

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

5:00 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room

Monday, April 18, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on April 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office - Board Room at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina, where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

James C. Carter, Board Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

George Sieburg, Member

Peyton O'Conner, Member

Shaunda Sandford Jackson, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Freeman, Superintendent - not present; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Dr. Kim Dechant, Director of Recruitment and Induction; Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Nathan Haugaard, Technology Specialist; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; April Dockery, Executive Director of Crisis Management and Operations; Marta Alcalá-Williams, Executive Director of Equity and Family Engagement; Carrie Buchanan, Principal Hall Fetcher; Mary Nichols, Principal Claxton; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by the Board Chair, James C. Carter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Hale Kindergarten Class, Lucy S. Herring Elementary School

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to amend the and move the closed session to the end of the agenda.

Martha Geitner approved amending the agenda to move the closed session to the end of the agenda.

George Sieburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GOOD NEWS:

Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist presented:

- Advanced Engineering Students of AHS & SILSA last semester entered NASA's Tech Rise Student Challenge. The team of Ella Murphy, Graham Hunter, John Nuss, Dylan Black, and Burlton Sober is one of just 57 groups from across the nation to have their proposal selected. Their experiment relates to climate change.

- Dr. Kimberly Nava Eggett - 2022 NCTIES Impact Award. This award was given to her based on her professional excellence and contributions to digital technology in education in North Carolina. Congratulations!
- AMS's 7th & 8th Grade Band attended the North Carolina Music Educators Associations' recent Performance Event. Both bands earned Superior Ratings! Great job students and band directors Ana Bulluck and Tina Robinett.
- Dr. Kimberly Dechant - Dr. Samuel Houston Leadership Award. This annual award is presented to a graduate of the Aspiring Superintendent Program by the North Carolina School Superintendents' Association and the North Carolina Alliance for School Leadership Development.
- ACS 2022 Art Reception we'd like to celebrate our students and their staff for making this year's Asheville City Schools Art Show such a success! Pre-K thru 12th Grade artwork has been on display for nearly a month at UNCA's Sherrill Center. We're grateful that so many worked to make the show such a success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following names were called to make a public comment:

In-Person

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Virtual

No Comments

Additional Contracts:

Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance

Total Strength & Speed - Weight room equipment for the new AHS building

Altec Industries, Inc - Bucket truck maintenance

Trafera - 900 Dell 3100, 2 in 1, Chromebooks

CONSENT ITEMS

- Draft Special Called Work Session Minutes December 5, 2021
- ~~Revised Draft Work Session Minutes December 6, 2021~~
- Closed Session Minutes December 6, 2021
- ~~Revised Draft Special Called Work Session Minutes December 7, 2021~~
- ~~Revised Draft Regular Meeting Minutes December 13, 2021~~
- Closed Session Minutes December 13, 2021
- Work Session Minutes March 7, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes March 7, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes March 14, 2022
- Summer Testing Plan

- [Face Coverings](#)
- [Contracts/ MOUs](#)
- [Additional Contracts](#)
- Budget Amendments
- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2021-2022
- Policy Second/Final Read
 - ~~7430 Substitute Teachers-Final~~
 - [7430-P Eligibility Criteria to be a Substitute-Final](#)
 - [6402 Participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses-Final](#)

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the Revised Work Session Minutes on December 6, 2021, Revised Draft Special Called Work Session Minutes on December 7, 2021, and Revised Draft Regular Meeting Minutes on December 13, 2021. Peyton O’Conner seconded the motion.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Report No. 9

Martha Geitner made a motion to approve Personnel Report No. 9. Peyton O’Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


James C. Carter, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 5:29 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion. George Sieburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No action will be taken.

The Chair will entertain a motion for the Board of Education to enter into a 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

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



 Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



 James C. Carter, Board Chair