

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Thursday, September 10, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on September 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices - Board Room located at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina, where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board of Education members were present:

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

Patricia Griffin, Member

Joyce Brown, 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; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Dana Ayers, Chief Academic Officer; Melissa Hedt, Executive Director of Equity and Curriculum; 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 6:39 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Martha Geitner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the agenda. James Carter approved the motion. Patricia Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Martha Geitner made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Asheville Police Department/SRO Contract to the consent agenda. Patricia Griffin approved the motion. James Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Work Session Minutes August 3, 2020
- Closed Session Minutes August 3, 2020
- Regular Meeting August 3, 2020
- Work Session Meeting August 24, 2020
- Closed Session Minutes August 24, 2020
- ~~Student Releases to Buncombe County 2020-2021~~
- [Policy 4400-Attendance](#)
- [Policy 4050-Children of Military Families-NEW](#)
- [Benton Roofing](#)
- [Asheville Policy Department/SRO-not to exceed \\$400,000](#)

James Carter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve Personnel Report No. 2
2. Auto Damage Claim - Policy
3. Lot Purchase - 73 Mountain Street - Asheville City Schools

Patricia Griffin made a motion to approve the Personnel Report No.2. Joyce Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Joyce Brown made a motion to approve the Superintendent to resolve the Auto Damage Claim. Patricia Griffin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

James Carter made a motion to move forward with the bid process and to move forward with the sale of Lot Purchase - 73 Mountain Street - Asheville City Schools. Joyce Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freeman shared with the Board about the connectivity wifi meeting. The meeting was with County Commissioners, County Manager, City Council, City Manager, Asheville Housing Authority, and Asheville City School Staff. The Asheville City Schools Technology team assessed the needs of the students. They discussed getting wireless internet in the housing developments. Students and families would benefit from reliable internet access. Asheville City Schools will be giving \$80,000 towards the wifi project for students and families.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Maddox - Virtual Schooling

ADJOURNMENT

Martha Geitner made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:06 p.m. Patricia Griffin approved the motion. Joyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent

Shaunda Sandford, Board Chair