ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Administrative Offices - Board Room

85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina

Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:00 PM

Board of Education Members:
Sarah Thornburg, Board Chair
Rebecca Strimer, Vice-Chair
Pepi Acebo, Member
Liza Kelly, Member
Amy Ray, Member
George Sieburg, Member
Jesse Warren, Member

Superintendent: Dr. Maggie Fehrman

The Vision of Asheville City Schools is to Empower and Engage every child to Learn, Discover, Thrive.

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1. REGULAR MEETING

1.1 CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Equity Statement:*In Asheville City Schools we are committed to equity and anti-racist policies for all students and staff to learn and thrive. We recognize that our positions come with power, responsibility, and public service for the entire ACS community. We will model our commitment to equity through our practices and decisions. During this meeting, we invite a pause if harm has taken place, a moment to name the harm, and space to practice repair.*

1.2 QUORUM DETERMINATION - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Motion to approve the agenda.

2. GOOD NEWS - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Public Comment Guidelines

In-Person and Virtual Public Comment Guidelines can be found by clicking the link above.

The Board of Education greatly appreciates your interest in the Asheville City Schools (ACS) and we welcome your comments to the Board. Please be mindful of the following guidelines (per policy 2310):

Personnel and student matters are confidential and are therefore not appropriate for public comment. If you have a concern about an employee or a student matter, please contact or see the superintendent after the meeting.

3.1 In-Person Public Comment

3.2 Virtual Public Comments

4. CONSENT ITEMS - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

4.1 Student Releases to Buncombe County Schools - Tanya Presha, Special Assistant to the Superintendent

4.2 Draft Minutes

WORK SESSION - Dec 01 2025 - Minutes

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - December 1, 2025

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - December 8, 2025

REGULAR MEETING - Dec 08 2025 - Minutes

4.3 2026 - 2027 Board Calendar - Dr. Maggie Fehrman, Superintendent 5

BOE 2026-2027 ACS Calendar - Google Sheets.pdf

4.4 Amended 2026-2027 School Calendar - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff 6

Proposed Voting Poll Change_ 2026-2027 ACS Calendar - 2026-2027 ACS Calendar.pdf

4.5 Contracts and MOUs - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff

Maxim Healthcare Services, Amergis Healthcare Staffing - EC Staffing

Republic Services of NC- Waste and Recycling Collection

4.6 Policies Second Read - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff

Policy Code: 1740/4010 Student and Parent Grievance Procedure

Policy Code: 1750/7220 Grievance Procedure for Employees

Policy Code: 2125/7315 Confidential Information

Policy Code: 2310 Public Participation at Board Meetings

Policy Code: 3101 Dual Enrollment

Policy Code: 3220 Technology in the Educational Program

Policy Code: 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use

Policy Code: 3226/4205 Internet Safety

Policy Code: 3227/7322 Web Page Development

Policy Code: 3400 Evaluation of Student Progress

Policy Code: 3460 Graduation Requirements

Policy Code: 4050 Children of Military Families

Policy Code: 4120 Domicile or Residence Requirements

Policy Code: 4240/7312 Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety

Policy Code: 4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury

Policy Code: 5150 Reporting to External Agencies

Policy Code: 6310 Organization of Student Transportation Services

Policy Code: 7555 Disaster Relief and Emergency Compensation

Policy Code: 7910 Retirement

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Funding Formula - Heidi Kerns, Chief Finance Officer

6. ACTION ITEMS - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

No Action Items

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Fehrman

8. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Early Dismissal

Friday, January 16, 2026

12:00 Noon K-5

1:00 PM 6-12

Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 19, 2026

No school for students and staff

Work Session

Monday, February 2, 2026

Administrative Office - Board Room

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026

Administrative Office - Board Room

2025-2026 ACS Board of Education Meeting Schedule

10. ADJOURNMENT - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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2026-2027 Calendar

Board Meeting Dates are in Pink.
Work Sessions are the first Monday of the month, with the exception of September. The work session will be 8/31.
Regular Board meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month.
Board Retreat dates are 9/22 and 3/18 from 12pm - 4pm.

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3 Holiday

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MARCH
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26 End of Q3
March 29-April 2 Spring Break, Annual Leave

April
5 Optional Teacher Workday

MAY
May 7 Early Release
May 28-June 4 EOG/EOC Testing
28 Early Release
31 Holiday

JUNE
4 Last Day of School, Early Release, End of Q4, Graduation
7, 8 Required Teacher Workday
9 Optional Teacher Workday

First/Last Day for Students | Parent-Teacher Conference Day
Holiday | Optional Teacher Workday | Annual Leave
Early Dismissal 12:00 NOON (K-5), 1:00 PM (6-12) | Required Workday

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January 19, 2027 February 15, 2027
March 1, 2027 March 26, 2027 June 7, 2027

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2026-2027 Calendar w. Proposed Change

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8:00 AM—2:35 PM
Secondary School Day:
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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