



**EMERGENCY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (COVID-19)
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Electronic/Zoom Virtual Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 2021 (5:00 PM)**

1.1 Call to Order: School Board Chair Lisa Torres called the emergency electronic/Zoom meeting to order at 5:01p.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 Moment of Silence: Ms. Torres asked all those present to observe a moment of silence.

3.1 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
Student Rep Je’Saun Johnson

The following Board Members were absent:

None

The following Staff Members were present:

Dr. Katina Otey
Ms. Gertrude Ivory
Mr. Pat Cuomo
Ms. Beth Baptist
Ms. Renee Hoover

Ms. Kim Powell
Dr. Keith Hubbard
Dr. Kendra King
Ms. Julia Green
Ms. Leslie Thacker

The following Staff Members were absent:

Dr. Rosa Atkins

4.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Ms. Puryear made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

5.1 Comments from Members of the Community:

- Gabby Wycoff, a Clark teacher, shared how tight bonded the Clark staff is. She shared her concern on the process for the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.

- Carolyn Kilday, a Speech Therapist at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Linsey Stratton, a teacher at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Guinevere Higgins, a Clark parent, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Catherine Gray, a teacher at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Patricia Barbara, a teacher at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Katie Rogers, a teacher and parent at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Ariel Bruner, a teacher at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Chris Meyer shared an update on the PTO Reopening Fund. Shared that the city has signed a contract for reconfiguration.
- Kelly Farr, a teacher at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Rebecca Perini, a teacher at Clark, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Jessica Taylor, a teacher at Clark and president of the Charlottesville Education Association, shared her concern on the process of the candidate for Clark principal. Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Amit Kapur, a teacher at Clark, shared that Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.
- Dava Bowles, a teacher assistant at Clark, shared that Mr. Tilman should be a candidate for the position of principal.

6.1 Adoption of Consent Agenda: Items from the consent agenda included: [Personnel Recommendations](#), [Personnel Recommendations Addendum](#), [Minutes - February 4, 2021](#), [Dominion Energy Right of Way Underground Utilities Greenbrier Elementary](#), and [Business, Financial, Routine Reports](#).

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Puryear, to approve the adoption of the consent agenda. Ms. Torres would like to review 6.5 Dominion Energy Right of Way. She would like to amend the consent agenda and take this off at this time. Ms. Puryear made a motion to amend the adoption of consent agent without 6.5, seconded by Dr. Kraft to approve the consent agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

7.1 Approval - Grades 6-12 Health Curriculum Adoption: Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, and Jessica Brantley, Coordinator of Coordinator of Health and PE, presented the proposed Grades 6-12 Health Curriculum Adoption for Board consideration at the March 4, 2021 meeting. The item is now being presented for action.

The Board is asked to approve a 6 year digital subscription to the GoodHeart and Wilcox Comprehensive Health Skills Textbooks for Grades 5-12. It includes digital and printed materials as well as yearly updates and lessons. The total cost for the 6 year subscription including all supplemental materials is: \$71,140.79.

Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the Health Curriculum. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

8.1 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application for 2021-2022: Ms. Katrina Lee, Supervisor of Special Education, presented the proposed budget for the Federal Flow Through Funding for Special Education for 2021-2022 for both school-aged and preschool for Board consideration. The recommendation was to write

the grants for the same amounts that were received last year. The Board will take action on this item at the May 6, 2021 meeting.

- Dr. Kraft asked when we will know the real figures. Dr. Lee shared that the figures should not vary much but the real figures will come in the fall.

8.2 2021-2022 Career and Technical Education Local Plan: Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, presented the 2021-2022 Career and Technical Education Local Plan for Board information. Annually the CTE Carl Perkins application is developed and approved by the School Board prior to submission. The plan is very similar to last year's plan and the Department of Education encouraged CTE administrators to prepare the budget for the same amount (\$101,931.68) we have for this year. That amount may be revised later. The application is due May 1 in Richmond. It is requested that the Board review this information and approve the application so it can be submitted by the deadline.

Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the Career and Technical Education Local Plan. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

8.3 2021 Summer School Plan: Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Ms. Neeley Minton, Coordinator of Social Studies and World Languages, who presented the 2021 Summer School Update for Board information. Also Dr. Jesse Turner, Buford Middle School Principal, and Dr. Eric Irizarry, Charlottesville High School Principal; Jill Dahl, Program Administrator for Lugo-McGinness Academy, and Vic Garber, Deputy Director for Parks and Recreation presented.

- Ms. McKeever asked where the Power Scholars will be held? Ms. Minton shared that they will be held in the same schools as our summer school and this year it is Jackson-Via, Greenbrier and Clark. Ms. McKeever asked about the curriculum that they will be using. Ms. Minton shared that the coordinators will be working with the curriculum to make sure that it aligns with the curriculum that we have at CCS.
- Ms. Puryear asked if the class sizes at the 12:1 ratio is keeping students at 6 feet apart. Dr. Otey shared that we are keeping the distance at 6 feet.
- Ms. Torres asked what happens if a student does not stay for the whole 5 weeks. Dr. Otey shared that we are hoping that the students will stay the whole 5 weeks. Ms. Torres asked about childcare before and after the program if there will be a fee. Ms. Maslaney shared that there will be no cost to the families.
- Mr. Bryant asked how the families will know if they are accepted. Dr. Otey shared that families will still need to fill out an application and they will be notified by the principal.
- Mr. Bryant shared that this is a great program to be able to match students with mentors.
- Ms. Puryear shared her excitement that the Equity Center has about this partnership with Buford.
- Ms. Torres asked Dr. Irizarry if this was an invitation only. Dr. Irizarry shared that this is by invitation and we will not have classes getting ahead.
- Ms. Bryson Morseberger asked if there will be any job opportunities or internships for the students. Dr. Irizarry shared that we are working with partnerships like the City School Yard Gardens that will have some jobs.
- Dr. Kraft was wondering about mental health help and will there be a process to get these students the help that they need. Dr. Irizarry shared that we will have our counselors and social workers on staff during the summer to make sure that students' needs are being met.
- Ms. Puryear asked about the families that are not able to afford the \$55 a week that Parks and Recreation is charging. Mr. Garber shared that we have a strong scholarship program that will be able to help families.
- Ms. Torres asked about the internships that are available to our students. Dr. Irizarry shared that we are still partnering with CAYIP(Community Attention Youth InternshipProgram). All of the students at CHS will receive an application for these internships.
- Ms. McKeever shared how grateful she is for all the opportunities for our students this summer. She would like to see the offerings that CHS is giving for classes. We should give the students the opportunity to take them in person and not virtual.

8.4 2021 Fall School Opening: Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, presented an update on the 2021 Fall School Opening.

- The board discussed considerations of opening the schools and how we will be able to do it safely. They discussed that the division will follow what the CDC, governor and the health department puts into place. They also had discussion about Virtual Virginia and how it would work in the division.

8.5 Superintendent's Naming Advisory Task Force Process Update: Dr. Beth Baptist, Coordinator, Career and Technical Education and Special Projects, presented an update on the Superintendent's Naming Advisory Task Force Process.

The Naming of Facilities Committee has been meeting since the fall and is ready to begin the process for getting community input regarding any possible changing of names within the school division. Monica Kristin Blair, National Fellow, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, PhD Candidate, Department of History, from University of Virginia will provide information to make the Board and community aware of some of the strategies being planned to continue this process. It is important to note that no decisions have been made by the Committee regarding the need to change any names.

- Monica Kristin Blair shared that the committee will first look at Clark and Venable to see if we should rename these schools. The committee will use focus groups and surveys to get feedback from the community. The committee will research each name that gets brought forth before bringing them forward to the board.

9.1 Comments from Members of the Community:

- There were none.

10.1 Board Member Comments:

- Ms. Bryson Morsberger shared the concern of transparency in the division. Are we taking a pause in hiring until we get a new Superintendent?
- Dr. Kraft shared that she appreciated the community coming out to share the concern on the Clark principal process. Happy to see our Buford and CHS students coming back into the school face to face.
- Mr. Bryant shared that we need to listen to those staff members that spoke tonight about the Clark principal process. Thanked all the partners that are helping our students for this summer with the programs that were shown tonight.
- Ms. McKeever shared that there is a reconfiguration meeting in April and it is still on our radar. She would like to have our HR department look at the process of the new Clark principal. When is the date of graduation for CHS? She would like to see the fine arts doing more? What is the policy of having private organizations having camps in the school buildings? Can we have something set up for the community to donate to our reconfiguration?
- Mr. Wade shared that the chair needs to take this to HR and the superintendent to look at this process of principal for Clark.
- Ms. Puryear thanked Mr. Johnson for his webinar and it was excellent.
- Mr. Johnson thanked the board for all the support that they have given him.
- Ms. Torres thanked the Clark community for coming out to give their insight. She asked Dr. Baptist to share an opportunity that was set forth. Dr. Baptist shared that the division will have the opportunity to be a pilot on random and diagnostic testing of COVID 19.

11.1 Superintendent's Comments: Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, recognized students who received awards for the 2021 VSBA Art Contest. She also recognized 2021 Virtual Instruction Pro (VIP) Award winners.

12.1 Work Session Wrap-Up:

- Provide access to copy of the governor orders
- At the board retreat, discuss a process for transparency for board meetings at the board retreat

- Provide a Follow up on whether there will be a pause on hiring for key roles until the new superintendent is hired?
- Share the policy that allows facility use by private organizations for camp
- For the board retreat Add discussion of foundation

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

14.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

A video of the April 1, 2021 meeting can be located at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wGwELJ--hksOrvEKfOsmJME3-MZxeQh-/view?usp=sharing>

Lisa Torres, School Board Chair

Julia Green, School Board Clerk