

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

October 19, 2021

At 6:00p.m., Ms. Jennifer McKeever convened the electronic joint meeting of the CATEC Center Board, the Albemarle County School Board, and the Charlottesville City School Board.

CENTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kate Acuff, Ms. Katrina Callsen, Ms. Jennifer McKeever, Ms. Ellen Osborne, and Mrs. Leah Puryear.

CENTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Juandiego Wade.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kate Acuff, Mr. Jonno Alcaro, Ms. Katrina Callsen, Ms. Judy Le, Ms. Ellen Osborne, and Mr. Graham Paige.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. David Oberg.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. James Bryant, Ms. Lashundra Bryson-Morsberger (arrived at 6:45p.m.), Dr. Sherry Kraft, Ms. Lisa Larson-Torres (arrived at 6:07p.m.), Ms. Jennifer McKeever, and Mrs. Leah Puryear.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Juandiego Wade.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Stephanie Carter, Director; Mr. Anthony Smith, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Shannon Tomlin, Adult Education and Apprenticeship Program Manager; Mrs. Megan Panek, English Instructor; Mrs. Cat Gardner, EMT instructor; Mr. David Topper, Government and Personal Finance Instructor; Mr. Jake Sills, Integrated Math Specialist; and Ms. Leslie Chisholm, Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Matthew Haas, Albemarle County Schools Superintendent; Dr. Royal Gurley, Charlottesville City Schools Superintendent; and Mr. Ross Holden, Albemarle County Attorney.

AGENDA ITEM 21-50

AGENDA

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to adopt the agenda. Dr. Acuff **seconded** the motion and **roll was called:**

AYES: Dr. Acuff, Mr. Alcaro, Ms. Callsen, Ms. Osborne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Bryant, Dr. Kraft, Mrs. Puryear, Ms. Le, and Ms. McKeever.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Oberg, Ms. Bryson-Morsberger, Ms. Larson-Torres, and Mr. Wade.

The motion carried by a 10:0:4 vote.

AGENDA ITEM: 21-51

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 21-52

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Mr. Smith reported on the 10-day enrollment count which is 295. After a dip in the 2019-20 school year, enrollment is increasing and he reminded the Boards that in 2018-19 there were two additional programs. Most of the classes are full now. Mr. Smith explained the enrollment for each of the base schools: 30.8% from Monticello High School (91), 27.1% from Albemarle High School (80), 21.7 % from Charlottesville High School (64), 15.9% from Western Albemarle High School (47), 2% from Murray High School (6),

and 2.4% from outside the districts (7). In addition, Mr. Smith provided demographic data for the CATEC students: 51.2% White, 17.6% Black, 21.7% Hispanic, 7.5% Mixed Race, and 1.7% Asian/Pacific Islander. Mrs. Carter stated that it is encouraging to see full enrollment in so many of CATEC's programs. Of course, she wants even more students and is actively working with business partners and the base schools to figure out how to best recruit and enroll students. The Foundation Board has been very helpful with marketing. CATEC can play a great role in providing quality candidates for the local workforce. Mrs. Carter noted that, if there was a program in every open classroom, there is the potential for enrollment to be 450 students.

Ms. McKeever welcomed Dr. Gurley, Charlottesville City Schools Superintendent, to the meeting. Dr. Gurley shared that he had recently met with Mrs. Carter who gave him a tour of CATEC and that he is excited about the work ahead.

AGENDA ITEM 21-53

ACADEMIC INTERGRATION UPDATE

Mrs. Carter wanted the Joint Board to hear about how CATEC integrates academics into the trade classes. Scheduling has always presented challenges for students wanting to come to CATEC. Students are so excited about what they are learning in their trade and she wanted to leverage that enthusiasm. There is so much rich and rigorous academic content built into the work that is done in the trades.

The Academic Team comprised of Megan Panek, English Instructor; Cat Gardner, EMT, Biology II, and Anatomy & Physiology instructor; David Topper, US Government, Personal Finance, and Economics Instructor; and Jake Sills, Integrated Math Specialist, presented an overview of the academic content that each one teaches in specific CATEC programs. In addition, they explained the additional support services that they provide to CATEC students and they went into detail about the impact of the work that they are doing. Mr. Alcaro commended Mrs. Carter by reminding the Board that, when she first arrived at CATEC, she had the vision for what has been presented by these academic instructors. Even with the challenges of the pandemic, Mrs. Carter has put together an impressive team and been able to integrate academics beautifully. Ms. Larsen-Torres concurred. Dr. Kraft acknowledged the effort Mrs. Carter has made to make CATEC a "home" for the students and that it gives them a sense of community. Mrs. Puryear commented on CATEC being able to do two things at one time – the academic portion and the technical portion – which makes students who we want them to be: well-rounded individuals. This presentation has shown how each CATEC student has an individual gift and they are shining. Mr. Bryant remembered the barriers that he found as a counselor trying to schedule his students at CATEC. CATEC has reduced those barriers and Mrs. Carter's vision is now coming to fruition.

In response to Dr. Acuff's question about how CATEC markets the value of academic integration, Mrs. Carter said that CATEC's School Counselor has been invaluable – not only supporting students, but also as the liaison between the base schools so that they understand all of CATEC's nuances. The school counselors are informed in individual and department meetings and a slide deck has been developed that has been hand-delivered to counselors as a reference tool. Amanda Jay, CATEC's Marketing person, has expanded CATEC's social media presence. Mrs. Carter reviewed the meeting today with local business leaders and base school principals to talk about the many opportunities there are for students embedded in what CATEC offers. CATEC also recruits at all the Freshman Seminars at the base schools.

AGENDA ITEM 21-54

COMMENTS

Director

Mrs. Carter thanked Dr. Haas and Dr. Gurley for their support today as she welcomed 30 local workforce leaders, business partners, high school principals, and school counselors. The goal was to strengthen those pathways between business and school. She felt that the conversation was fruitful and ended with strong ideas of how to strengthen the communication and build bridges between what businesses want and need and what schools are currently doing. A different group of people will meet quarterly.

Mrs. Carter expressed her gratitude to Dr. Gurley for meeting with her for a tour of CATEC. She appreciated his questions and is excited to work with him; he has a strong CTE background.

Adult Ed Program Manager

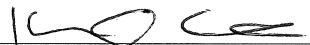
Mrs. Tomlin reported that the enrollment numbers that she provided at the August Board meeting was 253. Currently, as of today, it is 298; an increase of 45 students. The Adult CNA program has secured a new Board of Nursing approved long-term care clinical site. The partnership is with Our Lady of Peace and clinicals there have begun. Any student in the health care programs that require clinical rotations will be required to provide proof of COVID vaccination beginning in the spring 2022 semester. In order to promote the adult programs, engage with community members, and keep business partners informed about expanded course offerings and the value of CATEC training, adult student-specific Facebook and Instagram accounts have been created. Mrs. Tomlin remarked that the numbers this year are up a little bit from last year (about 12 students); last year's numbers were better than expected.

Assistant Principal

Mr. Smith did not have any additional comments.


ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McKeever adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. A video recording of the October 19, 2021 electronic meeting can be located at www.catec.org.



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