



MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Booker T. Reaves Media Center, Charlottesville High School
Thursday, September 5, 2019 (5:00 PM)

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

2.1 Moment of Silence: School Board Chair Jennifer McKeever asked all those present to observe a moment of silence.

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:

Mr. James Bryant	Ms. Jennifer McKeever
Mr. Ned Michie	Ms. Leah Puryear
Ms. Lisa Torres	Mr. Juandiego Wade
Adrian Anderson, Student School Board Representative	

The following Board Members were absent:

Dr. Sherry Kraft

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. Denise Johnson
Ms. Beth Cheuk	Ms. Julia Green
Ms. Leslie Thacker	

The following Staff Members were absent:

None

5.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bryant, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

6.1 Comments from Members of the Community: Gudrun Campbell, Buford Student, addressed the Board expressing his concern related to climate change and requested support for the September 20 School Strikes for Climate from 12-1 p.m.

Educational Highlights

7.1 Voices of Virginia: James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Will Cooke, CHS Choral Director, and the students of Voices of Virginia who gave a vocal performance.

Special Recognition

8.1 Jobs for Virginia Graduates: James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Deb Tewksbury, Career and Technical Education Teacher, introduced Barry Glenn from Jobs for Virginia Graduates. Mr. Glenn presented a plaque to the school board in recognition of the Charlottesville City Schools receiving the “Five of Five” award. The Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) “Five of Five” award is the highest honor given to a state affiliate and recognizes the program for achieving all five of the national standards. JAG is the national affiliate of JVG.

8.2 Proclamation Honoring the 60th Anniversary of School Desegregation: Dr. Rosa Atkins, Division Superintendent, presented a Proclamation Honoring the 60th Anniversary of School Desegregation for Board recognition.

Mr. Wade noted appreciation for the Charlottesville 12 recognition and also recognized the Charlottesville 12 for their courage during integration.

Dr. Atkins stated that there is no way to thank the Charlottesville 12 enough for their courage during integration, not only did they complete high school but they went on to be productive citizens in the Commonwealth. She also expressed appreciation to the community and noted that there is still a long way to go.

Mr. Michie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bryant, to approve the Proclamation Honoring the 60th Anniversary of School Desegregation. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

9.1 Board Member Comments: Ms. Puryear expressed appreciation for the resolution recognizing the Charlottesville 12, shared reflections of Mr. Michie’s father Thomas Michie, provided an update on recent activities such as the Inside Out Reception, United Way Community Table event, the Charlottesville Sing Out, CATEC Board meeting, Charlottesville City Schools Convocation, and a Public Education Foundation meeting.

Mr. Wade provided an update on recent activities such as visits to Clark and Burnley-Moran and a CATEC Board meeting. He also highlighted upcoming events such as the September 25 CHSO Kickoff, the October 4 Buford Middle School/City SchoolYard Garden Harvest Festival, and the September 28 event in the Buford Middle School Garden recognizing the 60th Anniversary Charlottesville 12.

Ms. Torres provided an update on recent activities such as a Housing Advisory Committee meeting, a Confederate Monument Tour, and school visits to Buford, CHS, and Greenbrier. She also attended the Charlottesville City Schools Convocation and the Monticello High School College Fair. Ms. Torres recognized Dr. Atkins for her appointment to the Governor’s African-American history commission.

10.1-6 Adoption of Consent Agenda: Items from the consent agenda included **Personnel Recommendations**, **Minutes from the August 1, 2019 School Board Meeting**, **Minutes from the August 20, 2019 School Board Meeting**, **Business, Financial, Routine Reports**, and **Grant Awards**. Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michie, to approve the consent agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Items for Discussion

11.1 [2019-2020 Student Representatives to the School Board](#): Dr. Kendra King, Director of Student Services and Achievement, and Dr. Eric Irizarry, CHS Principal, provided information on the selection process and introduced the 2019-2020 Student Representatives to the School Board. After widely advertising the search for Student Representatives to the School Board at Charlottesville High School, the Student Council Association (SCA) reviewed applications with School Board Member, Juandiego Wade. The committee selected Adrian Anderson, Tiara Strait, and Ashlyn Cherrix who will be presented to the Board for approval. The committee also selected Eliana Goluboff-Schragger as an alternate.

Mr. Wade noted that the selection panel included many excellent candidates, that it was a difficult decision and that he is looking forward to receiving input from the Student School Board Representatives.

Ms. Torres made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the 2019-2020 Student Representatives to the School Board. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Mr. Bryant, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

11.2 [2019-2020 Advisory Committees to the School Board](#): Dr. Kendra King, Director of Student Services and Achievement, presented the 2019-2020 Advisory Committees to the School Board for Board consideration upon first reading. According to School Board policy, the School Board is to review proposed membership lists of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), School Health Advisory Board (SHAB), Gifted Education Advisory Committee, and Parent Advisory for Title 1 at the September meeting and then approve membership at the October meeting. The four lists are attached for the Board to review.

Information presented included proposed lists for the Gifted Education Advisory Committee, School Health Advisory Board, Special Education Advisory Committee, and Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee. It was noted that some committees had not met for the 2019-2020 school year and may have recommendations for change prior to the October meeting.

Ms. McKeever noted that there seems to be very few parents on the Student Health Advisory Board. Dr. King responded that staff will attempt to get additional parent representatives.

Ms. McKeever also asked for clarification on the SEAC list as one parent is listed twice.

11.3 [Extended Bridges to Literacy \(EBL\) Update](#): James Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Jenifer Davis, Lead Literacy Teacher, who presented an update on the Extended Bridges to Literacy (EBL).

Information presented included:

- Attendance Data
- PALS Data - Kindergarten 2018
- PALS Data - First grade
- PALS Data - Second grade
- PALS Data - Third grade
- SOL Data - Fourth Grade
- Reflections and Adjustments
- Reflections from EBL teachers

Carol Busching and Patrice Harris, EBL Teachers, provided reflections on their experiences teaching EBL.

Dr. Atkins noted that each year the division as allocated a larger percentage of funding for the EBL Program due to the decreased grant funding. This year's grant funding was for \$96,000 with the division paying a more significant amount.

Ms. Torres and Mr. Bryant thanked Ms. Davis, Ms. Busching, and Ms. Harris for their dedication and passion around the EBL Program.

Ms. McKeever asked about the current emphasis on grades kindergarten-2nd and what that means for grades 3-4. Mr. Henderson responded that there are many interventions around literacy and as EBL funding has decreased there have been changes to the program to focus on more strategic delivery.

11.4 2019-2020 Enrollment Update: Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented an update on the most recent information related to preliminary student enrollment. She noted that the opening of school enrollment is closely monitored, and 10 day enrollment numbers were calculated on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. There was no recommendation for hiring additional teachers.

Dr. Atkins noted that the International Rescue Committee (IRC) informed the division that additional families will be moving into Charlottesville and will have an effect on enrollment.

12.1 Comments from Members of the Community: Chris Meyer addressed the Board noting disappointment that his child is in the class at Jackson-Via with a higher student/teacher ratio. He also noted concern around SOL scores.

13.1 Board Member Comments: Mr. Wade announced a Bullying lecture at Islamic Society of Central Virginia on Saturday, September 14.

Mr. Bryant noted that the City of Promise is looking for community members for after-school support volunteers to supervise kids and support staff for Youth Councils and Education Station for K-4th graders. He encouraged those interested to reach out to Mary Coleman at the City of Promise.

Mr. Bryant also provided an update on recent events he attended such as the Charlottesville City Schools Convocation and expressed appreciation for the recognition of the Charlottesville 12. He also recognized Mr. Michie's father Thomas Michie for being part of the efforts around integration. He Congratulated Dr. Atkins for her appointment to the Governor's African-American History commission and to Mr. Zyahna Bryant for her appointment to the Governor's African American Advisory Committee.

Mr. Michie noted that bond issue may be a good route to go to support the investment in school buildings.

14.1 Superintendent's Comments: Dr. Atkins stated that there are two separate dates that the Commonwealth publishes SOL scores and that the scores released in August are not the scores used to award accreditation and that they do not factor growth or other parameters that the state uses to calculate scores. The October report will be the scores used for accreditation. Dr. Atkins recognized Mr. Thomas Michie for his years of advocacy, congratulated Zyahna Bryant for her appointment to the Governor's African American Advisory Committee, and thanked UVA President Jim Ryan for his efforts to forge a strong partnership with the community.

She also provided an update on the following activities (excerpts):

- First Lady Pamela Northam visits Barrett Early Early Learning Center - August 6, 2019
- United Way Community Table - August 8, 2019
- 2019 Convocation - August 14, 2019
- Shannon Grants for Innovative Projects Awards Ceremony - August 16, 2019
- Back to School Bash - August 17, 2019
- Pre-Service Week - Professional Development

- International Residents College Fellows Reception at Morea House - August 26, 2019
- 3rd Street - Best Seats in the House - August 29, 2019
- Bus Stop Meet and Greets - August 27, 2019 and September 5, 2019

15.1 Work Session Wrap-Up - Dr. Kendra King: There were no requests from the Board.

16.1 Upcoming Meetings: Ms. McKeever read the list of upcoming meetings and activities.

17.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

A video of the September 5, 2019 meeting can be located at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19vBriVSLrncPVe9jQ9HOY_zChE9Lmers/view?usp=sharing

Jennifer McKeever, School Board Chair

Leslie Thacker, School Board Clerk