



MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL WORK SESSION
Walker Upper Elementary School Cafeteria
1564 Dairy Road, Charlottesville, VA
Monday, June 17, 2024 (5:30 PM)

Closed Meeting of the Charlottesville City School Board was held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., in the Walker Upper Elementary School Media Center, 1564 Dairy Road, Charlottesville, VA.

PRESENT: Ms. Burns, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Morse, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Larson-Torres

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Royal A. Gurley, Jr., Superintendent, and Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer and Disciplinary Hearing Officer, Kim Thompson, Buford Assistant Principal

1.1 Call to Order: Ms. Larson-Torres, School Board Chair, called the closed session meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1.2 Closed Meeting: At 5:02 p.m. Mr. Morse offered a motion to go into Closed Session as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Sections § 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (2) , for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and student disciplinary matters. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion, the motion passed with Ms. Burns, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Morse, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Larson-Torres voting aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Cooper was not present for this vote.

1.3 Closed Meeting Certification: At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Morse offered a motion that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each board member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered. Ms. Burns seconded the motion, the motion passed with Ms. Burns, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Morse, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Larson-Torres voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Action: Ms. Dooley offered a motion to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation in relation to Student EXP06172024-01. Mr. Morse seconded the motion, by voice vote the motion passed with Ms. Burns, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Morse, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Larson-Torres voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

The Board recessed from 6:00 p.m. until 6:20 p.m.

2.1 Roll Call of Board Members:

The following Board Members were present:	Ms. Amanda Burns	Ms. Shymora Cooper
	Ms. Emily Dooley	Mr. Dom Morse
	Mr. Chris Meyer	Ms. Nicole Richardson
	Ms. Lisa Larson-Torres	

The following Board Members were absent: None

The following Staff Members were present: Dr. Royal A. Gurley, Jr. Ms. Leslie Thacker

3.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Mr. Meyer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried with Ms. Burns, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Morse, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Larson-Torres, voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Action Items

4.1 Superintendent Contract Amendment (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2028): At the May 18, 2024 Charlottesville City School Board Advance, the School Board conducted an annual evaluation of the Superintendent. The Board recommended a salary 5% increase and a contract extension through June 30, 2028.

Mr. Morse made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dooley, to approve the proposed Superintendent Contract Amendment (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2028). Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried with Ms. Burns, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Morse, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Larson-Torres, voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

4.2 Personnel Recommendations: Mr. Morse made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried with Ms. Burns, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Morse, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Larson-Torres, voting aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Dooley abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest related to the inclusion of Michael Schafer, Ms. Dooley's spouse.

Items for Discussion

5.1 School Board Protocol and Operations: The Charlottesville City School Board reviewed and proposed changes to the School Board Protocol and Operations document. Ms. Dooley and Ms. Larson-Torres volunteered to make revisions for approval at the August 1, 2024 meeting.

The Board also discussed engaging a firm to guide the Division with redistricting/rezoning due to enrollment rising from new housing developments. Dr. Gurley shared that an RFP is being prepared to engage a firm over the summer and will include community outreach efforts. Board members indicated interest in participating via committee/task force.

There was discussion around the frequency of school visits, protocols during visits, and notification procedures. Board members will alert the School Board Clerk when planning school visits. The Clerk will coordinate with school administrators.

Board members were reminded to follow established procedures for scheduling school visits. These procedures involve notifying the School Board Clerk who will then coordinate with school administrators.

6.1 Comments from Members of the Community: There were none.

7.1 Upcoming Meetings: Ms. Larson-Torres read the upcoming meetings.

8.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Lisa Torres, School Board Chair

Leslie Thacker, Deputy School Board Clerk