



**EMERGENCY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (COVID-19)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS  
Electronic/Zoom Virtual Meeting  
Friday, May 21, 2021 (1:00 PM)**

**1.1 Call to Order:** School Board Chair Lisa Torres called the emergency electronic/Zoom meeting to order at 1:0p.m. Ms. Lisa Torres noted that this emergency electronic meeting was held in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act §2.2- 3708.2 (A) (3), as amended, for the purpose of addressing matters related to the response to the State of Emergency and the Governor’s announcement that all public schools remain closed for the rest of the 2020-21 academic year. Video was streamed live on the Charlottesville City Schools Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CvilleSchools/>).

**2.1 Roll Call of Board Members:**

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. James Bryant  
Dr. Sherry Kraft  
Ms. Lisa Torres  
Mr. Juandiego Wade

Ms. Lashundra Bryson Mosberger  
Ms. Jennifer McKeever  
Ms. Leah Puryear

The following Board Members were absent:

None

The following Staff Members were present:

Dr. Rosa Atkins  
Ms. Gertrude Ivory  
Dr. Katina Otey  
Dr. Keith Hubbard

Mr. Jim Henderson  
Ms. Kim Powell  
Ms. Beth Baptist  
Ms. Renee Hoover

The following Staff Members were absent:

Mr. Pat Cuomo

**Items for Discussion**

**3.1 VMDO - Reconfiguration Update:** VMDO Representatives Wyck Knox, Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager; Michelle Amt, Sustainability + Equity Leader; Kristen Hill, Community Engagement; Ben Thompson, Project Architect; Maria Bninski, Project Architect; and James Atkins, Architectural Designer who provided a detailed presentation of the Buford/Walker Reconfiguration project. Information presented included:

- Overview of Project
- Existing versus Ideal Conditions
- Engagement and Outreach
- Sequencing
- Capacity
- Potential scopes of construction

There was discussion regarding whether to use bid pricing or estimated pricing to include inflation. VMDO representatives noted that another school division saw a 38% decrease in teacher absenteeism after a reconfiguration project and their teacher retention increased when staff are able to work in renovated buildings. VMDO representatives noted that making sure that input is gathered from the whole community and not just those who frequently engage. It was also noted how important it will be to have a diverse group go into the community to gather input from all community members.

**3.2 Break:** The Board took a 15 minute break.

**3.3 Education Foundation Discussion:** The board engaged in discussion related to reaching out to the community to start a foundation jointly with parents and school board members for the renovation of Buford and Walker. It was determined that there was a need to discuss the guidelines for the board to consider as well as board/community priorities for consideration for spending any foundation funds.. What are the priorities of the community and the school board? Dr. Atkins shared that CATEC has a foundation that the school board should look at to model after to start the foundation. Dr. Kraft and Ms. McKeever will work together to formalize the foundation.

**3.4 Break:** The Board took a 15 minute break.

**3.5 Update - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021:** Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, provided an update regarding the latest federal relief money awarded to CCS and how these non-recurring funds will impact future budget development cycles.

Board discussion included regarding using a portion of ARPA funds being directed to the City to assist with securing bonds for reconfiguration. Ms.Powell asked that the Board take action on the transportation pay increase of \$660,804 by way of sending a request in writing. Dr. Atkins spoke in favor of paying for CDL licenses for bus drivers. There was discussion related to making sure that equity in pay is analyzed for all positions.

**4.1 School Board Annual Self-Evaluation:** The Charlottesville City School Board establishes the vision, mission and goals for the school division. Policy BBA, Role and Evaluation of the School Board, states that the School Board will conduct a formal self-evaluation annually to ensure the proper discharge of its responsibilities to the community.

**5.1 Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A video of the May 21, 2021 meeting can be located at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GitsBF329vphy5XbQSkWRSeR4KIk-vvJ/view?usp=sharing>



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Lisa Torres, School Board Chair



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Julia Green, School Board Clerk