



**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center, 1400 Melbourne Road
Thursday, September 21, 2021 (4:30 PM)
Budget Work Session**

1.1 Call to Order: School Board Chair Lisa Torres called the meeting to order at 4:32p.m. Video was streamed live on the Charlottesville City Schools Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CvilleSchools/>).

2.1 Moment of Silence: Ms. Torres asked all those present to observe a moment of silence.

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance: The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4.1 Roll Call of Board Members:

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. James Bryant
Dr. Sherry Kraft
Ms. Lisa Torres
Ms. Puryear

Ms. Lashundra Bryson Morsberger
Ms. Jennifer McKeever
Mr. Juandiego Wade

The following Board Members were absent:

None

The following Staff Members were present:

Mr. Jim Henderson
Mr. Pat Cuomo
Dr. Beth Baptist
Ms. Leslie Thacker

Ms. Kim Powell
Dr. Katina Otey
Ms. Renee Hoover
Ms. Julia Green

The following Staff Members were absent:

None

5.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Ms. McKeever made a motion to amend the agenda to be similar to prior work sessions by removing items 6.0 -Comments from Members of the Community, 8.0 Comments from Members of the Community, 9.0 Comments from the Board, and 10.0 Superintendent Comments. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Ms. Bryson Morsberger offered a friendly amendment to keep both Comments from Members of the Community. Ms. McKeever accepted the amendment. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Lisa Torres, Board Chair, shared an update on COVID testing and also asked Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director of Student Services and Achievement and Human Resources, to provide an update on COVID. Dr. Baptist shared that during a weekly meeting with the Blue Ridge Health Department there was discussion regarding how taxed Pediatric physicians are at this time and that families should reach out to their physicians to get COVID testing. Dr. Baptist also shared that she is scheduled to meet with representatives from eMed on September 22. The Division has scheduled COVID testing at Charlottesville High School on Thursday September 23. Employees from the University of Virginia volunteered to offer this testing event. The Board engaged in discussion with Dr. Baptist about a COVID dashboard, procedures on contact tracing, and how the Division is responding to infections.

Items for Discussion

7.1 [September 21, 2021 Budget Work Session Documents](#): Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the September 21, 2021 Budget Work Session documents for Board information. Information presented included:

- Priorities for the FY 2023 Budget
 - What priorities does the Board want to establish for the FY 2023 budget development
- Budget Process for FY 22
 - How does the Board want to approach programs in the FY 2023 budget development in relation to funding from City and/or state?
- Commitment & Timing for the \$.05 Tax Increase for School Operations
 - Funding to “flip the ramp” - Is this a given? Will it be phased?
 - If the City funds the \$4.5m through a real estate tax increase, where do we want to focus the use of CARES/ARPA non-recurring funds?
- City Revenue & Expense
 - How soon can CCS expect a preliminary increase estimate for FY 2023?
 - Are changes being considered to the baseline funding formula?

The Board engaged in discussion on how to ensure that renovation of Buford Middle School be first on the list of priorities. The Board also discussed how surrounding counties are compensating their staff and the importance of staying competitive to ensure a high level staff. They also discussed limiting the funding request to the City of Charlottesville, the pay rates for nutrition staff, custodian, nurses, and all Instructional Assistants within the Division. Additional discussion included the need for reassurance that the 5 cent tax increase being proposed is for school reconfiguration and how to ensure quality air ventilation systems in school buildings. The Board asked about outside areas at schools buildings and discussed strategies to provide more outside time to students.

8.1 Comments from Members of the Community:

- Beth Ike thanked Ms. Bryson Morsberger for her advocacy around providing additional outside learning spaces and encouraged the implementation of adding tents at school buildings. She noted that any guidance around outside spaces is appreciated and that the PTO can assist in these efforts.

9.1 Work Session Wrap-Up:

- Limit asks on CIP budget
- Equalizing pay scales
- Salaries for nurses, custodial staff, IA, and SPED IA
- Reconfiguration. Need assurance of 5 Cents
- SEL, health insurance--any plans for benefit of employees
- Compensate nurses and bus drivers
- List of contracted items...capital outlay, nurses, outside structures
- Need for after care for preschool families, Pilot programs like ACPS-MAACA
- Mental health supports-more info how these positions are utilized-what is being done for teacher stress

- Admin ...CO and schools evaluate efficacy of programs
- How are the SEL positions being used
- Keep positions working directly with children--IA
- Reluctant to look at cutting adults--more willing to look at CIP, ARPA for non returning expenses
- Supt and City Manager talk about 40 %
- Looking at items on CIP to see what could be funded from ARP
- Presentation with what we could do with various amounts
- Reach out to schools to see who wants tents

10.1 Upcoming Meetings: Ms. Torres read the list of upcoming meetings.

11.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15sdfcRy553ZTBNZOqtIWkFvXCJ25FASM/view?usp=sharing>

Lisa Torres, School Board Chair

Julia Green, School Board Clerk