

## **Press Release**

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### **March Meeting of the Asheboro City Board of Education**

ASHEBORO – On Thursday, the Asheboro City Board of Education met prior to their regularly-scheduled meeting in order to hold a budget planning session at 6 p.m. to discuss potential areas for growth for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools, noted several initiatives for the Board of Education to consider for the upcoming school year.

“As we begin budgeting for next school year, we are constantly thinking about ways to be innovative, so that our students will be equipped with the tools they need to succeed after high school,” said, Dr. Worrell. “For 2017-18, a few areas in which we believe our students, families, teachers, and the community would benefit include increasing our investment in technology and transportation, plus adding the Dual Language Immersion Program at Lindley Park Elementary School and expansion of the Asheboro High School Early College Academy. We also need to address our facilities and the 10-year facilities plan,” she added.

The Asheboro City Board of Education will meet for an additional budget planning session prior to their April 6 meeting to further discuss details about the 2017-18 school year budget.

The combined meeting concluded at approximately 6:40 p.m.

In their regularly-scheduled meeting, Chairman Kyle Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda, Asheboro City Schools recognized Dr. Kathleen Riley for her continued partnership with the district’s five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The Board Spotlight featured the advanced programs at the Early Childhood Development Center with a presentation led by the center’s director, Ms. Holly White. The special recognition and presentations was concluded by recognizing Mr. Azalias Diaz, a third grade student from Balfour Elementary School who was named the Asheboro City School Spelling Bee Champion in February. Mr. Diaz now moves on to compete at the Winston-Salem Regional Spelling Bee in late March.

Other items on the agenda included:

Dual Language Immersion program – Dr. Worrell presented the board with information and a timeline about the implementation of the Dual Language Immersion program at Lindley Park Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. Like the program already in place at Balfour Elementary School, this innovative approach to learning and teaching will allow incoming kindergarteners an opportunity to become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. “This program has been very well-received at Balfour and we believe its impact will significantly affect the incoming kindergartners at Lindley Park in the same way, “said Dr. Worrell.

Legislative Platform – Board member and Legislative Committee chair, Gidget Kidd, presented to the Board the district’s legislative platform for 2016-17 in anticipation of the Legislative Breakfast with local legislatures and state senators in April. The platform, which is up for 30-day review by the Board of Education, included information on local control, adequate funding, and support for public schools.

Five policies were recommended to the board for a 30-day review and seven additional policies were presented for board approval by Dr. Drew Maerz.

Reports were provided on the district’s upcoming events and a Points of Pride presentation was presented by Leigh Anna Marbert. Special events included the Asheboro High School Booster Club Drawdown fundraiser, the Battle of the Books academic competition, the upcoming STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) competition for elementary and secondary grades, and the next Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 6.

Dr. Worrell concluded the meeting by highlighting the Teacher Job Fair hosted in February, the Youth Art Month reception at the Randolph Arts Guild, the Battle of the Books competition for middle school students, and the district’s many athletic accomplishments over the past month. She also gave an update on the Board of Education’s strategic planning goals.

Chairman Lamb adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

### **About Asheboro City Schools**

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district’s mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district’s website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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