



**MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Booker T. Reaves Media Center, Charlottesville High School
Thursday, June 1, 2017 (5:00 PM)**

1.1 Call to Order: Board Chair Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance: The Board began its meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3.1 Roll Call:

The following Board Members were present:	Dr. Adam Hastings	Dr. Sherry Kraft
	Ms. Amy Laufer	Ms. Jennifer McKeever
	Mr. Ned Michie	Ms. Leah Puryear
	Mr. Juandiego Wade	

The following Board Members were absent:	Ms. Fré Halvorson-Taylor, Student Representative
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The following Staff Members were absent:	Dr. Rosa Atkins	Mr. James Henderson
	Mr. Ed Gillaspie	Dr. Kendra King
	Mr. Jeff Faust	Ms. Kim Powell
	Ms. Jennifer Herring	Ms. Carole Nelson
	Ms. Leslie Thacker	

The following Staff Members were absent:	None
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4.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Dr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michie, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

5.1 Comments from Members of the Community: John Peterson, 624 North Avenue, addressed the Board noting concerns related to the the services his son receives at Burnley-Moran Elementary. Mr. Peterson spoke to advocate for the TEACCH Autism Programs that is currently offered at Johnson, Clark, and Burnley-Moran noting that the program provides a structured learning environment for students with autism. He added that despite the students difficulties with transitions, there were difficulties this year including there being no bathroom in the classroom, multiple changes to special education staff, and as well as having three different teachers throughout the school year. Mr. Peterson would like to see better support of the TEACCH Program.

Christa Bennett addressed the Board to inform them that since the last meeting she has heard of three instances of recess being taken away from students. Ms. Bennett noted that she has asked for written notice to be distributed to teachers and staff that recess is not to be taken away.

Mr. Michie recognized students in attendance and members of Boy Scout Troop 117 who were present to earn their Civil Service Badge.

Student and Staff Recognitions

6.1 100 Black Men CHS Senior Scholarship Recipients - Ephraim Antwi and Myric Jones: The Board recognized 2017 CHS Graduates Ephraim Antwi and Myric Jones who both received \$1,000 scholarships from the 100 Black Men of Central VA. Mr. Antwi plans to attend the University of Tennessee to major in Biology and Mr. Jones plans to attend Old Dominion University to major in Journalism. Mr. Antwi read the speech he presented at the awards ceremony.

6.2 2017 Golden Apple Award Winners and 2017 VIP Award Winner: Better Living Supply and Better Living Furniture annually sponsor Golden Apple Awards for outstanding teachers from public and private schools in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Kendra King recognized the 2017 Golden Apple Award Winners from Charlottesville City Schools: Melvin Grady, Buford Middle School; Jessica Powley, Burnley-Moran Elementary School; Brian Kayser, Charlottesville High School; Michael McCrory, Lugo-McGinness Academy; Ashley Riley, Clark Elementary School; Amy Jones, Greenbrier Elementary School; Lisa Utz, Jackson-Via Elementary School; Lorena Caballero Bowers, Johnson Elementary School; Nicole Driggs, Venable Elementary School; Samantha Pagni, Walker Upper Elementary School. In addition, Melvin Grady from Buford was one of eight teachers randomly selected for the \$1,000 classroom grant.

7.1 Board Member Comments: Ms. Laufer recently attended the Book Buddies 25th Anniversary Celebration, a farewell party for City of Promise Executive Director Sarad Davenport who is leaving, and the Peace Squad celebration at Walker. Ms. Laufer also requested an update on the Camp XL program.

Ms. Puryear provided an update on the City of Promise Executive Director position noting that the position description is being adjusted and will be posted later this month. She also recognized the seven students who received the Grace Tinsley Scholarships of \$2500 each and thanked those that donated and participated in fundraising. Mr. Puryear attended the Burley Varsity Club event on Saturday, May 27 and also congratulated the CHS students who graduated from CATEC and the Plugged in Virginia program.

Dr. Kraft expressed appreciation to parents for their involvement in developing the strategic plan by attending the community input sessions. She also attended the Division Retirement Celebration, the Golden Apple Awards ceremony, and the CHS Boys Soccer game.

Mr. Michie provided an update on recent attendance at the CATEC Board meeting.

Ms. McKeever thanked those who spoke during public comment and encouraged others to come forward to share experiences they've had in regard to their children. She also asked for an update on the TEACCH Program and what programs are available to support children at the middle school level. Ms. McKeever recognized teachers for the many duties they take on outside of their teacher responsibilities.

Mr. Wade noted that Ms. Puryear was recognized by the Burley Varsity Club for her contributions to education.

Dr. Atkins addressed Mr. Peterson stating she would reach out to him to discuss his concerns and also addressed Ms. Bennett's concern stating that the division is working on the issue related to recess and that communication with staff have clearly indicated that taking away recess is not an option.

8.1-4 Adoption of Consent Agenda: Items from the consent agenda included **Personnel Recommendations**,

[Minutes from the April 19, 2017 School Board Strategic Planning Work Session](#), and [Business, Financial, Routine Reports](#). Mr. Michie made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hastings, to approve the adoption of the consent agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Action Items

9.1 Approval - History & Social Studies AP Textbook Adoption: James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Patrick Johnson, Coordinator of Health and Physical Education & Textbook Adoption; and Annie Evans, K-12 Social Studies and World Languages Lead Teacher, presented the History & Social Studies AP Textbook Adoption item for Board information at the May 4, 2017 meeting. The item was presented for action.

The H&SS department recommended that the division adopt and purchase the following textbooks this year:
Human Geography: People, Place and Culture, Fouberg et al., 11th AP Edition

- Voyages in World History, Hansen and Curtis, 3rd AP Edition
- American History, Brinkley, 15th AP Edition
- Government in America: People Politics and Policy, Edwards et al., 17th AP Election Edition

The books staff would like included in the adoption, but not purchase until next year based on course enrollment is as follows:

- Human Geography in Action, Kuby et al., 6th Edition
- Economics, McConnell, Brue and Flynn, 21st AP Edition
- Myers Psychology for AP, Myers, 2nd Edition

Ms. McKeever made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michie, to approve the History & Social Studies AP Textbook Adoption. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

9.2 Approval - 2016-2017 School Board Meeting Schedule: Dr. Kendra King, Director Special Education and Student Services, presented the Proposed 2017-2018 School Board Meeting Calendar for Board information at the May 4, 2017 meeting for Board consideration. The item was presented for action.

Mr. McKeever had a concern related to the June 14, 2018 meeting noting that there is usually a policy meeting in June.

Ms. Puryear and Dr. Atkins stated that the Board can make changes to the meeting dates to better accommodate any additional meetings that might be required in June.

Dr. Hastings made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the 2016-2017 School Board Meeting Schedule. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Items for Discussion

10.1 2017-2018 School Lunch Price: Ed Gillaspie, Director of Administrative Services, and Carlton Jones, Coordinator of School Nutrition, presented the 2017-2018 School Lunch Price recommendation for review and consideration by the Board stating that student full price meals must be gradually adjusted to equal the difference between the annual free reimbursement rate and the full price reimbursement rate. The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) requires school divisions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the nonprofit school food service account for lunches served to students not eligible for free or reduced price meals. The regulations allow two ways to meet this requirement: Through the prices charged for paid lunches or through other nonfederal sources provided to the nonprofit school food service

account. With that being stated it is necessary for Charlottesville Nutrition Services to recommend that we raise Meal Prices by \$0.10 for SY 2017-18 in order to stay in compliance with USDA.

The recommended prices for SY 2017-18 are:

- Grades Pre-K - 8:
 - Breakfast - \$1.50
 - Lunch - \$2.35
- Grades 9-12
 - Breakfast - \$1.50
 - Lunch - \$2.50
- Adults
 - Breakfast - \$1.75
 - Lunch - \$3.25

There was discussion related to the reimbursement rate and Mr. Jones indicated that the Board could potentially be asked to raise rates again in another two or three years.

Ms. McKeever welcomed Mr. Jones to the division and thanked him for his service to Charlottesville City Schools.

10.2 2017-2023 Strategic Plan Draft: Jeff Faust, Director of Technology, and Beth Cheuk, Community Relations Liaison, presented a draft of the 2017-2023 Strategic Plan for Board consideration and input.

Ms. Cheuk and Mr. Faust thanked students, teachers, and community members who provided input in developing the 2017-2023 Strategic Plan draft.

The Board provided significant input to Mr. Faust and Ms. Cheuk on the Core Values, Vision, and Focus Areas as well as on specific Goals included in the Strategic Plan document.

Mr. Michie stated that he would like to see the inclusion of reference to a growth mindset. Mr. Faust responded that strategies and core values of that concept are included in the currently version of the plan.

There was discussion related to including soft skills and job readiness for students as well as year-round learning.

Mr. Faust and Ms. Cheuk will apply the many changes recommended by the Board and present the revised Strategic Plan document for approval at the June 14, 2017 meeting.

10.3 Federal Consolidated Application: James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Federal Consolidated Application for Board review upon first review. The plan is due July 1 and is required to access funding for these programs. It was requested that the Board review the plan which will be presented for approval at the June 14, 2017 meeting in order to submit it 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.

10.4 School Board Member Committee Assignments: In accordance with School Board Policy BCA, the School Board will appoint Board members to boards, commissions and joint committees of control. A list of proposed committee assignments was presented for Board discussion.

Mr. Wade thanked Dr. Kraft for being the point person in collecting board member's preferences of committee assignments.

Dr. Kraft stated that this version of the School Board Member Committee Assignments was developed with the understanding that additional changes will likely be required in the January as Mr. Michie leaves the Board. Mr. Michie asked to remain on his current committees.

Ms. Laufer expressed her concerns with being able to attend all of the Black Male Alliance meetings and additional sub-group meetings. Mr. Hastings noted that there seem to be meetings every week and that it's very important work but that he is not certain of the board member's role on this committee. Dr. Atkins noted that the board member's presence is important but that most meetings are at 4:00 p.m. and it is understandable that there may be some meetings that board members cannot attend and that she will keep the Board updated on these meetings. Dr. Kraft noted that she would be another alternate and would help cover meetings as well.

The School Board Committee Assignments document will be presented for Board approval at the June 14, 2017 meeting.

Board Response to Written Reports

11.1 Local Plan for the Gifted and the Quest Annual Review: James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Bev Catlin, Coordinator of Gifted Programs, ESL Program, & C.L.A.S.S., prepared the Local Plan for the Gifted and the Quest Annual Review for Board review. The State Department of Education asks each local advisory committee to "review annually the local plan for the education of gifted students, including revisions, and determine the extent to which the plan for the previous year was implemented. The recommendations of the advisory committee shall be submitted in writing through the division superintendent to the school board." After recommending minor changes, the Quest Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the Quest Annual Review at its May meeting. There were no questions from the Board related to this report.

12.1 Comments from Members of the Community: Lisa Torres addressed the Board stating that she was approached by a couple of students who have expressed some concern about being able to attend sporting events due to cost and asked if there is any assistance available for these students. Ms. Powell responded that once events move to the district events they are managed by VHSL and costs are driven by VHSL.

The Board requested an update on what waivers are available to students during the regular season.

13.1 Board Member Comments: Mr. Laufer asked if Walker students could use the walking trail from Greenleaf Park to Walker on Walking Wednesdays. She would like to see a follow-up on the Charlottesville 12 assembly that was held years ago. She would also like to see text messaging for communicating with families/students. She shared information on the Dolly Parton Book Share program for preschool students and reported that an adult pedestrian was hit by a car that morning on the other side of the Dairy Road bridge.

Dr. Atkins responded that the Board approved a crossing guard position for Walker for the coming school year noting that the position has been listed but no one has been hired so far.

There was discussion about adding blinking lights in that area which would require City Council approval. The Board will discuss this with City Council at an upcoming lunch meeting.

14.1 Superintendent's Comments: Dr. Atkins also provided an update on the following activities (excerpts):

- David Wilkerson, Chair of the CHS Guidance Counseling Department, was recognized as the recipient of The Colin Powell Award, an annual award presented by "Our Community Salutes" in recognition of an outstanding guidance counselor.
- On Tuesday, May 10, 2017, the Book Buddies program celebrated its 25th anniversary at Jefferson School. Thanks to our Book Buddies staff and volunteers for their years of service to our students!
- Congratulations to our 2017 Golden Apple Award Winners and thanks to Better Living Building Supply for making them possible! This year's Charlottesville City Schools honorees are: Melvin Grady (Buford),

Jessica Powley (Burnley-Moran), Brian Kayser (CHS), Ashley Riley (Clark), Amy Jones (Greenbrier), Lisa Utz (Jackson-Via), Lorena Caballero Bower (Johnson), Michael McCrory (Lugo-McGinness Academy), Nicole Driggs (Venable), and Samantha Pagni (Walker).

- On Saturday, May 13, 2017, the High School Scholars for area public high schools were recognized for their academic achievements. We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of these young men with a 3.0 grade point average in grades 9-12 from the 12 Central Virginia high schools. CHS Senior Scholarship Recipients: 2017 CHS Graduates Ephraim Antwi and Myric Jones both received \$1,000 scholarships from the 100 Black Men of Central VA. Ephraim plans to attend the University of Tennessee to major in Biology and Myric plans to attend Old Dominion University to major in Journalism. 2017 CHS Distinguished Scholars: Daimon Washington (2019) and Khalil Vest-Sims (2017)
- On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, CATEC hosted its annual Completers Ceremony at Monticello High School. Two CHS students received the Foundation Scholarship and one student was inducted into the Technical Education Honor Society. CHS Senior Kendrick Tyree delivered the Completer Address. Congratulations to the 2017 CATEC Completers!
- On Saturday, May 27, 2017, Ms. Leah Wilson Puryear, Director of UVA's Upward Bound program, was added to the Jackson P. Burley Wall of Fame for significant contributions to the City of Charlottesville by the Burley Varsity Club and Burley Auxiliary Committee.
- On Tuesday, May 23, 2017, Miss Kendra Johnson, Greenbrier Elementary School's Principal for the Day, visited the Division Administration Offices and participated in a staff meeting where she discussed the importance of reading as well as how the division can improve recess.
- On Wednesday, May 31, 2017, CHS AVID hosted Family Night where seniors received their AVID sashes for graduation.
- The CHS boys soccer team won 1-0 last night, improving to 19-0. They will host the Regional 4A West championship on Friday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. and will play in the state semi-final on Friday, June 9 at either 2:00 or 4:00 p.m. in Salem. If they win the semi-final, they will play in the state championship on Saturday, June 10 at 4:45 p.m. in Salem.

15.1 Work Session Wrap-Up - Dr. Kendra King: There were three request from the Board:

- Update on Camp XL including how enrollment and other items within the program are going
- List of SPED programs including descriptions and locations
- Crossing Guard update with City Council Meeting

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

17.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

A video of the June 1, 2017 meeting can be located at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzjY_DSFRt3DV19IUzVZaEs2VXc/view?usp=sharing



Juandiego R. Wade, School Board Chair



Leslie Thacker, School Board Clerk