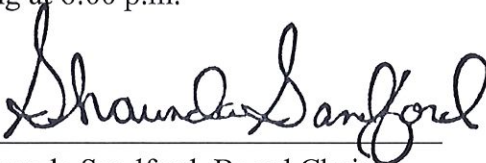
Board Chair Sandford invited everyone to a meet and greet with Superintendent, Dr. Freeman following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Dr. Bobbie Short, Interim Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair