

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, January 10, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED: that the Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called session on January 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

James C. Carter, Board Chair
Martha Geitner, Member
Geroge Sieburg, Member
Peyton O'Conner, Member
Shaunda Sandford, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability and Instruction; Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education and Federal Programs; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Nathan Haugaard, IT Help Desk Specialist; Kristy Coats, Facilities Liaison to the Superintendent; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Tima Williams, Principal Asheville Primary; Susanna Smith, Director of Preschool; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Lucy S. Herring; Ruafika Cobb; Principal Ira B. Jones; Mary Nichols, Principal Claxton; Derek Edwards, Principal Asheville High; Nicole Cush, Principal SILSA; April Collins, Principal, Asheville Middle; Amanda Rigsby, Transportation Operations Coordinator; Kris Caudle, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

James C. Carter, Board Chair, called the session to order at 5:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Lacrosse and Jones Park. Lacrosse will be presented at the January 21st Board Retreat Meeting. The Jones Park will be discussed at a later time. Martha Geitner approved the motion. George Sieburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
Peyton O'Conner, Member - Yes
Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Yes

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Board of Education Meeting Times: Board Member O'Conner proposed to change the current board meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. At this time the meetings will remain at 5:00 p.m. No action was taken.
- Budget Amendments: Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance shared budget amendments for approval.
- Finance Information Update: Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance shared two contracts for approval that are over \$90,000.
 - Contracts over \$90,000 - [Chromebook Purchase](#) and [Daikin](#)
- [Update on Staff Bonuses](#): Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance shared the timeline for the upcoming staff bonuses that will be distributed in January 2022.
- [Bus Driver Proposal](#): Dr. Freeman; Amanda Rigsby, Transportation Operations Coordinator shared Incentives/Retention Proposal for the 2021-2022 school to ACS Transportation Staff.
- Face Coverings "[Per Senate Bill 654](#), the Board of Education must consider its policy on face coverings on a monthly basis." Dr. Freeman made a recommendation to continue with universal masking for all students, staff, and visitors on all ACS campuses.
- Policies Second/Final Read 5000's Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education shared the following policies for approval.
 - [5000 Schools and the Community](#)
 - [5010 Parent Organizations](#)
 - [5015 School Volunteers](#)
 - [5020 Visitors to the Schools](#)
 - [5022 Registered Sex Offenders](#)
 - [5030 Community Use of Facilities](#)
 - [5071/7351 Electronically Stored Information Retention](#)
 - [5110 Relationship with County Commissioners](#)
 - [5120 Relationship with Law Enforcement](#)
 - [5210 Distribution and Display of Non-School Material](#)
 - [5220 Collections and Solicitations](#)
 - [2030 Board Appointments of Trustees to A-B Tech](#)
 - [3101-P Dual Enrollment](#)
 - [3102-P Online Instruction](#)
- Policies First Read - 5000s: Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources shared the following policies for the first read.
 - [3640.5130 Student "Voter Registration and Preregistration-Redline](#)
 - [5008 Automated Phone and Text Messaging-Redline](#)
 - [5024.6127.7266 Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices-Redline](#)
 - [5025 Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol-Redline](#)
 - [5026.7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products-Redline](#)
 - [5027.7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited-Redline](#)
 - [5028.6130.7267 Automated External Defibrillator-Redline](#)
 - [5040 New Media Relations-Redline](#)
 - [5070.7350 Public Records-Retention, Release, and Disposition-Redline](#)
 - [5100 Relationship with Other Governmental Agencies-Redline](#)

- [5230 Participation in Research Projects-Redline](#)
- [5240 Advertising in the schools-Redline](#)

Mrs. Sandford left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- [School Improvement Plans](#): Sarah Cain, Director of Elementary Education and Federal Programs; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Tima Williams, Principal APS; Susanna Smith, Director of Preschool; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Lucy S. Herring; Ruafika Cobb; Principal Ira B. Jones; Mary Nichols, Principal Claxton; Derek Edwards, Principal AHS; Nicole Cush, Principal SILSA; April Collins, Principal AMS shared their school improvement plans for the 2021-2022 school year. Hall Fletcher and Isaac Dickson Principals will present at the January 21st board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- Budget Amendments
Peyton O’Conner made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Yes
Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Yes
- Contracts over \$90,000 - [Chromebook Purchase](#) and [Daikin](#)
James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Yes
Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Yes
- [Bus Driver Proposal](#)
James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Yes
Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Yes
- Face Coverings [Per Senate Bill 654](#)
James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
Peyton O’Conner, Member - Yes
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- Policies Second/Final Read - 5000s
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Peyton O'Conner, Member - Yes

Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes

Shaunda Sandford, Member - Yes

- Acceptance of School Improvement Plans - the Board of Education will take action at the Board Retreat on January 21, 2022.

James C. Carter, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 6:54 p.m. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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.**

James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes

Martha Geitner, Member - Yes

Peyton O'Conner, Member - Yes

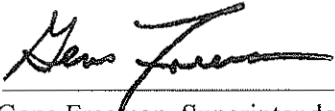
Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes

James C. Carter, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into open session at 7:08 p.m. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

Martha Geitner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- James C. Carter, Board Chair - Yes
- Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
- Peyton O'Conner, Member - Yes
- Geroge Sieburg, Member - Yes



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



James C. Carter, Board Chair