



**MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Booker T. Reaves Media Center, Charlottesville High School
Thursday, March 29, 2018 (5:00 PM)**

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

2.1 Moment of Silence in Memory of Bennett McClurken-Gibney: Dr. Kendra King, Director of Student Services and Achievement, asked those present to observe a moment of silence in honor of five-year-old Johnson Elementary School student Bennett Charles McClurken-Gibney.

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

4.1 Roll Call:

The following Board Members were present:	Dr. Sherry Kraft	Ms. Amy Laufer
	Ms. Jennifer McKeever	Ms. Lisa Torres
	Mr. Juandiego Wade	Ms. Fré Halvorson-Taylor, Student Representative

The following Board Members were absent:	Ms. Leah Puryear
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The following Staff Members were present:	Dr. Rosa Atkins	Dr. Gary Blair
	Mr. Jeff Faust	Mr. James Henderson
	Ms. Renee Hoover	Dr. Kendra King
	Ms. Kim Powell	Ms. Leslie Thacker
	Ms. Jennifer Herring	

The following Staff Members were absent:	None
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5.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Dr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Ms. Laufer, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Student and Staff Recognitions

7.1 [Rumi Forum Annual Peace & Dialogue Art and Video Contests Award](#): Dr. Kendra King, Director of Student Services and Achievement, presented the Rumi Forum Annual Peace & Dialogue Art and Video Contest Awards recognition item for Board information. Peace and Dialogue brought middle and high school students together to raise awareness on important social topics through art on February 22nd, 2018. Rumi Forum hosted an awards ceremony for art and video contests. This year's theme was "Justice or Just Us" to raise awareness among the students about topics such as equality and fairness, environmental and social justice, and human rights. The artworks and videos developed by the professional judges and the winners together with their families and teachers were recognized and awarded in our banquet dinner in front of distinguished guests from Charlottesville/Albemarle County community.

The Board recognized the following students:

- Buford Middle School student Yasu Shinozaki who placed 2nd in this years Rumi Forum Peace and Dialogue art contest for his work titled "Tattered America".
- Charlottesville High School student Aleena Haidari who placed 2nd in this years Rumi Forum Peace and Dialogue video contest for her work title "Hijab".
- Charlottesville High School students Tiara Strait and Amyah Limbacher who placed 3rd in this years Rumi Forum Peace and Dialogue video contest for their work titled "Health Insurance".

7.2 [2018 Virginia School Boards Association Regional Forum Art Contest](#): Dr. Kendra King, Director of Student Services and Achievement, presented the 2018 Virginia School Boards Association Regional Forum Art Contest recognition item for Board information. The artwork of three Charlottesville City Schools' students was selected by a panel consisting of all City Schools art teachers to represent Charlottesville in the VSBA 2018 Spring Regional Forum Art Contest that took place on March 7, 2018. There are three categories; elementary, middle and high school. There are nine regions and each region selected three winners creating a total art exhibit of twenty seven pieces. The winning selections will be framed by the VSBA for display in the offices of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Virginia School Boards Association on a rotating basis.

The Board recognized the following students:

- Charlottesville High School 9th-grader Jane Ormsby who won third place in the High School category.
- Buford Middle School 8th-grader Belaynesh Downs-Reeve.
- Walker Upper Elementary School 5th-grader Elsa Miller.

8.1 [Board Member Comments](#): Ms. Laufer provided an update on recent attendance at a PREP Board meeting, a Virginia Board of Education meeting, and a GRACE meeting.

Dr. Kraft expressed her appreciation for how the March 13 student walkout was handled and provided an update on recent attendance at the School Health Advisory Board (SHAB) meeting and the Preschool Steering Committee meeting.

Ms. McKeever provided an update on recent attendance at a Parks & Recreation meeting, Quest Advisory Committee meeting, CATEC Board meeting, winter sports banquet, a student led conference at Venable Elementary School, and the March for our Lives event in Washington, DC.

Ms. Torres provided an update on recent visits to Clark, Jackson-Via, Johnson, Buford and CHS. She also attended a Preschool Steering Committee meeting, a webinar sponsored by NSBA National Black Conference titled, "Teaching Accurate and Comprehensive Black History in America", the March for our Lives event in Washington, DC, a CHS PTO meeting, and the Game Changers luncheon sponsored by the City of Promise. Ms. Torres also highlighted the Family Engagement on Demand app/initiative.

9.1-4 [Adoption of Consent Agenda](#): Items from the consent agenda included [Personnel Recommendations](#), [Minutes from the March 1, 2018 School Board Meeting](#), and [Business, Financial, Routine Reports](#). Ms. McKeever

made a motion, seconded by Ms. Torres, to approve the Adoption of the Consent Agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Items for Discussion

10.1 [2018-2019 Career and Technical Education Local Plan](#): James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Stephanie Carter, Program Administrator for Virtual Education, CTE, and Program Administrator for Lugo-McGinness Academy, presented the 2018-2019 Career and Technical Education Local Plan for Board review.

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins IV) was signed into law in August of 2006. Perkins IV regulates career and technical education from the federal level and provides funding to states and local school divisions. Under the provisions of Perkins and regulations governing career and technical education in Virginia, local educational agencies desiring federal assistance from Perkins for 2018-2019 are required to submit a one year plan and year budget to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The plan and budget will be updated annually to reflect current year activities and funding priorities. The attached grant application will serve as the formal agreement between the school division and the VDOE for implementing federal and state regulations governing the provision of career and technical education. It spells out the intended use of funds to support program improvements. Disbursement of funds is contingent upon local and state approval of the application/plan.

Ms. Carter stated that there are very few changes from the past year and noted that equipment in the Alpha Lab at Buford Middle School will be updated.

10.2 [Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application for 2018 - 2019](#): Dr. Kendra King, Director of Student Services and Achievement, presented the proposed budget for the Federal Flow Through Funding for Special Education for 2018-19 for both school-aged and preschool for Board consideration. The recommendation was to write the grants for the same amounts that were received last year. The Board will be asked take action on this item at the May 3, 2018 meeting.

10.3 [Division Organizational Supports - Technology solutions in support of division staff, students and instructional goals](#): Jeff Faust, Director of Technology, presented information on Division Organizational Supports - Technology solutions in support of division staff, students and instructional goals. Information presented included Milestones, Accomplishments and Events, Division Facts and Figures, Emphasizing Active Use and Creative Applications, Leveraging Web-Based Tools for Collaboration and Extension, Our process, Projected Costs for Device Refresh (Estimates - Pending Proposals), and a Summary.

Mr. Wade asked about City Council's proposed internet services and also asked how secure CCS information is given the recent cyber attack and ransom experienced in Atlanta. Mr. Faust responded that going with Google was a really good choice as data is encrypted and that Google is one of the best providers available. He also noted that he is looking at options related to internet and that recent surveys include results that 4% of students do not have internet at home and that currently proposals include hotspots in libraries and wifi/data devices that can be taken home.

Ms. McKeever asked if the device selected might have more flexibility related to science and STEM activities. Mr. Faust responded that it is difficult to select one device that does everything needed and that there are other CAD-based programs available for use on Chromebooks.

There was discussion related to methods used for filtering access to various sites so that students do not access non-educational information. Mr. Faust noted that there is no technology that can monitor exposure as well as a human element method of monitoring activity in making smart decisions around data using best practices.

Mr. Faust stated that the technology survey indicated that there is a real contrast between staff and students when it comes to filtering content. Staff feels that filtering should be more strict and students do not. Mr. Faust noted that it is challenging to manage filtering and technology doesn't take the place of staff and parenting oversight of exposure.

Ms. Laufer asked if teachers are teaching students how to determine if internet sources are legitimate resources. Mr. Faust responded that there are media literacy units in place as early as elementary school to teach student how to best use internet resources.

Mr. Faust highlighted the fact that a Student Technology Advisory Committee that is currently being organized.

10.4 2018-2019 Student Fee Schedule: Dr. Kendra King, Director, Student Services and Achievement, presented the Student Fee Schedules for Board consideration upon first reading. 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. This year, there is an additional fee schedule for the new tablet initiative. This schedule will be for any associated fees for that program. Plans are still being developed for the fee exemption but will be determined before the tablets are distributed.

Dr. King noted that there is a significant change to CATEC fees as there will now be no cost associated with CATEC materials.

Ms. Halvorson-Taylor asked for if there are any funds in the budget to provide assistance to students who want PE uniforms and cannot afford them. Dr. Atkins responded that staff will look into how many students might be affected by this fee and will provide an update.

Ms. Torres asked if the division has received feedback from families above the F&R level cutoff to indicate that their students have not been able to participate due to fees. Dr. King responded that the division makes every effort to make sure every student can participate even if they cannot afford fees.

Dr. Kraft asked how many instances have there been a level 4 Chromebook fee given to students. Mr. Faust noted that students are referred to administration who then decides on the implementation of fees.

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

12.1 Board Member Comments: Ms. Halvorson-Taylor attended the March 13 National School Walkout March 23 March for Our Lives in Washington and noted appreciation for staff support and looks forward to further collaboration between students and lawmakers to address gun violence. She also amended her statement from the previous meeting related to school safety noting that there is a fine line between making schools safe and not turning them into military zones. She added that for many students school is still a much safer environment than their homes and places in the community and stressed the importance of finding a balance between making schools safe and also making them a place for students to escape traumas that occur outside of school.

Ms. Halvorson-Taylor also commented that she appreciates the strides taken to update technology used and noted that she has experienced instances where teachers replace face to face and hands on learning with technology.

Dr. Kraft asked if there is a plan for presenting information on proposed school expansion. Dr. Atkins responded that staff is compiling notes from the many meetings, is looking at projected fall enrollment, and proposed impact on new housing developments. Staff will determine if increased student enrollment trends continue to increase.

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

- Update on the 19th Annual Conference Women Education Leaders in Virginia (WELV)
- Community Forum on School Safety on March 15, 2018
- March 21, 2018 Snow Day
- April 13, 2018 - A Systems Approach to the Opioid Crisis (at CitySpace)

14.1 Work Session Wrap-Up - Dr. Kendra King: There were four requests from the Board:

- What % of students do not wear PE uniform
- Why do students choose not to wear PE uniforms
- SB Retreat: identify and new schedule of reports
- Share ways the division is measuring growth as MAPP testing is being decreased

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

16.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

A video of the March 29, 2018 meeting can be located at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1JTh2MnIZIFZJ2zn107rW-jXPWTRlnzyB>



Juandiego R. Wade, School Board Chair



Leslie Thacker, School Board Clerk