

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Monday, May 24, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED: that the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on May 24, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office - Board Room at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina, where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

James C. Carter, Board Chair
Jackie McHargue, Vice Chair
Martha Geitner, Member
Peyton O'Conner, Member
Shaunda Sandford, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer; Kidada Wynn, Executive Director of Student Services; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent Instruction and Accountability; Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Cynthia Lopez, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant; Carrie Buchanan, Principal HFE; Tima Williams, Principal APS; Susanna Smith, Director of Preschool

CALL TO ORDER

James C. Carter, Board Chair, called the session to order at 4:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. Jackie McHargue approved the motion. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Asheville Primary Campus School Discussion - Review Study: Dr. Freeman and James C. Carter, Board Chair. Dr. Freeman and the Leadership Team made recommendations to the Board of Education at the May 10th Work Session Meeting about Asheville Primary School and cost savings associated with the relocation of students and staff to other elementary campuses within the district that are at half capacity. Mr. Carter asked for additional feedback from APS Principal, Tima Williams, Director of PreSchool, Susanna Smith and HFE Principal, Tima Williams.
- Budget Amendments: Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance shared budget amendments for approval.

- Student Releases to Buncombe County: Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, presented for approval a list of students who live within the Asheville City Schools District who have requested a release from Asheville City Schools to attend school in the Buncombe County School District.
 - Enrollment Update: Currently placing fourth and fifth grade students. In first grade classes we can place up to 18 students in an individual room. There is a lot of space in fourth and fifth grades. The enrollment office is placing out of district students in those grades.
- Contract/MOU's: Dr. Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services presented the following contract for approval:
 - APD Off Duty Management (ODM)
- Policy Second Final Read: Dr. Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, shared the following policy for approval: [3620](#)
- Summer Transportation Protocol - A or B: Dr. Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services presented for approval which way the Board of Education would like to move forward in a Plan A or Plan B mode. We have 500 students signed up for summer school. If we commute students under Plan A we can get 44 students on a bus at one time. If we move with Plan B we will have 22 students on a bus.
- Calendar Legislation: Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education There are several bills that are sitting in the state legislation that have not been decided on. If they are passed they could allow some flexibility with the current approved school calendar. It would open up for districts to decide if they would like to go to school a week earlier than August 23rd. Some things to consider:
 - An August 16th start date would allow for high school students to take exams before the holiday break.
 - There are students' families and staff who have made plans the week of the 16th.
 - Staff Professional Development has been scheduled for that week, as well as Open Houses at schools.
 - The summer school program ends on July 29th. That would not leave much time for a turn around to get ready for the new school year.

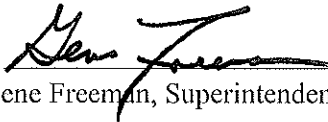
Please give guidance on if a survey should be sent out to see what students and staff would prefer if the calendar changes.

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:

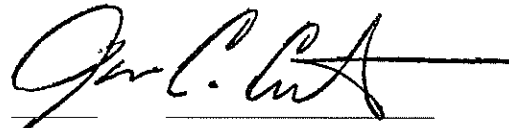
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;
- Under subsection (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

ADJOURNMENT

James C. Carter, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 6:17 p.m. Peyton O'Conner approved the motion. Jackie McHargue second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



James C. Carter, Board Chair

