

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

12:00 p.m. - Work Session - Zoom

**Monday, December 14, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on December 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. by Zoom where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present (via Zoom):

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

Joyce Brown, Member

Patricia Griffin, Member

James Carter, Member

Staff Members Present (via Zoom):

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; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Melissa Hedt, Chief Accountability Officer; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Ian Nelson, Director of Testing; Derek Edwards, Principal AHS; Nicole Cush; Principal SILSA; 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 12:02 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.

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to amend the agenda to include EOC and CTE testing in the first semester.

**INFORMATION AGENDA**

- Approval to explore selling the Asheville Primary campus: Dr. Freeman shared that there is space within the district at Vance, MNSA, and Hall Fletcher for all of the students in the Montessori Program and the Preschool. There is no need to keep the APS building. Things to think about are the cost for the insurance and liability on the building. Renovations can run 9 million and would take 18 to 24 months. To build a new building it would cost around 24 million.
- Housing Internet Contract: The contract has been revised to include Buncombe County Schools. This is a four-year commitment. CARES money is going in to help pay for some of the monthly expenses. Asheville City Schools Foundation will be paying monthly on behalf of Asheville City Schools.

- EOC and CTE Testing Update: Ian Nelson, Director of Testing; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education, shared the make-up exams schedule. Makeup exams can be made up at the end of January 2021 and at the end of the spring and summer semesters. There will be assistance for testing prep for students who make-up exams at the end of the spring and summer. A 59% grade will be a placeholder until the student makes up the test then that will be replaced with the new grade if it is higher. A 59% would not cause anyone to fail a course. The Board of Education and Dr. Freeman requested Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Parks to look at revisiting the 59% and making the baseline better.

#### **EOC and CTE First Semester Exams Grading Scale**

Motion to consider raising the 59% minimum grade

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

Patricia Griffin, Member - Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

- [FieldTurf - Asheville High Baseball Field Contract](#): Shane Cassida shared that ACS has received the additional information for the field turf contract. The district has decided to pay the full amount this year for the renovations in this year's budget. This will take the place of replacing locker rooms. The locker rooms will be done next school year.
- Policies Phase I - 3000 Series-Second /Final Read: Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, and Attorney Campbell shared the following policies that are COVID related: [4023](#), [6305](#), [7510](#), [9030](#)
- Phase II - 3000 Series - Second/Final Read: Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, and Attorney Campbell shared the following policies: [3510](#), [3515](#), [3530](#), [3540](#), [3565/8307](#), [3610](#), [3640/5130](#)

**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.**

Joyce Brown approved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m and go into closed session. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to return to the open session at 1:45 p.m. The following Board of Education Members were present for the return of the open meeting:

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

Joyce Brown, Member

James Carter, Member

### **EOC and CTE First Semester Exams Grading Scale**

Joyce Brown made a motion to amend the primary motion. Martha Geitner second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair -Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

Motion for students to receive a minimum score of 59% as a hold for a final grade if they do not take the exam. If the student takes the exam they will not make less than 85%.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair -Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

### **Asheville City Board of Education action on the following Action Items:**

**Approval to explore selling the Asheville Primary Campus** - motion to approve the exploration of selling the Primary School. James Carter approved the motion. The motion was seconded by Joyce Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

**Housing Internet Contract** - motion to approve the Housing Contract. Martha Geitner approved the motion. The motion was seconded by James Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

**FieldTurf - Asheville High Baseball Field Contract** - motion to approve the FieldTurf- Asheville High Baseball Field Contract a final legal review. James Carter approved the motion. The motion was seconded by Joyce Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member -Yes

**Policies: [4023](#), [6305](#), [7510](#), [9030](#)** - motion to approve Policies 4023, 6305, 7510, and 9030. Joyce Brown approved the motion. The motion was seconded by Martha Geitner. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member -Yes

**Phase II - 3000 Series - Second/Final Read - [3510](#), [3515](#), [3530](#), [3540](#), [3565/8307](#), [3610](#), [3640/5130](#)** .

motion to approve Policies 3510, 3515, 3530, 3540, 3565/8307, 3610, and 3640/5130. Martha Geitner approved the motion. The motion was seconded by James Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair - Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

**Personnel Report No. 5** - motion to approve Personnel Report No. 5. James Carter approved the motion.

The motion was seconded by Joyce Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair -Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

#### **EOC and CTE First Semester Exams Grading Scale**

Joyce Brown made a motion to amend the primary motion. Martha Geitner second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair -Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

Motion for students to receive a minimum score of 59% as a hold for a final grade if they do not take the exam. If the student takes the exam they will not make less than 85%.

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair -Yes

Joyce Brown, Member - Yes

James Carter, Member - Yes

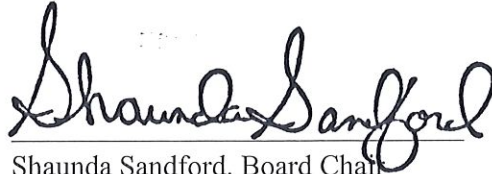
**ADJOURNMENT**

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. James Carter approved the motion. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



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Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair