

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, November 2, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on November 2, 2020, at 5:00 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; Walter Dove, Director of Safety; 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; Sherry Hicks, Director of CTE; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; 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 5:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to approve the agenda. James Carter approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Budget Amendments: Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer, shared Budget Amendments.
- Small-Group Return: Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer, shared information about the return to classrooms before the holiday break. Starting November 30th, there will be small groups of students around 30 to 40 in grades K-2nd that have been asked to return to buildings. Classes will be Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Students will have bus transportation and meals will be provided. The students asked to return were chosen by these four criteria: EC extended content students, teacher recommendation, beginning of year assessment, and students remote learning engagement. This model will look very similar to PODS. On January 4th, 2021, students will return to a remote learning environment. Starting January 11th students will come back to

school on alternating weeks A/B Days for grades K-5 (only for students who desire to return). The school day will end at 2:30 p.m. Virtual Academy will be offered to students in grades K-5th.

- Update on EOC testing: Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer, There is no change in state accountability requirements for testing. All assessments are required by the state. WorkKeys test will be given on November 18th & 19th. There will be 130 students tested. EOC (End of Course) testing will have students attend in a face-to-face environment. There will be 600 kids on campus the last week of school December 14th-18th in morning and afternoon sessions in various courses. Transportation will be provided.
- [Student Updates/Tracking Progress](#): Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA, shared Fall 2020 Update Remote Learning & use of Data. Principal Baggett shared the following information:
 - Spring 2019 Last EOG Scores 6th & 7th grades only Reading and Math
 - 2018-2019 Teacher Growth Data for EOG's (6th & 7th Grades only)
 - Current Demographics 2020-2021
 - Data-Based Problem Solving
 - Contact Log following MTSS Protocol
 - Sample Contact Log Data
 - Sample 8th Grade Student Survey Results
 - Parent Survey
 - September 2020 STAR Data: Reading 6th Grade
 - Data-Based Problem Solving Math 6th and ELA 6th
 - Next Steps
- Renaming Vance Task Force Update: Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications, shared the name recommendations for renaming Vance Elementary. The names on the list are all former female educators in the ACS system:
 - Christine Avery
 - Florence Green
 - Lucy Herring
 - Gladys Pierce Florney
 - Elynora M. Foster

The list has been narrowed down to five finalists and the attorneys will vet those five ladies.

- Students 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.
- Recommendation for remote or in-class learning: Dr. Freeman's recommendation was shared in the Small Groups Return.
- Phase I - 3000 Series - Second/Final Read: Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services and Attorney Campbell shared the policies following policies for Second/Final Read: [3000](#), [3100](#), [3101](#), [3102](#) (updated), [3110](#), [3115](#), [3120](#), [3135](#), [3140](#), [3200](#), [3220](#), [3230](#), [3450](#)
- Phase II - 3000 Series - First Read: Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services and Attorney Campbell shared the following policies: [3210](#), [3225](#), [3300](#), [3320](#), [3400](#), [3410](#), [3430](#), [3431](#), [3440](#), [3460](#)

Updates:

[1300](#), [1310/4002](#), [1500](#), [1600](#), [1700](#), [1725/4035/7236](#), [1726/4036/7237](#), [2500](#), [4001](#), [4040/7310](#), [4202/5029/7272](#), [4328](#), [4333](#), [4335](#), [4345](#), [4353](#), [4400](#), [4600](#), [5020](#), [5030](#), [5070/7350](#), [6305](#), [7130](#), [7232](#), [7335](#), [7503](#), [7820](#), [8510](#)

- **Contracts/MOU's**: Shane Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services, shared information only on Contracts and MOU's.
 - Asheville Parks and Recreation
 - Youth Transformed for Life
 - Western Carolina Rescue Ministries
 - Asheville Housing Authority
 - HACA
 - Western Carolina University
 - Western Carolina University
 - Buncombe County Board of Education

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:

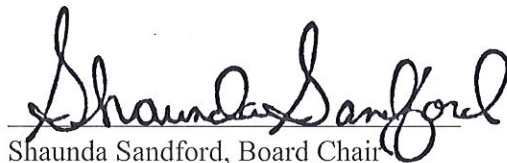
- **Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;**
- **Under subsection (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.**

ADJOURNMENT

Shaunda Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. James Carter approved the motion. Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair