

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:00 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, February 6, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called work session on February 6, 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, Board 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; Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; Marta Alcalá, Executive Director of Equity; April Dockery, Executive Director of Operations; Kim Robinson, Executive Director of Student Services; Tanya Presha, Academic and Program Support Coordinator; Dr. Kim Dechant, Director of Recruitment and Induction; Laura Parks, Director of Secondary Education; Dillon Huffman, Public Information Officer; Tim Shelton, Assistant Maintenance Director/Property Management; Shannon Baggett, Principal MNSA; Jo Landreth, Principal AMS; Carrie Buchanan, Principal Hall Fletcher; Ruafika Cobb, Principal Ira B. Jones; Rheta West, Principal Ira B. Jones; Paul Garrity, Assistant Principal Claxton; Kris Caudle, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

George Sieburg, Board Chair, called the session to order at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

George Sieburg, Board Chair - Yes
Amy Ray, Vice Chair - Virtual - Yes
James C. Carter, Member - Yes
Liza Kelly, Member - Yes
Rebecca Strimer, Board Member -Yes
Sarah Thornburg, Member - Yes
Jesse Warren, Member - Yes

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Bacoate Easement Trails Request - [Memorandum](#) and [AVL Unpaved Bacoate Branch Map](#): Lucy Crown, Transportation Planning Division Manager is requesting for approval an easement for a bike trail behind Asheville Middle School.
- [Budget Amendments](#) with [Additional Budget Sheets](#): Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance shared the budget amendments for approval.
- [Contract/MOU's](#): Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance and Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources shared contracts and MOUs for information only.
- 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.
- Search Firm Proposals: The Board of Education shared what they gathered from the references of each firm that sent in a proposal. The firms are listed below and which Board Member contacted references:
 - Summit - James C. Carter
 - NCSBA- Sarah Thornburg
 - McPherson & Jacobson - Liza Kelly
 - BWP - Amy Ray
 - HYA - Jesse Waren
 - GR Recruiting - Rebecca Strimer
 - Ray & Associates - George SieburgThe Board decided that they will request interviews with Summit, NCSBA, and McPherson & Jacobson and that the Board Chair and Vice Chair will interview all three firms. The information from the interviews will be shared at the February 13th Regular Meeting with a recommendation.
- [Board Members Protocol Discussion](#): Rebecca Strimer, Board Member shared a summary of the work that was done during the board retreat on January 6th. Mrs. Strimer would like to discuss three areas that have emerged from the list that she would like for them to get momentum on:
 1. Concepts of groups and stakeholders who will make regular reports during the school year.
 2. Board Members join boards of an interest group to have representation and bring feedback.
 3. Building a Legislative Agenda.Rebecca will work on the list of groups who will be asked to share information quarterly and bring back some suggestions to move the work forward in these three focus areas.
- [Request from County Commissioners Discussion of Asheville Primary School Site](#): Dr. Causby shared a request from Buncombe County Commissioners to meet and discuss the future of the Asheville Primary School site.
- [Transportation Recommendation](#): Dr. Causby made a recommendation for Bus Drivers who are dual employees and other classified staff who are licensed to drive a bus compensation for getting our students to and from school during the bus driver shortage. The recommendation includes a monthly stipend.

Sarah Thornburg made a motion to approve the recommendation as revised with the following change: the bus drivers who drive morning and afternoon get a \$700.00 stipend and drivers who drive morning or afternoon get a \$350.00 stipend. Amy Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

George Sieburg, Board Chair - Yes

Amy Ray, Vice Chair - Virtual - Yes

James C. Carter, Member - Yes

Liza Kelly, Member - Yes

Rebecca Strimer, Board Member -Yes

Sarah Thornburg, Member - Yes

Jesse Warren, Member - Yes

- The following agenda items will be presented at the February 13th Regular Meeting.
 - [Possible Board Committee Assignments](#)
 - [School Calendar Resolution](#)
 - Policies for First Read
 - Policies Minor Changes, Information Only

CLOSED SESSION

George Sieburg, Board Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session at 8:20 p.m. James Carter approved the motion. Liza Kelly 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 motion passed unanimously.

George Sieburg, Board Chair - Yes

Amy Ray, Vice Chair - Virtual - Yes

James C. Carter, Member - Yes

Liza Kelly, Member - Yes

Rebecca Strimer, Board Member -Yes

Sarah Thornburg, Member - Yes

Jesse Warren, Member - Yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

George Sieburg, Board Chair - Yes

Amy Ray, Vice Chair - Virtual - Yes

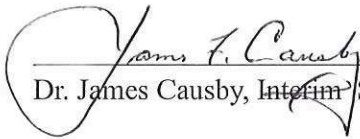
James C. Carter, Member - Yes

Liza Kelly, Member - Yes

Rebecca Strimer, Board Member - Yes

Sarah Thornburg, Member - Yes

Jesse Warren, Member - Yes



Dr. James Causby, ~~Interim~~ Superintendent



George Sieburg, Board Chair