



MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Hilton Richmond, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond
Saturday, May 20, 2017 (8:30 AM)

1.1 Call to Order: Board Chair Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2.1 Roll Call:

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

The following Board Members were absent: None

The following Staff Members were present:	Dr. Rosa Atkins	Ms. Leslie Thacker
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Approval of Proposed Agenda: Dr. Hastings made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKeever 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.

Closed Session

3.1 Motion to Convene into Closed Session: at 8:36 a.m., Ms. McKeever offered a motion to convene into Closed Session as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, sections 2.23711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Wade seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

3.2 Closed Meeting Sections 2.23711 (A) (1): The Board discussed a personnel item.

3.3 Closed Meeting Certification: at 9:44 a.m., Ms. McKeever offered 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. Michie seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. Laufer, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays. There was no action.

Items for Discussion

4.1 AP Courses: The Board discussed AP courses and whether to limit the number of AP courses students can take.

Ms. Laufer suggested the Let's Talk program for collecting parental input.

Dr. Hastings suggested eliminating the GPA bump.

Dr. Kraft suggested having an educational process for parents so that they realize the affect these choices have on students.

There was also discussion related to the importance of having clear/engaging discussions with the community before any changes are made.

Mr. Michie also noted the importance of discussing the potential impact of college acceptance to Ivy League colleges if the division decides to limit the number of AP courses students are allowed to take.

There was discussion related to limiting AP classes in 9th grade and having a public conversation,

Dr. Hastings noted that the only guaranteed acceptance to UVA is through PVCC.

Mr. Michie asked that this item be on a future agenda and that staff talk with college admissions officers and to look at other high performing high schools.

Ms. McKeever noted the importance of educating students and parents on PSAT/SAT test preparation.

4.2 Profile of a Virginia Graduate and VDOE Accountability Matrix (Strategic Planning): The Board discussed proposed Standards of Accreditation including Scenarios of Technical Assistance and Actions and proposed accreditation measures for high school, elementary, and middle schools, which will potentially require more prescriptive instruction that will require proficiency in SOL scores in addition to additional measures.

There was discussion related to strategies on how to deal with chronic absenteeism. Superintendents have asked the state to define what a school day is. Ms. Laufer suggested hiring an employee and buying a vehicle to pick up children who may have missed the bus and cannot find other transportation to school.

There was discussion related to new accreditation measures that no longer have associated penalties the opportunity to reduce/eliminate the focus on SOL testing. The consensus was to wait until the final accreditation procedures are received from the state.


The Board also discussed Review of Possible Quality Indicators including Graduation/School Progress, Dropout Rate, Chronic Absenteeism, and Student Engagement.

5.1 School Board Annual Self-Evaluation: The Charlottesville City School Board establishes the vision, mission and goals for the school division. Policy BBA, Role and Evaluation of the School Board, states that the School Board will conduct a formal self-evaluation annually to ensure the proper discharge of its responsibilities to the community. School Board members discussed results of the self-evaluations that were completed and focused on areas that scored less than competent and capable.

6.1 **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



Juandiego R. Wade, School Board Chair



Leslie Thacker, School Board Clerk