

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, June 7, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED: that the Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on June 7, 2021, 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
Jackie McHargue, Vice Chair
Martha Geitner, Member
Peyton O'Conner, Member
Shaunda Sandford, 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; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent Instruction and Accountability; Matt Whiteside, Director of Instructional Technology and Media; Nathan Haugaard, IT Help Desk Specialist; Dr. Sherry Poole, CTE Director; Derek Edwards, Principal AHS; Tima Williams, Principal APS, Nicole Cush, Principal, SILSA; Cynthia Lopez, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

James C. Carter, Board Chair, called the session to order at 5:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Budget Amendments: Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance shared budget amendments for approval. Ms. Harvey also shared the following information:
 - [ESSER Capital Expenses and Prior Approvals.](#)
 - [Local Budget Presentation](#)
 - Staff
 - Local Supplement - Payment Options
 - [Bid Comparison for Insurance Providers FY 2021-2022](#)
- Calendar Change - Memorial Day Holiday: Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance the holiday was approved last year. This is presented for approval. We have an additional holiday than needed. We need to make that day an optional teacher workday. The non-exempt classified

employees were allowed forgiven time. They did not have to work or provide documentation of time worked. Certified or Exempt staff provided documentation of five extra hours worked between March 1st and May 17th. They have the option of taking an annual leave day or leave without pay.

- Student Releases to Buncombe County: Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, 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.
 - Enrollment Update: was presented by Ms. Hedt and Ian Nelson, Director of Testing and Accountability. For the 2021-2022 school year we are currently projecting to have a little over 4,350 students in the fall. We are getting new enrollment students weekly. At this time we are not accepting any out-of-district high school students. Mr. Ian Nelson shared [Enrollment Choice Data Analysis](#).
- Calendar Legislation: Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications: brought before the Board of Education an update. As of June 7th, no calendar has passed the house or the senate. At this time we do not have the option to move our school calendar from our first day of school August 23rd to August 16th. We are sending out a survey to staff and families to ask which day they would prefer. One thing to point out is that moving the first day to the 16th would allow for exams to be completed before the holiday break.
- [Contract/MOU's](#): Dr. Cassida, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services presented the following contract for approval:
 - Asheville City Drivers ED 2021-2022 Contract
- CTE Local Plan: Dr. Sherry Poole, CTE Director, The application has been updated and is ready for submission to DPI with approval from the Board of Education. Dr. Poole shared some highlights of CTE's accomplishments:
 - ACS CTE Program was #1 in the state for students earning credentials in the 2019-2020 school year.
 - Implemented the sustainable Agricultural Production Program - The greenhouse that is currently on campus will be used for the program.
 - A new restaurant was opened - Groundhog. Students can do their culinary and hospitality pathways to complete their required hours on campus!
 - Revived the Cougar Sports Network - It will now serve as a lab class for our sports and entertainment marketing pathway.
 - In addition to the CTE, early childcare center both Groundhog and the Cougar Sports Network will also provide work-study opportunities for students before and after school.
 - There will be \$5,000.00 allotted for student work-study.
 - CTE has been awarded 255 months of employment for staffing.
 - We have hired a Foods and Nutrition instructor.

Dr. Poole shared her thanks and gratitude to ACS for allowing her to serve as the CTE Director. She would also like to thank Principals Derek Edwards and Nicole Cush for their support of her in the CTE Director role. Dr. Poole will be leaving ACS at the end of the month.

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:

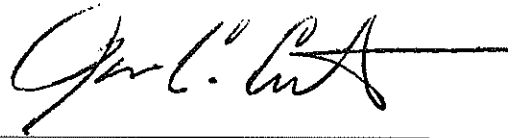
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;
- Under subsection (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

ADJOURNMENT

James C. Carter, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 6:30 p.m. Jackie McHargue approved the motion. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



James C. Carter, Board Chair