

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

4:05 p.m. - Regular - Via Zoom

Monday, April 26, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on April 26, 2021, at 4:05 p.m. via Zoom, 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

James C. Carter, Member

Jackie McHargue, Member

Peyton O'Conner, 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; Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Cynthia Lopez, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Board Chair, Shaunda Sandford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

James C. Carter, Member - Yes

Jackie McHargue, Member - Yes

Peyton O'Conner, Member - Yes

Board Officers Vote for Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair: Cynthia Lopez, Attorney

Nominations for Board Chair:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Peyton O'Conner

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Peyton O'Conner

James C. Carter, Member -

Jackie McHargue, Member -

Peyton O'Conner, Member - James C. Carter

Nominee Votes for Peyton O’Conner:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes
Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes
James C. Carter, Member - Against
Jackie McHargue, Member - Against
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Against

Nominee Votes for James C. Carter:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Against
Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Against
James C. Carter, Member - Yes
Jackie McHargue, Member - Yes
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Yes

Mr. Carter is hereby elected Board Chair of Asheville City Board of Education.

Nominations for Board Vice-Chair:

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

Nominee Votes for Jackie McHargue:

James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Against
Martha Geitner, Vice-Chair - Against
Jackie McHargue, Member - Yes
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Yes

Jackie McHargue is hereby elected the Board Vice-Chair of the Asheville City Board of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Work Session Minutes March 1, 2021
- Closed Session Minutes March 1, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes March 1, 2021
- Special Called Work Session Minutes March 22, 2021
- Special Called Closed Session Minutes March 22, 2021
- CTE Production Work (revenue-generating) Program: Groundhogs
- CTE Production Work (revenue-generating) Program: Cougar Sports Network
- Summer Schedule for ACS Staff
- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2020-2021
- Policy [3620](#) - Second Read

- Resolution for House Bill 358 and Senate Bills 514 & 515
- Chromebook Purchase Recommendation

Jackie McHargue made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and remove Policy 3620 for review at the next Board Meeting. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Personnel Report No. 9
2. A-B Tech Board of Trustees Draft Notice and Application for Vacant Seats

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve Action Items. Jackie McHargue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

INFORMATION AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freeman shared there have been two all-staff meetings. Both meetings have been virtual. It's a time where staff can submit questions and get them answered in a face-to-face setting. There are five weeks left in the school year with a lot to finish before the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The district is working on summer school programs. The ESSER application for funding around 10 million dollars and the funds would be to help fund around student involvement. Working on the placement of the Pre-K classrooms based on the Board of Education vote in December 2020. There has been work on House Bill 358 and Senate Bills 514 & 515. Plans to start working on the strategic plan. The Board Training that was scheduled will be rescheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following names were called to make a public comment: (Not everyone was present when their name was called.)

1. Pepi Acebo
2. Adrian Clark
3. Jensen Gelford
4. Shifra Ahlers
5. Laura Lustig
6. Brooke Heaton
7. Courtney Sullivan
8. Kate Fisher

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



James C. Carter, Board Chair