



**MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 (4:00 PM)**

1.1 Call to Order: School Board Chair Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.1 Roll Call:

The following Board Members were present:

Dr. Sherry Kraft	Ms. Amy Laufer
Ms. Jennifer McKeever	Ms. Leah Puryear
Mr. Juandiego Wade	Ms. Lisa Torres

The following Board Members were absent:

None

The following Staff Members were present:

Dr. Rosa Atkins	Mr. Jeff Faust
Ms. Jennifer Herring	Mr. James Henderson
Ms. Leslie Thacker	

3.1 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 carried with Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

5.1 Board Member Comments: There were none.

6.1 Approval of the 2018 School Board Interim Appointment Process for the April 11, 2018 meeting: School Board Chair Juandiego Wade reviewed the proposed 2018 School Board Interim Appointment Process with those present and called for approval of the proposed process. Dr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Ms. Laufer, to approve the 2018 School Board Interim Appointment Process. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

TIMELINE AND PROCESS TO DATE:

On Thursday, March 1, 2018: Dr. Adam Hastings announced his resignation from the Board due to purchasing a home in the county. We thank Dr. Hastings for his service.

On Monday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m.: The Charlottesville City School Board met to develop a timeline and process for the interim appointment of a qualified Charlottesville City voter to fill a vacancy and to serve on the Board until the next general election on November 6, 2018.

On Monday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m. (CHS): The Charlottesville City School Board held a formal public hearing in the Booker T. Reaves Media Center for the purpose of receiving input from qualified Charlottesville City voters who applied for consideration for interim appointment. The appointee will serve on the Board until the next general election on November 6, 2018. The registrar’s office confirmed that each candidate was a qualified city voter.

- Each applicant was given 5 minutes at the podium to answer the following questions:
 - Why do you want to be on the Charlottesville City School Board?
 - What would you like to accomplish on behalf of Charlottesville City Schools?
 - What area/s of concern would you like to see addressed?
 - What qualities/strengths would you bring to the Charlottesville City School Board?

March 26 - April 11: Board members individually considered nominees.

6.2 Deliberation and Appointment of an Interim School Board Member:

- Each school board member was given an opportunity to provide comments on their individual thought process and deliberations to include what traits, characteristics, and qualifications they found most important.
 - Dr. Kraft noted that she was blown away by the each candidate’s qualifications and that she hope that those not selected will consider running for election in November. She highlighted that it is an important time in Charlottesville’s history and that both the school division and greater community must wrestle with and define the responsibilities of the school system. Dr. Kraft also highlighted the need for understanding the challenges and strengths of the community, to help facilitate conversations, and someone who can convey the voices of students and families not typically heard from.
 - Ms. Torres thanked the candidates for stepping up and taking the role seriously stating that it will be difficult to pick just one.
 - Ms. McKeever expressed her discomfort in making an appointment as the selection of school board members is usually a role for voters. She stated that she is grateful for each applicant’s time and efforts and urged them to run in the November election.
 - Ms. Laufer extended appreciation to the candidates for being present and noted that she is encouraged by the number of applicants. She also noted how important it is to have knowledge of the community as the school division is only one piece of the equation that helps children succeed and that she also hopes applicants will run for election in November.
 - Ms. Puryear recalled a prior appointment process noting the importance of looking beyond oneself and those one can personally work with. She noted that each candidate brings a wealth of information and experience and that she hopes each and every candidate will consider who they are, where they are, and what they have to bring to our school division to not only move students forward but also to all of the people that work within the division.

- **Round One:** Board members were asked to select the top 3 candidates of their choice by placing an X next to the selected candidate via the provided Google Sheet. These results were added to the Board’s Electronic School Board site for public record.

Round 1							
	Sherry Kraft	Amy Laufer	Jennifer McKeever	Leah Puryear	Lisa Torres	Juandiego Wade	Total Count
Bryant, James	x	x		x	x	x	5
Bryson Morsberger, Lashundra		x	x	x	x		4
Cozart, Selena	x			x	x	x	4

Dooley, Emily	x	x	x			x	4
Dublirer, Brian							0
Muniz, Jessie Audette							0
Prousalis, Julia							0
Santoski, John							0
Slack, Jennifer							0
Tennant, Matthew							0
Thomas, Joseph			x				1

- Board members were given an opportunity to explain which candidates they selected and to provide supporting comments for their candidate of choice.
 - Ms. Puryear noted that during deliberation she considered commitment, knowledge, and temperament.
 - Ms. McKeever spoke in support for Ms. Bryson-Morsberger and Ms. Dooley citing their evidence of critical thinking.
 - Ms. Torres noted that she was impressed by candidates who shared concerns at prior meetings, who exhibit the ability to sit and realize this is a board and decisions are made whether you agree or not, who have the ability to hear other people’s opinions, prior educational experience, community engagement, and can facilitate conversations.
 - Ms. Laufer noted that she considered candidate’s education, background, and community advocacy.
- **Round Two:** Board members were asked to select the top 2 candidates of their choice by placing an X next to the selected candidate via the provided Google Sheet. These results were added to the Board’s Electronic School Board site for public record.

Round 2							
	Sherry Kraft	Amy Laufer	Jennifer McKeever	Leah Puryear	Lisa Torres	Juandiego Wade	Total Count
Bryant, James	x	x		x		x	4
Bryson Morsberger, Lashundra		x	x		x		3
Cozart, Selena				x	x	x	3
Dooley, Emily	x		x				2

- Board members were given another opportunity to explain which candidates they selected and to provide supporting comments for their candidate of choice.
- **Round Three:** Board members were asked to select the top candidate of their choice by placing an X next to the selected candidate via the provided Google Sheet. The Board then took a formal vote based on the results of this poll.

Round 3 (Final Round)

	Sherry Kraft	Amy Laufer	Jennifer McKeever	Leah Puryear	Lisa Torres	Juandiego Wade	Total Count
Bryant, James	x	x		x	x	x	5
Bryson Morsberger, Lashundra			x				1
Cozart, Selena							0

Ms. Laufer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to appoint James Bryant as an interim school board member until the person selected during the November 6, 2018 election is sworn in. Upon a voice vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

9.1 Board Member Comments: Ms. Laufer encouraged candidates to attend meetings and to contact the Office of Voter Registration for information on the November election.

Dr. Kraft and other board members thanked all of the candidate for their time and efforts.

10.1 Superintendent Comments: Dr. Atkins thanked the candidates for valuing education in the Charlottesville community and congratulated Mr. Bryant for being selected as the Interim School Board Member.

11.1 Upcoming Meetings: Mr. Wade read the list of upcoming meeting and activities.

10.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

There are no recordings of this meeting.



Juandiego R. Wade, School Board Chair



Leslie Thacker, School Board Clerk