ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work and Closed Session Agenda

Administrative Offices - Board Room

85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina

Monday, August 3, 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

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1. MEETING OPENING

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 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg
Motion to Approve the Agenda

2. POSSIBLE ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

2.2 Beginning Teacher - Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Consent

Beginning Teacher Support Plan Memo

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Budget Updates - Heidi Kerns, Chief Financial Officer
FY 27 Budget Update

Budget and Payroll Updates 2026-2027 ACS Recommended Budget

3.2 Board Calendar Review - Sarah Thornburg, Board Chair

3.3 School Mental Health Report and Plan - Kim Robinson, Executive Director of Student Services
ACS School Mental Health Plan Executive Summary

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Contracts/MOUs - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff

4.2 First Read Policy - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff
Policy Code: 1310/4002 Parental Involvement

Policy Code: 2330 Board Meeting Agenda

Policy Code 2340: Parliamentary Procedures

Policy Code 3225/4312/7320: Technology Responsible Use

Policy Code 4318: Use of Wireless Communication Devices

Policy Code 4130: Discretionary Admission

Policy Code 4342: Student Searches

Policy Code 5071/7351: Electronically Stored Information Retention

Policy Code 6220: Operation of School Nutrition Services

Policy Code 7130: Licensure

Policy Code 7325: Video and Audio Recordings by Employees

Information Only

Procedure Code: 6350-P Use of District Owned Vehicles

Procedure Code: 4140-P Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

5. CLOSED SESSION - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

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.**

AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Personnel Report - August

5.2 Attorney Client Matters

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026

Administrative Offices - Board Room

Work Session Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2026

Administrative Offices - Board Room

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2026

Administrative Offices - Board Room

Special Called Work Session Open Meeting -Board Retreat

Thursday, September 22, 2026

Western Region Education Service Alliance - WRESA

Building 200, Suite 206, Ridgefield Court

Asheville, NC 28806

Special Called Closed Session Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Administrative Offices - Training Room

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7. ADJOURNMENT - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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