

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

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

Monday, September 19, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on September 19, 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. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability; April Dockery, Executive Director of Operations; Dillon Huffman, Communication Specialist; Matt Whiteside; Director of Technology and Media; Kristy Coats, Facilities Director; 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. Smith's 4th Grade Class, Hall Fletcher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. George Sieburg approved the motion. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GOOD NEWS:

April Dockery, Executive Director of Operations presented:

- Ruafika Cobb, Principal Ira B. Jones Elementary as the Asheville City Schools Principal of the Year for 2023. Mrs. Cobb began working with Asheville City Schools in 2005. She has been an Assistant Principal and Principal in elementary, middle, and high school.
- Dillon Huffman won three national awards. Dillon was honored at the National Public Schools Relations Association this summer for the following:
 - Claxton Elementary Enrollment Video
 - 2021 Back to School Video
 - 2021 Graduation Video

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following names were called to make a public comment:

In-Person

Wendy Haner
David Rodgers
Alex Rodgers
Pepi Acebo
William Gladden

Virtual

Brittany Locke

CONSENT ITEMS

- Work Session Minutes August 1, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes August 1, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes August 8, 2022
- Special Called Work Session Minutes August 26, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes April 18, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes April 21, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes May 2, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes May 9, 2022
- Closed Session Minutes May 25, 2022
- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2022-2023

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Personnel Report No. 2

Peyton O'Conner motioned to approve personnel report No.2. George Sieburg seconded the motion.

2. [Jones Park Final Interlocal Agreement](#)

Martha Geitner motioned to approve the agreement. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

3. [Hall Fletcher Roof-Eskola](#) - BID

George Sieburg motioned to approve the [Hall Fletcher Roof-Eskola](#) - BID. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Eskola Contract](#)—pending attorney review of A101

Martha Geitner motioned to approve the [Eskola Contract](#)—pending attorney review of A101. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

FINANCE

- Georgia Harvey and her team continue to work with Auditors for FY22 Financial Statements.
- Per the settlement, the taxing districts will provide HCA the following credit:

Year	Buncombe County	City of Asheville	Asheville City School
2020 overpayment	\$285,598.64	\$231,556.25	\$64,786.08
2021 overpayment	\$304,512.00	\$251,472.00	\$66,268.80
TOTAL CREDIT	\$590,110.64	\$483,028.25	\$131,054.88

These amounts will be credited to the current 2022 tax bill; therefore, no taxing district will write a check for a refund. However, this will reduce the total revenue received by the districts from the 2022 tax bill as follows:

Year	Buncombe County	City of Asheville	Asheville City School
2022 Tax Bill	\$2,425,848.00	\$2,003,313.00	\$527,920.00
Total Credit	\$590,110.64	\$483,028.25	\$131,054.88
TOTAL 2022 Tax Bill	\$1,835,737.36	\$1,520,284.75	\$396,865.12

HUMAN RESOURCES

- We still have several positions available. You can apply on our website.
- If you want to apply to be a substitute teacher, do so through ESS (Education Staffing and Management Services). The information is on our website.
- ACS will attend two upcoming career fairs:
 - Thursday, September 22, UNC-A Fall Career and Internship Fair 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 - Friday, October 14, ASU Education Career Fair 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

MAINTENANCE

- We met with the Capital Fund Commission to review requests for the year. We will know what we are going to receive in October.
- The Asheville Middle School gym floor is complete!
- AerieHub is up and running. This is the district's hub for all blueprints. Emergency responders will be able to access this for safety and in case of an emergency.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- Currently in the testing window for BOY Benchmarks. Schools will be diving into data to inform instruction.
- First late start this Wednesday, Sept. 21st; Elementary teachers will be working on LETRS and Secondary teachers will be working on core instructional problem solving together in PLCs.

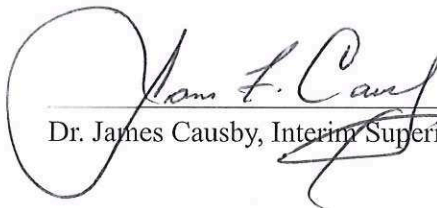
- One-to-one devices have been distributed. Current 10th-12th graders kept their devices over the summer and we are pleased to see very low loss rates of devices.
- The AIG team has hosted two successful parent sessions about the new AIG plan and a third is being hosted tonight, September 19th, at Asheville Middle School.
- The application for year 3 of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant for elementary afterschool programs have been submitted.

OPERATIONS

- April Dockery and her team are working with MAHEC to get a flu shot and COVID booster pop-up clinic at each campus for interested staff. More information will be sent out soon.
- We continue to experience transportation issues with limited staffing causing adjustments and delays to bus routes. We have several new drivers currently in training but this takes time to complete. We continue to ask our parents to have patience with the situation.
- I am pleased to announce that Dillon Huffman has officially been named Asheville City Schools' new Public Information Officer. Dillon has worked in the Asheville City Schools communications/marketing department for the past 3 years. He will be working closely with April Dockery, our Executive Director of Operations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. James Causby, Interim Superintendent



James C. Carter, Board Chair