

MINUTES
THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 27, 2013

The Asheville City Board of Education ("Board") held a special meeting at 7:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 27, 2013, in Training Room 203 at the Asheville City Schools Administrative Offices, 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina.

Members present were:

Jacquelyn Hallum, Chairperson, presiding
Matt Buys
Peggy Dalman (via phone)
Leah Ferguson
Precious Folston

Comprising a quorum of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hallum called the special Board meeting to order at 7:40 a.m., and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to voice ideas regarding the superintendent search.

A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

The Asheville City Board of Education held an open meeting to discuss the search process for the new superintendent for the school district.

- I. A review of prior superintendent research methods were discussed
 - Roberts & Stevens for Allen Johnson - \$40K
 - National firm for former Superintendent, Robert Logan. Approximately a quarter of Allen Johnson's search

- II. Questions on how the search should be conducted were raised
 - a. Open/Closed
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Advisory committee
 - d. When to send out proposals to firms
 - e. Identify our stakeholders

- I. How do we engage stakeholders and at what level of engagement at both beginning and end of process (public forums)
 - Identify core competencies/key characteristics wanted for future superintendent
 - Fits system
 - Challenges us
 - Involvement of existing resources
 - North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA)
 - Z. Smith
 - Former Asheville City Schools Board Leadership (John Legerton, Gene Bell and Al Whitesides)
 - What kind of support will be required?

III. Tasks

- Evaluate strengths and weaknesses of previous searches
- Use other resources/explore best practices – report with options/costs
 - Stakeholder input
 - Interim process
- Timeline
 - Proposed August 1, 2014 – but can be flexible if need be
- Cost analysis
- Develop an ‘Action Plan’

Board member, Leah Ferguson will forward cited resources to Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board, Jackie Taylor to post on the Board secure site. The information will be reviewed and discussed at the July 10 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:38 a.m., Matt Buys made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Sections 143-318.11(a)(1) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Peggy Dalman and carried.

The closed session ended at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Chair, Jacquelyn Hallum commented on an email from Asheville City Schools Foundation's Director, Kate Pett regarding Z. Smith Reynolds rebranding district, proposed advisory council for superintendent search and arrangement of phone call. The Board will discuss with each other before meeting or engaging in phone conversation with anyone. Board Vice-Chair, Peggy Dalman will contact Ms. Pett concerning the email.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Jacquelyn Hallum, Chairperson

Peggy Dalman, Vice-Chair