

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
AND CENTER BOARD**

**October 19, 2010**

At 7:05 p.m., Mrs. Leah Puryear called to order the Joint Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board and the Charlottesville City School Board. Mr. Ron Price called to order the Albemarle County School Board and Mrs. Leah Puryear called to order the Charlottesville City School Board. Both Chairs stated they had a quorum.

**CENTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Ron Price, Mrs. Llezelle Dugger, Mr. Ned Michie, Mrs. Leah Puryear, and Mrs. Diantha McKeel.

**CENTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Diantha McKeel, Mr. Ron Price, Mr. Steve Koleszar, and Mr. Harley Miles.

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Eric Strucko, Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly, and Mrs. Pam Moynihan.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Leah Puryear, Mrs. Llezelle Dugger, Dr. Alvin Edwards, and Mr. Ned Michie.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Colette Blount, Mr. Juandiego Wade, and Ms. Kathleen Galvin.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Darah Bonham, Director; Mr. Mike Mountjoy, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Debbie Gannon, Career & Instructional Technology Coordinator; and Ms. Leslie Chisholm, Clerk.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent Albemarle County Schools; Dr. Rosa Atkins, Superintendent Charlottesville City Schools; Chad Ratliff, Albemarle County Assistant Director of Instruction; Lee Davis, Charlottesville City Vocational Planner; Mrs. Paula Pagonakis, Entrepreneurship Consultant; Dave Francis, Western Albemarle High School Principal; Amy Wright, Western Albemarle High School Guidance Director; Laura Gunlicks, Monticello High School Guidance Director; Catherine Worley, Monticello High School Principal; Gertrude Ivory, Charlottesville City Schools Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Billy Haun, Albemarle County Schools Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Jim Henderson, Charlottesville City Schools Assistant Superintendent - Administration; Meghan Parsons, Albemarle High School Guidance Director; Jay Thomas, Albemarle High School Principal; Kim Dunaway, Albemarle High School Career and Technical Education Chair; Thomas Taylor, Charlottesville High School Principal; Gigi Davis-White, Charlottesville High School Career Counselor; Ashby Kindler, Murray High School Principal; Nickel Lepchitz, Monticello High School Career and Technical Education Chair; Sara Dahl, Western Albemarle High School Career and Technical Education Chair; and Brandon Shulleeta, Daily Progress reporter.

**AGENDA ITEM 10-53**

**AGENDA**

Mr. Koleszar offered a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Dugger seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mrs. Massie Mouly, Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Wade, Ms. Galvin, and Ms. Blount absent.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No community participation.

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**CATEC STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Bonham explained how the Joint Board meeting operates. This particular meeting brings together representatives from the base high schools (principals, guidance counselors, and CTE) for a dialog concerning moving CATEC initiatives forward. One of his concerns was how to measure the things CATEC is doing to show progress with students as a school. Mr. Bonham explained CATEC's five initiatives, the Plan-Do-Study-Act model, and the goals of tonight's collaborative break-out groups. He gave each group a list of questions to guide the discussion and asked that the session be documented. Mrs. Puryear stated that the reports will be sent to the members of both Boards. CATEC Status Reports are attached.

**AGENDA ITEM 10-56**

**SUPERINTENDENTS' UPDATE ON CITY AND COUNTY PARTNERSHIP WITH FOCUS ON VIRTUAL LEARNING**

Dr. Atkins explained that she and Dr. Moran have a vision to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> century and world class learning skills seamlessly into the schools. Both Superintendents have been intrigued by the research on virtual learning, some of which indicates that, by 2020, over 50% of the courses high school students take will be in a virtual format. There are some virtual models in both school systems presently and they intend to collaborate and develop the virtual courses as they move towards virtual high schools.

The partnership between Albemarle and Charlottesville will develop virtual courses, during this school year, and include them in the Programs of Studies. Gertrude Ivory, Billy Haun, and teams from both school divisions have been working together to identify courses that will be developed virtually. Mrs. Ivory and Mr. Haun reported on the process to this point. The goal is to create several on-line courses and then, once they are successful, develop a virtual school. A City/County Project Charter Partnership has been established and they have worked with the Darden School of Business.

Mrs. Ivory reviewed the group's strategic goals and the project description with everything revolving around student achievement and career readiness. The process has been well documented. Mr. Haun explained which courses will be taught on-line initially, why they were chosen, and how they will be taught. The hope is to have a pilot of an on-line class available this summer. There was discussion about funding for the necessary technology, staff development with regard to teaching virtual classes, the level of high student engagement sought with these courses, the support received from Darden School of Business, and project marketing. Dr. Atkins stated that, in November or December, the two Boards will be presented with the

Programs of Studies for approval. She finished by explaining a timeline for further program development.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mr. Koleszar offered a motion to adjourn the Joint Board meeting and Mrs. Dugger seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Blount, Mrs. Massie Mouly, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Wade, and Mrs. Moynihan absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Diantha H. McNeil  
Chairperson

2/23/11  
Date

Wanda N. Charles  
Clerk

2.24.2011  
Date