

## ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

3:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** that the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on March 1, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Board 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. Gene Freeman, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer; Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer; Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant; Trinette Beck, Hall Fletcher Student Support Specialist; Beth Kickert, Claxton Teacher; Carrie Buchanan, Hall Fletcher Principal; Hilary Biggar, AMS Teacher; Holly Sutter, AHS Dean of Students; William Wallace, AHS Teacher

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair, called the session to order at 3:01 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

- Equity Update and [CHOSEN Presentation](#): Dr. Freeman, Superintendent; Michael Woods; Butch Robinson; Gene Bell; Tillman Jackson; and Ronald King. Dr. Read a letter about Equity at ACS. Chosen presented what their organization is doing to help students, PODS and the community. They also wanted to share their support for Dr. Freeman and the work he is doing with the desegregation order.
- [DRAFT Asheville City Schools' Return to In-Person Overview](#); [DRAFT ACS Parent & Staff COVID-19 Handbook](#): Dr. Freeman; Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer; Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Dr. Mark

Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability; Amanda Rigsby, Transportation TIMS Coordinator shared the following information:

- Student Return Update by School
- Black Students Return Updates
- Staffing update
- School Planning Teams Updates by Elementary, Middle and High School Staff
- In-Person Facility Update
- In-Person Health and Safety Update
- Transportation Updates
- Enrollment - Placement of Staff Children - Policies [4150](#) & [4150-P](#): Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer; Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability discussed the policy to place staff children who live out of the Asheville City Schools District. There was no request by the Board of Education to make any changes to the current policy.
- Budget Amendments and Finance Updates: Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer shared the budget amendments for approval.
- [Middle School Math Textbook Adoption](#): Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; shared a recommendation for approval to adopt a new Middle School Math Textbook.
- [Contract/MOU's](#) - Forthright: Dr. Freeman
- [Asheville City Schools: 2021-2022 School Calendar](#); [Secondary Late Start Proposal](#): Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Dr. Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services shared a draft calendar for approval that is scheduled around a waiver from the state. The Secondary Late Start Proposal was presented for approval for the Middle and High School students to start next school year 2021-2022.
- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2020-2021: Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer 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.
- First Read - Policy [7430](#): Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, shared the policy for approval upon first reading.
- [United Way](#) - Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources shared the Asheville Buncombe United for Youth Network Partnership Agreement.
- Policies First Read: Dr. Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services and Attorney Campbell shared the following policies:  
[3620](#), [8000](#), [8100](#), [8110](#), [8210](#), [8220](#), [8230](#), [8300](#), [8300-P](#), [8305](#), [8310](#), [8320](#), [8325](#), [8330](#), [8340](#), [8341](#), [8350](#), [8410](#), [8520](#), [8530](#)
- Budget Amendments/ Finance Updates: Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer shared recorded adjustments to SPSF allocations through NCDPI allotment revision #039 and line item transfers. Line-Item Transfer per Student Services. Also, to record amendment #1 submitted to NCDPI for educational Tech-Competitive.

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**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 6:00 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion. James Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously:



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Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



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James C. Carter, Board Chair