

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m. - Regular - Hillcrest Apartments - Community Center

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center at Hillcrest Apartments located at 100 Atkinson 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 Carter, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Bobbie Short, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Terrence McAllister, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Administration; Joyce Hatcher, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Charlie Glazener, Communication Consultant; Tim Amos, Interim Finance Officer; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability ; Ruafika Cobb, Principal AHS; Kim Fink-Adams, AHS; Timofey Buzyan, Communication Specialist; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Vance Elementary School Students

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the agenda. Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion which passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Special Called Work Session Minutes June 27, 2019

Special Called Work Session Minutes July 18, 2019

Work Session Minutes August 5, 2019

Regular Meeting Minutes August 5, 2019

Work Session Minutes August 20, 2019

[Buncombe County-Childhood Education with ACS Preschool Program](#)

[Buncombe Partnership](#)

[Asheville Police Department](#)

**Asheville High School** - Speech & Debate Team, led by Will Smith, request to attend the Duke Invitational National Speech & Debate Tournament at Duke University in Durham, NC, October 4-5, 2019.

**Isaac Dickson Elementary** - 4th grade students, led by Daniel Withrow, Erica Grimes, Elizabeth Stockslager and Kaitlyn Peeples, request to visit Earthshine Lodge in Lake Toxaway, NC on Oct 23-25, 2019

**Asheville High School** - Speech & Debate Team, led by Will Smith, request to attend the Speech & Debate Tournament at Cary High School, in Cary, NC on November 8-9, 2019.

**Asheville High School** - PLTW Principles of Engineering class, led by Nicholas Rigas, request to visit the BMW and GE plants in Greer, SC and Greenville, SC, respectively, on November 11, 2019.

**Isaac Dickson Elementary** - 4th grade students, led by Elizabeth Stockslager, request to visit state buildings, museums, and the UNC Campus in Raleigh and Chapel Hill, NC on February 28, 2020.

**Ira B. Jones Elementary** - 4th grade students, led by Catherine Bobart, Dusty Fox, Jessica Howard, and Kaitlyn Hughes, request to visit YMCA Camp Greenville in Cleveland, SC on March 25-27, 2020.

**Ira B. Jones Elementary** - 5th grade students, led by Kelli Madkin, Jennifer Warren, Richard Dunkel, and Jodi Antinori, request to visit various sites in Washington, DC on March 30 - April 2, 2020.

**Montford North Star Academy** - 8th grade students, led by Principal Shannon Baggett, request to visit Outer Banks, NC on April 1-3, 2020.

**Claxton Elementary** - 4th grade students, led by Ashley Lotter, request to visit Raleigh, NC on April 2-3, 2020.

**Asheville Middle School** - 8th grade students, led by their teachers, request to visit Washington DC on April 22-25, 2020.

**Montford North Star Academy** - 7th grade students, led by Principal Shannon Baggett, request to visit Dollywood Park in Pigeon Forge, TN on April 30, 2020.

**Asheville High School** - AP US History and AP Language, led by Lizzie Rogers, request to visit Cincinnati, OH and Chicago, IL on May 17-20, 2020.

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

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

1. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
2. Personnel Report No. 2 & No. 3
3. Open Meetings Law - Notice

## ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Martha Geitner nominated Shaunda Sandford for Board Chair.

All were in favor of Shaunda Sandford being elected Board Chair. The motion which passed unanimously.

## ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Patricia Griffin nominated Matha Geitner for Vice Chair.

All were in favor of Martha Geitner being elected Vice Chair. The motion which passed unanimously.

James Carter made a motion to approve Personnel Report No. 2 & No. 3. Martha Geitner seconded. The motion which passed unanimously.

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve Open Meetings Law - Notice. Patricia Griffin seconded. The motion which passed unanimously.

## INFORMATION AGENDA

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Short's highlights from the Superintendent's Report:

#### **Curriculum & Instruction Strategy Planning Session**

The goal for the day with Teachers, Principals, and District Administrators was to come up with ideas to help students grow.

What do you believe is one concrete idea that our district could implement to help grow students this school year?

1. Consistent Format for Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Pre -K Thru 12th Grade
2. Comprehensive multi-year social/emotional plan for both the district and our schools
3. Communication Protocols
4. After-school Programs for Pre - K thru 12th Grade students

### GOOD NEWS

Istart Fresh

Asheville Middle School's 2019 Yearbook Staff

TSA Students Receive 2nd Place at Nationals

### TESTING OVERVIEW

Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability shared an ACS Data Update. The update included information about the following:

- NC School Performance Grades (SPGs)
- ACS School Grades and Growth
- Highlights from the District
  - Vance and MNSA raised their grades from C to B

- ACS Cohort Graduation Rate was 90.7% for the class of 2019. The highest ever for ACS
- ACS had 6 out of 9 schools improve their School Growth Indices
- No D or F schools

### **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE AND SURVEY RESULTS**

Ashley-Michelle Thublin and Charlie Glazener shared highlights from the following information gathered from the survey results:

- The 5 most desired skills, experiences and traits
- Staff Survey Analysis
- Community Forums

### **CURRICULUM and EQUITY HIGHLIGHTS**

Ruafika Cobb, Assistant Principal, Asheville High School; Kim Fink-Adams, Social Studies Teacher, Asheville High School; shared equity highlights from Asheville High School

- Equity and Curriculum -  
Principal Ruafika Cobb and Kim Fink-Adams shared information about the AHS Equity Team and the equity work from the team to build an equitable and inclusive school community.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **Calendar of Events**

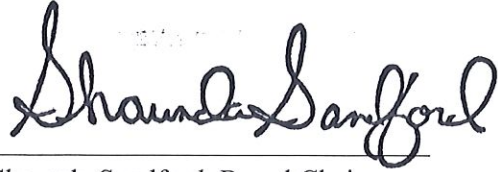
- **Asheville Middle School First Home Football Game in 30 Years**  
Wednesday, September 11th at 5:00 p.m. Asheville Middle School
- **Early Dismissal**  
Monday, September 16th
- **Work/Closed Session Meeting,**  
Monday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at Asheville High/SILSA - Media Center
- **Superintendent Search Community Forum/Homework Diner**  
Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Asheville Middle School (Input Session)
- **Work/Closed Session Meeting,**  
Monday, October 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices - Training Room
- **Regular Board Meeting,**  
Monday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices - Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:37 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Joyce Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.



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Dr. Bobbie Short,  
Interim Superintendent



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Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair