

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4:00 p.m. - Work Session - via Zoom

Monday, February 15, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called work session on February 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom, where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present via Google Meet:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

Joyce Brown, Member

Patricia Griffin, Member

James Carter, Member

Staff Members Present:

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; Kidada Wynn, Executive Director of Student Services; Dr. Kim Dechant, Director of Recruitment and Induction; Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Walter Dove, Director of Safety; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance/Property Management; Tim Shelton, Assistant Director of Maintenance/Property Management; Mary Nichols, Principal Claxton; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Dr. Ivry Cheeks, Assistant Principal APS; Derek Edwards, Principal AHS, Ruafika Cobb, Principal Ira B. Jones; Jo Landreth, Assistant Principal Ira B. Jones; Paul Garrity, Assistant Principal Claxton; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair, called the session to order at 4:07 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 passed unanimously:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - yes

Joyce Brown, Member - yes

Patricia Griffin, Member - yes

James Carter, Member - yes

Dr. Freeman is out sick and Dr. Dickerson is facilitating the meeting in his absence.

INFORMATION AGENDA

[DRAFT Asheville City Schools' Return to In-Person Overview](#)

[DRAFT ACS Parent & Staff COVID-19 Handbook](#)

- **Return to In-Person**
- **Rationale**
 - Background
 - Why Return?
- **Focus on Well-Being**
- **Curriculum & Instruction**
 - Return Overview
 - Preschool
 - Kindergarten - 12th Grade
 - Timeline for K-12 In-Person Return
 - Kindergarten -12th Grade: Blue/Green Rotation
 - Kindergarten -12th Grade: In-Person Schedule
 - Remaining in Fully Remote Learning
 - SEL - Social and Emotional Learning
 - Staffing/Human Resources
 - Assignments to Green/Blue Weeks
- **Crisis Operations/Student Services**
 - Social-Emotional Learning
 - School Social Workers
 - School Counselors
 - School Mental Health Teams
 - School Health
 - School Safety - Daily Screening Process
 - School Safety - Symptomatic Person
 - Face Coverings
 - School Health - Nurses
- **Health and Safety**
 - Transportation
 - General Transportation Protocols
 - Transportation Cleaning Procedures
 - Sanitation
 - General Sanitation Protocols
 - School Hours Sanitation Protocols
 - Cleaning and Hygiene
 - After Hours Cleaning Procedures
- **[Contracts/MOU's](#)** - Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, shared information only on Contracts and MOU's. There is a do not exceed the amount of \$89,400.00 which is stated in the contract.
- **Finance Update:** Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer, shared information only on our local report for school Mental Health support. This personnel report is required to be shared by general

statutes. Ms. Harvey presented the number of staff employed in our system from the previous year (2019-2020) and this year (2020-2021):

Position	2019-2020	2020-2021
Social Workers	7	7
Guidance Counselors	14	16
Psychologists	3.8	3.8

Nurses: we do not employ the nurses; they are contracted through Buncombe County and they contract us 5. The information about nurses does not have to be reported to the state.

ACTION AGENDA

Next Steps for Leadership Team: Proceed with family and staff surveys. Staff will return on February 22nd. Leadership will engage staff at all school levels for their input around the plan and return dates.

Motion to approve the recommendation from the administration for the Return to Learn Plan. James Carter approved the motion Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - yes

Joyce Brown, Member - yes

Patricia Griffin, Member - yes

James Carter, Member - yes

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.**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion at 7:10 p.m. to go into a closed session. James Carter approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - yes

Joyce Brown, Member - yes

Patricia Griffin, Member - yes

James Carter, Member - yes

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion at 7:18 p.m recess the closed session meeting and reconvene on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices Board Room. James Carter approved the motion. Martha Geitner second the motion. The motion passed unanimously:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - yes

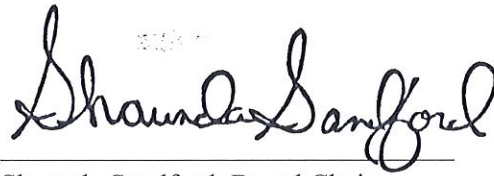
Joyce Brown, Member - yes

Patricia Griffin, Member - yes

James Carter, Member - yes



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair