ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

Administrative Offices
Friday, October 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called session on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the Administrative Offices at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina, where and when the following business was transacted.

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting will be available for viewing live via Asheville City SchoolsYouTube page.

1.1 CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, George Sieburg

1.2 QUORUM DETERMINATION - Board Chair, George Sieburg

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Board Chair, George Sieburg

Motion to approve the agenda with member roll call.

Moved by: Rebecca Strimer
Seconded by: Jesse Warren

The motion passed

2. AGENDA ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

2.1 Reopening Schools Recommendations and Discussion - Dr. Maggie Fehrman

Shawn Fields, Virgina Management Team is joining the meeting . Mr. Fields has been tasked with a critical role in addressing the water needs of our district, as well as Buncombe County Schools and Charter Schools. He will be

sharing insights into our water-sourcing strategy, the specific needs of each school, and the plans to ensure a reliable water supply for all.

Key Points:

- **School Operations:**
  - Schools may need to implement alternative schedules, such as A/B days or shortened school days, to accommodate water restrictions and potential supply shortages.
  - The district is working on plans to minimize disruptions to student learning and provide necessary support services.
- **Water Supply:**
  - Tanker trucks will be used to deliver potable water for drinking and other essential uses.
  - Non-potable water from wells or municipal water sources will be used for flushing toilets.
- **Well Drilling:**
  - Two wells are planned to supplement water supply for the high school and middle school.
  - Well water is non-potable and can be used for flushing toilets and other non-drinking purposes.
  - The timeline for drilling and testing wells is uncertain, but efforts are underway to expedite the process.
- **Community Support:**
  - The community's support and understanding are crucial during this challenging time.
  - Open communication and transparency are essential to keep the community informed about the situation.

Action Items:

- **Well Drilling:** Coordinate with contractors to expedite the drilling process.
- **Water Supply Logistics:** Finalize plans for water delivery and distribution.
- **School Operations:** Develop contingency plans for potential water shortages and adjust school schedules

as needed.

- **Community Communication:** Continue to update the community on the situation and any changes to school operations.

It's important to maintain flexibility and adapt to changing circumstances. Regular communication and collaboration with all stakeholders will be key to addressing the challenges and ensuring the well-being of students and staff.

3. ADJOURNMENT - Board Chair, George Sieburg

3.1 Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Thornburg left the meeting at 2:03 p.m. There was a member roll call to adjourn.

Dr. Maggie Fehrman

Dr. Maggie Fehrman,
Superintendent

George Sieburg

Board Chair, or Designee