



**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center, 1400 Melbourne Road  
Thursday, June 10, 2021 (5:00 PM)**

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

The following Board Members were absent:

None

The following Staff Members were present:

Mr. Jim Henderson  
Ms. Gertrude Ivory  
Mr. Pat Cuomo  
Ms. Julia Green  
Ms. Leslie Thacker

Dr. Katina Otey  
Ms. Kim Powell  
Ms. Beth Baptist  
Ms. Renee Hoover

The following Staff Members were absent: Dr. Keith Hubbard

Dr. Kraft made a motion to accept Ms. Puryear and Ms. Bryson Morseberger to meet virtually during this meeting. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**4.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda:** Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, 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, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**5.1 Comments from Members of the Community:**

- Chris Meyer shared information regarding the PTO Reopening Fund ([final report](#))
- Siobhan Saul shared concerns that the Division needs to keep a diverse staff.
- Winter Brodhurst wanted to know if volunteers will be able to come on sight next school year.
- Jordan Johnson shared how Cultivate Charlottesville has been helping the community serve food during this pandemic. He has been in contact with Carlton Jones about feeding the students during breaks.

**6.1 Board Member Comments:** There were none.

**7.1-6 Adoption of Consent Agenda:** Items from the consent agenda included **Personnel Recommendations, Business Financial, Routine Reports, Minutes March 4, 2021, Minutes May 14, 2021, Superintendent Designee.** Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bryant, to approve the adoption of the consent agenda. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. Ayes: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried 6 - 0.

### Items for Discussion

**8.1 Local Plan for the Gifted and Annual Review 2021-2024:** Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Beverly Catlin, Coordinator of Instruction, who presented the 2021-2024 Local Plan for the Gifted and Annual Review. [Annual Review 20-21](#), [Gifted Education Program Presentation](#)

The Board asked if Ms. Catlin could share the breakdown of ethnicity and grade level. Ms. McKeever asked Dr. Kraft how the discussions of the Gifted Advisory Committee have been going. Dr. Kraft shared how the model has been implemented and concerns with the model. She shared how this year has been a weird difficult year. Ms. Torres asked that we put the gifted program on the equity dashboard so that we can continue to track this program.

Mr. Henderson thanked Ms. Catlin for all her work in the Division and that this was the last board meeting that she will present to the Board.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bryant, to approve the local plan for the gifted and annual review for 2020-24 school years. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torre, Mr. Wade voting yes. Ayes: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried 6 - 0.

**8.2 2021-2022 Title I Federal Consolidated Application:** Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, presented the Federal Consolidated Application for Board review upon first review. This plan is due July 1 and is required to access funding for these programs. It is requested that the Board review and approve the plan at the June 10, 2021 meeting so it can be submitted by the deadline. There will likely be some adjustments prior to it being submitted but the basic structure will remain the same. Part of the III application could not be completed yet until the allocation is announced. However, the plan for the use of funds will remain constant once the allocation is announced. [Signature page](#)

Dr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKeever, to approve the 2021-2022 Title I Federal Consolidated application. Upon a roll call vote the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torre,, Mr. Wade voting yes. Ayes: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried 6 - 0.

**8.3 Return to Learn Virtual Options 2021-2022:** Dr. Katina Otey, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the 2021 Return to School. [Virtual Learning Application](#)

The Board had some discussion on the PreK - 2 that will not have the opportunity to have virtual learning. Mr. Henderson shared that we will look at individual cases for being able to have the virtual option for all students. If these students have strived in that environment we need to be able to allow these students to continue. The Board had some discussion on the virtual virginia program and how they feel it works. Dr. Irizarry shared that the virtual virginia program is different for the students since they are not able to go find the teacher and talk to them face to face. They will need to email their teacher and communicate with them in that way. The Board had discussion on making sure that we are looking at every application and making sure that we are helping to meet the needs of the families.

**8.4 Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Service:** Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented an update on the Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Service. Link to webpage: <http://charlottesvilleschools.org/returntolearn>

Ms. Torres asked if we can get an update from Dr. Bonds in August regarding the virus.

**8.5 [2021-2022 Policy Update](#):** Dr. Beth Baptist, Interim Director of Student Services and Achievement, will present the 2021-2022 Policy Update for Board consideration.

The annual policy update meeting for VSBA was held virtually on May 20, 2020. The recommended changes to policies were presented at that meeting.

Attached are six files with proposed changes:

1. [Chart of Policy Revision](#)
2. [Policies with Revisions](#)
3. [Chart of Policies Reviewed by not Revised](#)
4. [Policies Reviewed by not Revised \(5 yr review required\)](#)
5. [VSBA document regarding Compliance with Va Code 22.1 - 23.3 \(Treatment of Transgender students\)](#)
6. [Proposed Wellness Policy](#)
7. [Proposed Wellness Regulations](#)
8. [Polices revised with minor changes](#)

It is requested that the Board review the policies and determine if the proposed changes are acceptable to the Board. For review purposes, anything underlined except in titles or headings is a proposed new language. Anything crossed out is recommended to be deleted.

Spacing and format is not formally set since changes will occur with language changes after the review. Page numbers are provided in the charts.

The Board had discussion on the school lunch policy EFB. They talked about the lunches being free during the pandemic (16 months) so the policy does not seem relevant. The lunches will continue to be free during the 2021-22 school year. The Board also discussed KNAJ policy and the need to change the wording of SRO on the policy. They also discussed the wellness policy of JHCF on the goal of physical activity.

The Board discussed the transgender policy and making sure we have on all of our forms there is an option for a preferred name.

**8.6 [Superintendent Search Update](#):** The Chairperson provided a brief update on the Superintendent Search process and the proposed timeline.

### **Board Response to Written Reports**

**9.1 [A Playground for Walker Written Report](#):** Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, requested the addition of this written report prepared by Christa Bennett, parent/organizer for the Walker Playground. Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve spending for the Walker playground up to \$27,000. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. Bryson Morsberger, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, Mr. Wade voting yes. Ayes: 7 Nay: 0. The motion carried 7- 0.

### **10.1 [Comments from Members of the Community](#):**

- Christa Bennett shared her excitement about the approval of Walker playground. She also shared her concern about the Wellness Policy and the input that the SHAB committee has on this policy.

### **11.1 [Board Member Comments](#):**

- Ms. Bryson Morseberger shared that we should have input from the counselors on how we proceed with transgenders and their names even though we are following state guidelines.

- Mr. Johnson shared his concern on having students coming back face to face and not giving the option of virtual. There are staff and students that have health issues or their family and they are putting them in danger.
- Ms. Puryear thanked Mr. Johnson for his service to the Board during this time and giving his input.
- Ms. McKeever shared how she appreciated and enjoyed the graduation and thanked CHS staff for pulling it together. She noted that she would like to see the Division look into providing virtual options for PreK - 2 and high school students.
- Mr. Wade congratulated the 2021 CHS graduates of 2021 and also thanked Mr. Johnson for being an outstanding Student School Board Representative.
- Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Johnson for his service as a Student School Board Representative and congratulated the 2021 CHS Graduates. He also thanked students, parents, and school staff for helping ensure that their students did well in the virtual learning environment.
- Dr. Kraft echoed other comments of appreciation for Mr. Johnson's service on the Board and thanked Division Administration staff for their work during the pandemic. Ms. Kraft also encouraged the community to actively engage in Division initiatives.
- Ms. Torres thanked Mr. Johnson for his service, congratulated 2021 CHS graduates, and thanked Dr. Irizarry and his staff for organizing the event. She also expressed gratitude to students, community partners, teachers, and staff for their service during the pandemic.

**12.1 Superintendent's Comments:** Mr. Henderson congratulated the Class of 2021 on graduation and thanked staff for their efforts and hard work during the pandemic. He also thanked families for their flexibility and patience during this difficult time.

**13.1 Work Session Wrap-Up:** There were eight requests from the Board:

- From the Gifted Education presentation:
  - Provide a demographic breakdown
  - Include Gifted data on the Equity Dashboard
  - Include prior Gifted data with demographic breakdown
  - Think about how to measure outcomes for the Gifted Program
- Make sure information in the Return to Learn presentation is on the Division website
- Have Dr. Bonds or another representative from the Blue Ridge Health Department present at the August 2021 meeting
- Make sure Nutrition reports are provided and Policy KNAJ is ready before school starts in August 2021
- Talk with school counselors about providing flexibility for students as needed for the 2021-2022 school year

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

**15.1 Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:0 p.m.

A video of the June 10, 2021 meeting can be located at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dQy\\_H8LdvabDhvzjnRYOm8gGwBW4gbfl/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dQy_H8LdvabDhvzjnRYOm8gGwBW4gbfl/view?usp=sharing)