

## ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Training Room

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on December 2, at 4:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Training Room 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

Joyce Brown, Member

Patricia Griffin, Member

James Carter, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Bobbie Short, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Charlie Glazener, Communication Consultant; Tim Amos, Interim Finance Officer; Shane Cassida, Executive Director of Student Services; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability; Brad Johnson, Principal Isaac Dickson Elementary; April Dockery, Principal AMS; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Vance Elementary; Nicole Cush, Principal SILSA; Lauren Evans, Principal Asheville Primary School; Dr. Dingle, Principal AHS; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER** - Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair called the session to order at 4:11 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to approve the agenda. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

- AVL Technologies: Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media,
- [Data Overview](#): Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability, shared data around Proficiency and Growth (academic progress). Data highlights from the district included:
  - IDES 4th Grade - All students increased both from the year before and as a cohort (including significant growth with black students)
  - IBJ 3rd Grade - has the highest proficiency for black students in both Reading and Math

- MNSA - Exceeded expected growth overall, with Growth Index of 5.63, and exceeded expected growth for black students in Reading and Math
- SILSA - English II EOC has had one of the lowest achievement gaps (between white and black students) in the district.

Additional areas of discussion:

- ACS Overall School Performance Data
- NC State Report Card
- School Grade Data
- Resolution: Remit Civil Penalties Unconstitutionally Withheld from North Carolina's Public Schools: Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, shared the recommendation for the Board of Education to adopt the resolution. The courts do not have the power to compel the General Assembly to pay a judgement and this a reasonable effort by NCBSA to bring closure to this issue and hopefully secure additional funding for our technology needs.
- [2020-2021 Calendar Update, Option 1, Option 2](#): Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, shared a 2020-2021 Calendar Update. The update included the survey results from staff and families. The information shared:
  - Number of Responses - 298 in total
  - Staff Preference - 87% Option 1; 13% Option 2
  - Parent Preference - 68.75% Option 1; 18.75% Option 2; 12.5% No Preference
  - Feedback from staff and families
- School Improvement Plan Presentations: Dr. Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Vance; Nicole Cush, Principal SILSA, April Dockery, Principal Asheville Middle School, Lauren Evans, Principal Asheville Primary School; Brad Johnson, Principal Isaac Dickson came before the board to share their School Improvement Plans for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - [Vance](#)
  - [SILSA](#)
  - [AMS](#)
  - [Asheville Primary](#)
  - [Dickson](#)
- Student Releases to Buncombe County Schools 2019-2020: Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction presented for approval a list of students who live within the Asheville City Schools District that have requested for release from Asheville City Schools to attend school in Buncombe County Schools District.
- [Field Trips](#): The Board of Education was presented with the Field Trip below for approval.
  - **Asheville High School** - Asheville High students, led by Dacia Harris, request to visit Costa Rica, South America April 4-10, 2020.


- [Policy 7241 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Vehicle Operators](#): Dr. McAllister, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services presented the policy for approval upon first reading. The policy is state mandated and has to be approved by the ACS Board of Education Members before January 6, 2020.
- [Policy 3405](#) - First Read
- [Policy 3420](#) - First Read
- [Policy 4115 Behavior Standards for Out-of-District & Transfer Students](#) - This policy went before the board for approval upon first reading
- [Policy 4135 Tuition for Out of District Students](#) - This policy went before the board for approval upon first reading
- [Adm. Proc. 4135-P Tuition for Discretionary Admission](#) - This policy went before the board for approval upon first reading
- [Policy 4150 School Assignment](#) - This policy went before the board for approval upon first reading
- [Policy Adm. Procedure 4150-P School Assignment](#) - This policy went before the board for approval upon first reading
- [Contracts/Mou's](#): Dr. Dickerson, shared information on the following:
  - [Inside & Out Consulting](#)
  - [AVID Summer Bridge/ Proposal](#)
  - [WIN \(Western Carolina Medical Society Foundations Interpreter Network](#)
  - [Research Triangle Institute/Scope of Work](#)
  - [School Efficiency Consultants/Scope of Work](#)
  - [Buncombe County Schools, the City of Asheville and Buncombe County](#)
  - [Family Preservation Services](#)
  - [Buncombe County Public Libraries](#)

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:

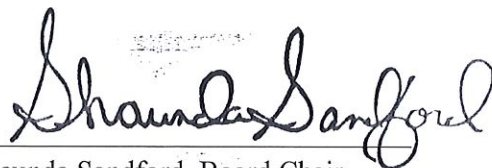
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential student information pursuant to 20 U.S. C. 1232g (FERPA);
- Under subsection (a) (3)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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and go into closed session. Martha Geitner approved the motion. James Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Bobbie Short,  
Interim Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair