

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - 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 5:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Apartments in the Community Center 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

Joyce Brown, Member

Patricia Griffin, 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; April Dockery, Principal AMS; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Mary Nichols, Assistant Principal Claxton; Sarah Cain, Principal Ira B. Jones; Ruafika Cobb, Assistant Principal AHS; Kim Fink-Adams, Teacher AHS; Timofey Buzyan, Communication Specialist; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER - Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair called the session to order at 5:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to approve the agenda. Martha Geitner approved the motion. James Carter seconded the motion. The motion which passed unanimously

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair: Attorney Chris Campbell, stated that this is the annual election of officers. The Board Chair and Vice Chair will serve in office until their successor is elected.
Nominations for Board Chair:
Martha Geitner nominated Shaunda Sandford there were no other nominations. All were in favor of the nomination of Shaunda Sandford as Board Chair.
Nominations for Vice Chair:
Patricia Griffin nominated Martha Geitner there were no other nominations. All were in favor of the nomination of Martha Geitner as Vice Chair.
- [Open Meeting Law - Notices](#): Attorney Campbell shared the difference between an open meeting and a ceremonial event or gathering. Mr. Campbell will provide a written explanation of the difference that can be placed on the ACS website.
- [Superintendent Search Update and Survey Results](#): Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications and Charlie Glazener, shared the following highlights from the survey results:
 - General Impressions
 - Superintendent Skill Set
 - Turnover, Vision, Goals and Objectives
 - Superintendent Characteristics
 - Superintendent Qualifications
 - In Your Own Words
 - Survey DemographicsInformation was also shared about the [Community Forums](#):
 - Participatory Attendance
 - Stakeholder Representation
- Superintendent Applications Update: Attorney Campbell, shared that we have 10 candidates that submitted completed applications.
- [Testing Overview](#): Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability, shared the following information with the Board of Education.
 - NC School Performance Grades (SPGs)
 - ACS School Grades and Growth
 - AHS - Grade B, Growth Not Met
 - Asheville Middle - Grade C, Growth Not Met
 - Asheville Primary - Grade Insufficient Data, Growth NA
 - Claxton - Grade C, Growth Met
 - Hall Fletcher - Grade C, Growth Not Met
 - Ira B. Jones - Grade B, Growth Met
 - Isaac Dickson - Grade B, Growth Met
 - MNSA - Grade B, Growth Exceeded
 - SILSA - Grade A, Growth Met
 - Vance - Grade B, Growth Met

Highlights from the District

- Vance Elementary and Montford North Star Academy both raised their SPGs from C to B from 17-18 to 18-19
 - ACS Cohort Graduation Rate was 90.7% for the class of 2019
 - The District had 6 out of 9 schools improved the School Growth Indices
 - No D or F schools
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- Enrollment Analysis: Dr. Dickerson, shared the Enrollment Analysis as of September 9th. Presently there are 4329 students enrolled.
 - [Asheville Police Department](#): Dr. Dickerson, shared information about the MOU with APD and ACS. As our schools are physically located in the APD's jurisdiction, a MOU is required to further detail and explain the nature of the parties' respective responsibilities, relationships and requirements. This MOU helps explain a School's Emergency Crisis Response Plan.
 - Field Trips: The Board of Education was presented with following Field Trips for approval:
 - **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.
- **Contracts/Mou's**: Dr. Dickerson, shared information on the following:
 - [Buncombe County-Childhood Education with ACS Preschool Program](#)
 - [BCPS, PLLC](#)
 - [Winston Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc.](#)
 - [Buncombe Partnership](#)
 - [Brittney Hawthorne](#)
 - [Emma Bus Line](#)
 - [City of Asheville/Asheville Police Dept Contract Services.](#)
 - [City of Asheville/Asheville Police Dept Extra Curr.](#)
 - [Asheville Police Department](#)
 - [ACSF/IRL](#)
 - [ASU](#)

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:

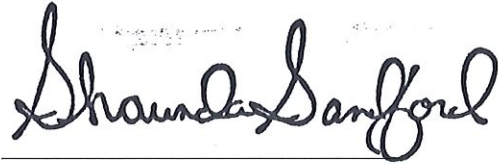
- **Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;**
- **Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential student information pursuant to 20 U.S. C. 1232g (FERPA);**
- **Under subsection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

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. and go into closed session. Martha Geitner approved the motion. James Carter seconded the motion.



Dr. Bobbie Short,
Interim Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair