

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
4:00 p.m. - Open Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Thursday, June 8, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in an open session on June 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. 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:

George Sieburg, Board Chair

Amy Ray, Vice Chair - Virtual

James C. Carter, Member

Liza Kelly, Member

Rebecca Strimer, Member

Sarah Thornburg, Member - not present

Jesse Warren, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Causby, Interim Superintendent; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability and Instruction; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Tim Shelton, Facilities Director; Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; Marta Alcalá, Executive Director of Equity and Parent Engagement; April Dockery, Executive Director of Operations; Kim Robinson, Executive Director of Student Services; Kim Robinson, Executive Director of Student Services; Tanya Presha, Academic and Program Support Coordinator; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Dillon Huffman, Public Information Officer; Nathan Haugaard, Instructional Technology Specialist; Lisa Bishop, Legal and Risk Management Specialist; Derek Edwards, Principal Asheville High School; Ruafika Cobb, Principal Ira B. Jones; Jo Landreth, Principal Asheville Middle School; Carrie Buchanan, Principal Hall Fletcher; Chris Campbell, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

George Sieburg, Board Chair, called the session to order at 4:04 p.m.

George Sieburg, Board Chair made a motion to open the meeting. Rebecca Strimer approved the motion. Liza Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcement and Introduction of the Superintendent

The motion read by Amy Ray, Vice Chair, I move that the Asheville City Board of Education hereby elect Dr. Margaret Fehrman as its next Superintendent of schools effective July 17, 2023, and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Dr. Fehrman as discussed by the Board in closed session.

The motion was moved and seconded by Sarah Thornburg. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Maggie Ferhman shared a little bit about herself. Her philosophy is we are here for the students and we put people first when we make decisions. Dr. Ferhman shared a presentation that included the following: [Presentation](#)

- A People First Leader
- A little more about me
- Why Asheville City Schools?
- Entry Plan Phases
 - Listen & Learn
 - July-August
 - Engage
 - September-October
 - Action Planning
 - October-November
 - Design
 - November-December

Final Remarks by Dr. Ferhman:

"I promise to engage with all stakeholders to build on the foundation of excellence already in ACS. As we fulfill our commitment to remove barriers to opportunities and resources, each student will reach their fullest potential and thrive as a global citizen in a more just and equitable world."

Thank you, I am thrilled to be here and looking forward to getting started.

Final Remarks from the Board:

Thank you, Dr. Ferhman, Maggie welcome! Thank you for already having a vision and a collective vision. For those of you who tune in you know it is a lot. This collective vision of what we want for our district. Thank you for being willing to be a part of that. The success of this district is dependent on everybody in this room, those who are watching and those throughout the community, our students, our staff, our principals, the board, and our superintendent who is willing to engage in that work with us. We are excited that you are here!

A reception will follow the adjournment of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.



Dr. Maggie Ferhman, Superintendent



George Seburg, Board Chair