

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, June 5, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a work session on June 5, 2023, at 5:00 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
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 5:04 p.m.

The Board would like to recognize that we have students at the request of the Student Government Association at Asheville High and SILSA. We also have students from the ICC. We will have space for students going forward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

George Sieburg made a motion to approve the agenda. James C. Carter motioned to approve the agenda. Amy Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2022-2023: Tanya Presha, Academic and Program Support Coordinator presented for approval a list of students who live within the Asheville City Schools District who have requested a release from Asheville City Schools.
- Draft [Equity Statement and Working Definition](#): Marta Alcalá, Executive Director of Equity and Parent Engagement presented an Equity Statement that will be read to the audience before each board meeting and shared the live working district equity definition.
- 2023-24 Budget Process Status: Dr. Causby presented an updated and mentioned that there will be a public hearing to hear the County Manager's recommended budget with be on Tuesday, June 7th. The district does not plan to speak. It's up to the employees and the public to share their feedback. The commission is scheduled to adopt a budget on June 20th. Once the budget is approved then ACS can look at what adjustments we may need to make to balance with that number. One other thing we have to know is the state's final budget. The State's budget and the House budget are radically different. They are now in conference with each other and it is being said that they are in agreement on a salary. They are not disclosing any information because they have some major differences in other areas. It is being said that the Senate has lowballed the salaries. They have a few things they want in order to increase salaries. They want to have state-sanctioned casinos and some sports betting items. This is what Dr. Casuby is hearing from the inside. It may be July before they finalize a budget. At that time district staff can work on a recommendation that combines both budgets and see how you want to move forward.
- [Proposed Resolution to Prioritize Public Schools in 23-25 Biennial Budget](#): Dr. Causby presented a resolution from Governor Roy Cooper's Office. The resolution asks that the NC General Assembly prioritize public schools by
 - Making significant investments in teacher salary increases
 - Significant investments in early childhood education and childcare
 - Stopping the unlimited expansion of the state's private school voucher program
- [BE SMART MOU](#): Dr. Causby presented the agreement between BE SMART and the Asheville City Board of Education.
- [Finance Items](#): Georgia Harvey, Executive Director shared finance updates that included the following:
 - Finance/Payroll FY24
 - Local Supplement
 - Benefit Payments/Deductions
- [Contract/MOU](#): Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources shared Contracts for approval and MOU as information only.
 - [Driver's ED Contract 2023-24](#)
 - [Trafera - Student Chromebook Purchase](#)
 - [Haynes Technologies](#)
 - [Carolina Flooring](#)
 - [Tarheel Paving & Asphalt Co.](#)
 - [Contract/MOU](#)

- [Draft Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2023-2024](#): George Sieburg, Board Chair opened up for discussion the draft meeting schedule for any revisions. The only revision was to have the August work session on Tuesday, August 1st.
- [Legislative Update](#): Dr. Causby reviewed the following House Bill updates:
 - HB8
 - HB86
 - HB219
 - HB574
 - HB605
 - HB823
 - SB49
 - SB263
- Partnership Initiatives for 23-24: Dr. Causby presented community partnerships that he would consider for the next school year.
 - North Carolina Education Corps (Tutoring Program using Science of Learning)
 - Resilience and Education Grant (Through Public School Forum with Grant from Dogwood Trust - Training for Claxton Elementary, Hall Fletcher Elementary, and Education and Career Center)
 - Mental Health Federal grant through Public School Forum (Part of 11 school systems consortium to provide required mental health services)
 - Dogwood Trust grant for \$192,000 to help fund Elementary Afterschool Program
- Policy: Second/Final Read Policy: Dr. Dickerson shared the following policies for a second read.
 - [2120-Code of Ethics for School Board Members](#)
 - [2123-Board Members Opportunity for Development](#)
 - [3460-Graduation Requirements](#)
 - [4050-Children of Military Families](#)
 - [4100-Age Requirement for Initial Entry](#)
 - [4110-Immunization & Health Requirements for School Admission](#) (Procedure to be created)
 - [4700-Student Records](#)
 - [6125-Administering Medicines to Students](#)
 - [6560-Disposal of Surplus Property](#)
 - [7130-Licensure](#)
 - [7360/8225 Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School](#)
 - [7510-Leave](#) (Procedure will be linked to this policy online)
 - [8320-Depositories](#)

CLOSED SESSION

George Sieburg, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 7:06 p.m. James Carter approved the motion. Amy Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

The board returned from Closed Session at 8:57 p.m. Board Chair, George Sieburg reviewed the announcements and upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

George Sieburg, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James C. Carter approved the motion. Rebecca Strimer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Dr. Maggie Fehrman, Superintendent



George Sieburg, Board Chair