



**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**CHARLOTTEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**  
**CHS Media Center, 1400 Melbourne Road**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2022 (5:00 PM)**

**1.1 Call to Order:** School Board Chair Lisa Torres called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m

**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	Ms. Lashundra Bryson Morsberger
	Dr. Sherry Kraft	Ms. Jennifer McKeever
	Mr. Dom Morse	Ms. Lisa Torres

The following Board Members were absent:	Ms. Emily Dooley
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The following Staff Members were present:	Dr. Royal Gurley	Mr. Pat Cuomo
	Ms. Carolyn Swift	Dr. Katina Otey
	Ms. Maria Lewis	Ms. Beth Cheuk
	Ms. Renee Hoover	Ms. Denise Johnson
	Ms. Julia Green	

The following Staff Members were absent:	Ms. Kim Powell	Ms. Leslie Thacker
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**5.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda:** Dr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morse, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Morse and Ms. Torres voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**6.1 October 20, 2022 Budget Work Session Presentation:** Dr. Royal A. Gurley, Jr., Superintendent, and Renee Hoover, Director of Finance, presented information on the 2022 Fiscal Year End, an update on the spending of ESSER funding, State funding for a \$1,000 one-time bonus payment for SOQ positions, and Responses to the FY 2024 Budget Survey. Information presented included:

**Overview:**

- 2022 Fiscal Year End Closeout
- Results of FY 2024 Budget Survey
- Allocation of Budget Expenditures
- Reducing dependency on ESSER Funding
- Setting 2024 Budget Priorities

**2022 Fiscal Year End (FYE) Closeout:**

- Added \$1,142,414 to the Fund Balance for FYE 2022
  - 1st \$100,000 to Schools plus gainshare of \$1,042,414 each to City and Schools
- Reasons for the Increase to Fund Balance:
  - Significant vacancy savings
  - Draw on CARES I/II funds 2022 Fiscal Year End (FYE) Closeout

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/2021	\$ 1,159,015
Revenue	77,473,632
Expenditures	76,331,218
Revenue over (under) Expenditures	1,142,414
Ending Fund Balance 6/30/2022	\$ 2,301,428

**Types of CARES/ESSER Expenditures:**

- Increases in FY 22 City Transportation & Maintenance Contracts
- Technology: Chromebooks, ViewSonic Boards, Student Hotspots, Remind, Zoom
- Bus Drivers Bonus Incentive Pay
- School Social Workers
- Social Emotional Learning Counselors
- Instructional Assistants (IAs) (restored 2nd grade IAs in FY 22 and removed in FY 23)
- Care & Safety Assistants, Crossing Guards
- Long-Term Substitute Teachers
- Stipends: Virtual, Nurses
- Bookroom Materials Update (one-time cost in FY 22)
- COVID Supplies, Gloves, Picnic Tables, Masks, Care Start @ Home Antigen Tests, Desks & Chairs for CHS A & B Commons
- Building Automation System installed at Venable Elementary and 22 individual classroom unit replacements installed at Buford, Clark, Greenbrier, Venable, & Walker

**One-Time Bonus Pay:**

- The General Assembly in the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget provided a one-time \$1,000 bonus for fiscal year 2023 from the ARPA pandemic relief funds.
- Charlottesville City Schools (CCS) will receive a bonus payment of \$414,603.21 for 385.15 SOQ Funded Instructional and Support Positions.
- VDOE guidance encourages school divisions to use additional funds to provide bonuses to all instructional and support positions.
- CCS: Has 793.32 positions.
  - This is an additional 408.17 over State's SOQ Fund number.
  - Additional funds needed is \$439,405.77 to provide bonuses.

**2024 Budget Survey Results:**

- Who took the survey
  - 537 respondents
    - Role
      - 45% Parent/guardian of Cville Schools student

- 28% current students
- 24% schools staff
- 3% division-level staff & other community members
- Race/ethnicity
  - 71% White
  - 6% African American
  - 4% Asian
  - 4% Hispanic or Latino

### **Setting 2024 Budget Priorities**

- Building a Needs Base Budget
- Focusing Resources on:
  - Classroom Experiences
  - Student Support Services

**Recommendation:** Use of Fund Balance to pay for the additional funds. Action required at the November 3rd Meeting.

### **Board Comments:**

Ms. Torres requested additional information around staff comments made in the budget survey, especially comments around gifted programs. Dr. Gurley responded that staff can extrapolate that information using a pivot table to share specific information points from staff.

Dr. Kraft noted that she would like to receive additional information around the mental health of staff and students and how the support staff are handling and responding to issues. Dr. Gurley responded that Patrick Farrell, Intervention and Support Supervisor, and Jodie Murphy, Mental Wellness Coordinator, have that information and will share it with the Board.

Ms. Torres noted that the 2.1 million ESSER Fund dependency is a difficult thing to look at. Dr. Gurley responded that the Division will have to look at wants and needs of students and how best to move forward using shared priorities in order to ensure students graduate and that they are ready for success in the world.

Ms. McKeever shared that she would like to make sure that students are receiving the support needed to succeed.

Mr. Morse stressed the need for providing students with a good foundation by allocating resources where they are most needed such as wellness, safety, and other core curriculum.

Ms. Bryson Morsberger stressed the need to support black and brown students who have been underserved for years and noted that this needs to be the main focus for the budget.

Ms. Torres announced that the Board will convene into an emergency closed session due to an Albemarle County press release around the purchase of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC).

At 6:05 p.m., Ms. McKeever made a motion to convene into Closed Session as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, sections 2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia to discuss property matters. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Dooley, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Morse, and Ms. Torres voting aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Bryson Morsberger was not present for this vote.

At 6:15 p.m., Ms. McKeever made 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. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Ms. Dooley, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Morse, and Ms. Torres voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

There was no action.

**7.1 Comments from Members of the Community:** There were none.

**8.1 Upcoming Meetings:** Ms. Torres shared the list of upcoming meetings.

**9.1 Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

A video of the October 20, 2022 meeting can be located at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cYwoCAfWTmbG0zrJMJEFCVpyRHmkFEjd/view?usp=sharing>

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James Bryant, School Board Chair

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Julia Green, School Board Clerk