

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

**May 18, 2010**

At 6:52 p.m., Mrs. Leah Puryear called to order the Joint Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board and the Charlottesville City School Board.

**CENTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Brian Wheeler, Mrs. Pamela Moynihan, Mr. Ned Michie, Mrs. Leah Puryear, and Mrs. Diantha McKeel.

**CENTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Llezelle Dugger.

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Diantha McKeel, Mr. Brian Wheeler, and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Eric Strucko, Mr. Steve Koleszar, Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly, and Mr. Ron Price.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Leah Puryear, Ms. Colette Blount, Dr. Alvin Edwards (left at 7:06 p.m.), Mr. Juandiego Wade, Ms. Kathleen Galvin (arrived at 6:55p.m.), and Mr. Ned Michie.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Llezelle Dugger.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Darah Bonham, Director; Ms. Staci England, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Paula Pagonakis, Entrepreneurship Program Instructor; 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 and Innovation; and Lee Davis, Charlottesville City Vocational Planner.

Mr. Wheeler requested that it be noted that there was not a quorum for the Albemarle County School Board, but the three members present from the Albemarle County School Board were, in fact, CATEC Center Board members.

**AGENDA ITEM 10-31**

**AGENDA**

Dr. Edwards offered a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. McKeel seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mr. Koleszar, Mrs. Massie Mouly, Mr. Price, Ms. Galvin, and Mrs. Dugger absent.

**AGENDA ITEM 10-32**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No community participation.

**AGENDA ITEM 10-33**

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS – STUDENT**

### **COMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Bonham recognized the Technical Education Honor Society Inductees, the Entrepreneurship Challenge winners, and the CATEC Scholarship recipients for 2009-2010. In addition, he explained the criteria for each award as he called the Boards' attention to the program and introduced the students.

### **AGENDA ITEM 10-34      ENROLLMENT UPDATE/STUDENT INTEREST**

Mr. Bonham called the Boards' attention to the handouts: lists of award recipients, a letter from the Red Cross about the Haitian Relief dinner, and the invitation to the Completers' Ceremony.

Enrollment was the first item Mr. Bonham presented as a "snap-shot" in April because it shows the number of applications. He, then, compared those figures to previous years as a way of showing not only how many students are interested in the programs, but also how many of those students end up attending CATEC.

### **AGENDA ITEM 10-35      INITIATIVE REVIEW 09/10**

There are two exciting initiatives that CATEC will be offering next year, according to Mr. Bonham. As these two components are developed, three questions will need to be answered: What is the impact on student learning and engagement? What skills do these initiatives provide for the students both in the work place and as life-long learners? What are the possibilities for future ideas? Mr. Bonham introduced Paula Pagonakis, the Entrepreneurship Instructor, and reviewed the evolution of the program over the last three years. He presented the list of programs represented and the business ideas. 35 out of 60 of this year's plans were program-related.

Mrs. Pagonakis presented the list of skills the students were acquiring. By serving as a consultant rather than an instructor as she worked with the students, the learning was student-driven. She stated that, moving forward, one of the goals is to have Entrepreneurship be fully integrated into the trade classes and not be seen as an "add-on." Mr. Bonham and Mrs. Pagonakis will plan where the program goes from this point with the hope that it will be an on-going process for the student with CATEC as a resource/incubator/launching pad of ideas into reality. They will continue to seek outside grants and funding.

At CATEC, there is the chance to pursue a blended curriculum (CATEC U) which puts a lab/field/practical setting together with a virtual on-line component. It is not only for the purpose of long-distance learning, but also simply because it is the manner in which people learn today. The platform for this has to exist and that allows CATEC to blend it all together and have the students more actively engaged in the class. Google Sites will be the web-based piece and they will be able to communicate on-line. It allows for the students to exchange knowledge and then expand that to the project-based learning. The goal at the middle of next year is to have the curriculum, content, and tools on-line. This does change teaching and learning quite a bit, including teacher training. All the staff development coming up will be to develop this concept of anytime, anyplace, anywhere learning. The students will be active participants in creating what is used on-line as resources.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to adjourn the Joint Board meeting at 8:16p.m. and Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mr. Koleszar, Mrs. Massie Mouly, Mr. Price, Dr. Edwards, and Mrs. Dugger absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk

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