

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

5:00 p.m. - Regular - Administrative Offices - Board Room

Monday, October 10, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on October 10, 2022, 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

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair

George Sieburg, Member

Peyton O'Conner, Member

Shaunda Sandford Jackson, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Causby, Interim-Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability; Georgia Harvey, Executive Director of Finance; April Dockery, Executive Director of Operations; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Kristy Coats, Facilities Director; Jo Landreth, Principal AMS; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Isaac Dickson, Ruafika Cobb, Principal Ira B. Jones; Derek Edwards, Principal AHS; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by the Board Chair, James C. Carter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Glendenning 3rd Grade Class, Ira B. Jones Elementary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of the unit ventilators at HFE. Martha Geitner approved the motion to amend the agenda to include the approval of the Unit Ventilators at HFE. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GOOD NEWS:

April Dockery, Executive Director of Operations presented:

- Band Students to Participate in All-American D-Day Band. The AHS students that will be attending are Virginia Griffin, Sam Rattigan, and Pierce Ruch, who have been selected to represent AHS and the community as part of the 125-member All-American D-Day Band. They will be performing in Normandy, France at the D-Day Memorial Parade. Mr. Rodney Workman has been selected as one of the 10 directors across the country that will serve on the staff for the All-American band.

- IDES student Polly Crutchfield wins Buncombe County Board of Elections “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following names were called to make a public comment:

In-Person

Wendy Haner
John Brigham
Pepi Acebo
Ronald Gates
Shannon O’Conner

Virtual

No virtual comments

CONSENT ITEMS

- Work Session Minutes September 12, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes September 12, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022
- Haynes Industrial-Hall Fletcher Boiler Replacement
- Child Nutrition Approval of New and Renewal Bid Awards

Martha Geitner motioned to approve the consent agenda. George Sieburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Personnel Report No. 3

Martha Geitner motioned to approve personnel report No.3. Peyton O’Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

2. Comprehensive Safe School Plans

George Sieburg motioned to approve the agreement. Peyton O’Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Renaming of Jones Park

The Board of Education has been advised that the vote can be a simple motion. The Renaming of the park does not follow our policy for renaming buildings or things we actually own. [Policy 9300 Naming Facilities.](#)

Martha Geitner motioned to approve the naming of Jones Park to Candace Pickens Park. George Sieburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Contract with Pyatt Heating and Cooling to replace the Unit Ventilators at HFE

George Sieburg motioned to approve the replacement of the unit ventilators at HFE. Peyton O’Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- Beginning of the Year (BOY) testing for academics is complete and we are digging into the data to determine where additional instructional support is needed. C&I is using the phrase "Data should be used as a flashlight and not a hammer."
- Coordinating a range of professional development for staff in October including LETRS, Social Emotional Learning (SEL), literacy in middle grades, the Reading Apprenticeship training in high school, curriculum and SEL training specific to Instructional Assistants, digital learning, and training on Learning Circle (our Early Warning and Response System) for school and district administration.
- October 13 (required workday) is the first big full-day LETRS training for elementary teachers. Ice cream will be delivered to all elementary campuses as a small token of appreciation for the time involved in LETRS training.
- Our state-required literacy plan has been accepted with some recommendations, and C&I is working to address those.
- ESSERS grants have all been approved for the fiscal year 2023.
- AIG hosted a series of parent information sessions, both in person and virtual, that went very well.
- Preschool classrooms are at full capacity and the stabilization grant application has been submitted.
- Preparing for a DPI monitoring visit of EC on October 20.
- We are working together to craft a new vision and mission for the Curriculum and Instruction department in ACS.

MAINTENANCE

- We are working with 3M to install safety film on all of the classroom windows at AMS and IDES and the front entrances to all schools. This will obscure the view into the classroom during a lockdown.
- 11,000 blueprint documents have been uploaded into the new system AerieHub and are ready to use.
- Sections of the boiler stack that have rusted at AHS are being replaced and a new cap will be put on to prevent future water from entering and causing it to rust. The system will run more efficiently
- Working with Energy Print to view utility bills for cost savings
- We met with Duke Energy and are now applying for rebates

HUMAN RESOURCES

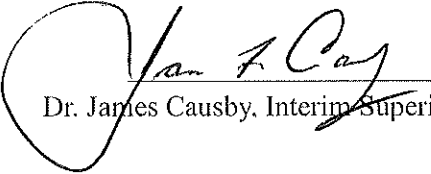
- I would like to encourage folks to visit the Careers page on our website. We still have job openings and we'd love folks to sign up to be substitute teachers.

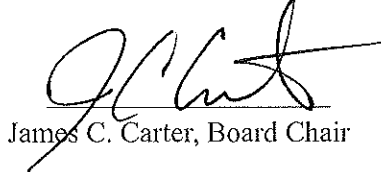
OPERATIONS

- We have finalized our crisis alert platform, FUSUS, with local law enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.


Dr. James Causby, Interim Superintendent


James C. Carter, Board Chair