



**EMERGENCY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (COVID-19)
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Electronic/Zoom Virtual Meeting
Thursday, May 6, 2021 (5:00 PM)**

1.1 Call to Order: School Board Chair Lisa Torres called the emergency electronic/Zoom meeting to order at 5:00p.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
Je’Saun Johnson, Student Representative

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

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Puryear

The following Staff Members were present:

Ms. Gertrude Ivory
Mr. Pat Cuomo
Dr. Keith Hubbard
Ms. Renee Hoover
Ms. Leslie Thacker

Ms. Kim Powell
Dr. Katina Otey
Ms. Julia Green
Ms. Beth Baptist

The following Staff Members were absent:

Dr. Rosa Atkins

4.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Mr. Wade 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. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

5.1 Comments from Members of the Community:

- There were none.

6.1 [Virginia Nurses Week Proclamation](#): Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director of Student Services and Achievement, along with school administration and the School Board, recognized Charlottesville City School Nurses for their hard work and care for our students every day. The week of May 6 through 12, 2021, has been designated as National Nurses' Week and Governor Ralph Northam has established May 8, 2021 as School Nurse day in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Baptist recognized Sherry Eicher from Burnley-Moran, Amy Charron from Clark, Ellen Muller from Greenbrier, June Esselstyn from Greenbrier, Marica (Dee) Bell from Jackson-Via, Amy Peltier from Johnson, Amy White from Venable, Sarah Sutton from Walker, Roynetta Jackson from Buford, and Ann Sandridge from Charlottesville High School.

6.2 [Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation](#): Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director of Student Services and Achievement, along with senior staff and the Board, recognized Charlottesville City Schools' teaching staff. The first full week in May of each year has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week to honor the dedicated men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. Charlottesville City Schools is keenly aware of the importance of teachers in helping our students reach their full potential and it is appropriate that teachers be recognized for their dedication and commitment to educating our children. May 3-7, 2021 is proclaimed teacher appreciation week and all citizens are urged to pay tribute to our public school teachers.

7.1 [VASS/VSBA Resolution Honoring all Virginia Superintendents as Superintendents of the Year](#): The Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) has historically recognized eight regional superintendents of the year and from the eight, selected one as Virginia's superintendent of the year. Due to the extraordinary leadership of 133 public school division superintendents during the 2020-21 school year and their roles in serving their communities through the COVID pandemic, VASS is honoring all 133 division superintendents as Virginia superintendents of the year.

8.1 [Adoption of Consent Agenda](#): Items from the consent agenda included: [Personnel Recommendations](#), [Personnel Recommendations Addendum](#), [Minutes - February 9, 2021](#), [Minutes - February 22, 2021](#), Business, [Financial](#), [Routine Reports](#), [2021-2022 Albemarle Regional Migrant Education Program Certification](#). Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the proposed consent agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Action Items

9.1 [Action - Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application for 2021-2022](#): Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director of Student Services and Achievement, presented the Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application for 2021-2022 at the April 1, 2021 meeting for Board information. The item was presented for action. Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the special education annual plan. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

9.2 [Action - Adopt FY 2022 Budget with Technical Updates](#): Renee Hoover, Director of Finance, presented the FY 2022 Budget with Technical Updates for Board approval. Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the budget with the technical updates. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- There was discussion of funds with the state funds increasing and the CARES funds moving into the special revenue. Renee Hoover gave an overview on how the school funds are managed and housed.

Items for Discussion

10.1 [2021-2022 Student Annual Fee Schedule](#): Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director of Student Services and Achievement, presented the 2021-2022 Student Fee Schedules for Board consideration. Each year, the Superintendent approves the Student Fee Schedule for all schools within the division. The schedule is then shared as information for the Board. The schedule is attached. No schools may add any additional fees without prior approval of the Superintendent. Additionally, for each fee approved, the school administration has developed a plan for providing access to students who may not be able to afford the item or activity. Dr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the annual fee schedule. Ms. McKeever asked that we amend the fee schedule with the community values of fees being paid by the division if families are not able to pay. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- Ms. McKeever requested that the language around Free and Reduced lunch be revised since the Division is already providing free lunch to all students at this time.
- Ms. Bryson Morseberger requested that the Division cover lunch fees for any student who is not able to pay.

10.2 [2021-2022 School Board Meeting Schedule](#): Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director Special Education and Student Services, presented the proposed 2021-2022 School Board Meeting Calendar for Board consideration upon first reading. Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the school Board meeting schedule. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

10.3 [Safety & Security Model - Preliminary Comments from Charlottesville City Schools Survey](#): Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented an update on the Safety & Security Committee's recommendation to the Superintendent.

A recording of the April 27, 2021 Safety & Security Committee meeting where recommendations were presented to the Superintendent can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/xBjbsvvXaLs>

Minutes and other resources from the Safety & Security Committee meetings can be found on the Charlottesville City Schools website: charlottesvilleschools.org/safety

Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the safety security model. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- The Board discussed the Supervisor of Facilities, Safety, and Operations position and the training that they will need to fill this position. Principals will supervise Care & Safety Assistants (CSA's) in school buildings. The Supervisor will bring the CSA group together to bring ideas and understand what is going on across the division. The Board discussed the required job qualifications of CSA's.
- Dr. Kraft asked what would happen if police were called? Ms. Powell shared that staff is still working on the logistics of the plan with the Charlottesville Police Department. She also noted that there are three situations where police will be called in and they are big fights, weapons, and drugs. The Division has panic buttons at all schools that staff can use in the event of an immediate emergency. ADD (Avoid Divide and Defend) training will be provided at all schools.
- Ms. Torres asked if only Emergency Medical Services can be brought in when there is a medical issue and not police. Mr. Wade responded that EMS works closely with police who are frequently dispatched as first responders in emergency situations.
- Ms. McKeever would like to see a subcommittee to monitor the plan to make sure that what the Division is putting in place is working and asked that the Board receive quarterly updates.

- Ms. Torres asked when the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Charlottesville Police Department will be implemented. Ms. Powell responded the model is set up and she will begin working on drafting the MOU with the Charlottesville Police Department. Ms. Torres shared that she would like to make sure that no police come into the building with a medical emergency.

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

12.1 Board Member Comments:

- Ms. McKeever announced that the Art Walk is available online and that the Board would like to engage the community around initiatives such as reconfiguration and the Superintendent search. She also thanked the community for all the good work being done during this unprecedented time.
- Dr. Kraft thanked Dr. Atkins for her leadership over the years and noted that the Board will take the search for a new Superintendent seriously while engaging widely with the community.
- Mr. Wade thanked Dr. Atkins for all she has done for the division.
- Ms. Bryson Morseberger thanked staff for their work over that past year and noted the importance of engaging with the community around upcoming decisions including the Superintendent search.
- Mr. Bryant thanked school nurses for all the amazing work that they do, thanked teachers and staff in schools that help students daily, and also thanked Dr. Atkins for the amazing job she did over the past fifteen years.
- Mr. Je'Saun Johnson, Student School Board Representative, thanked the Board for allowing him to be a Student Representative and allowing him to share his thoughts and opinions. Mr. Johnson also thanked Dr. Atkins for all the work she has done in the Division.
- Ms. Torres thanked Mr. Johnson for sharing all his views with the Board and community. She also thanked everyone throughout the Division for all their work throughout this school year and noted that the Board encourages community comments during the Superintendent search.

13.1 Superintendent's Comments: Dr. Otey shared the list of the month's recipients of the Unsung Heroes Awards.

14.1 Work Session Wrap-Up:

- Look at the language for the Free and Reduced lunch in the fee schedule.
- Revising the language on the Fee Schedule to note that no student will be denied educational programs due to inability to pay fees..
- Convene a Safety and Security committees to provide input on a new Safety and Security Plan.
- Update the Board on the progress of the Safety and Security Plan once implemented.

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

16.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

A video of the May 6, 2021 meeting can be located at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fsF_i3qFZqZFA_Z6GkM-p7mWB7FMzaEn/view?usp=sharing