

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

May 17, 2011

At 6:50 p.m., Mrs. Diantha McKeel called to order the Joint Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board and the Charlottesville City School Board. Mr. Steve Koleszar called to order the Albemarle County School Board and Mrs. Leah Puryear called to order the Charlottesville City School Board.

CENTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Steve Koleszar, Mr. Ned Michie, Mrs. Leah Puryear, and Mrs. Diantha McKeel.

CENTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Llezelle Dugger and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Diantha McKeel, Mr. Steve Koleszar, Mr. Eric Strucko, Mr. Harley Miles, and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Pamela Moynihan and Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Leah Puryear, Ms. Colette Blount, Mr. Guian Mc Kee, and Mr. Ned Michie.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Llezelle Dugger, 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; Mr. Chad Ratliff, Albemarle County Assistant Director of Instruction and Innovation; Ms. Lee Davis, Charlottesville City Vocational Planner; Mr. Jay Thomas, Albemarle High School Principal; and Dr. Catherine Worley, Monticello High School Principal.

AGENDA ITEM 11-30

AGENDA

Mrs. Puryear offered a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Michie seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mrs. Llezelle Dugger, Mr. Juandiego Wade, Ms. Kathleen Galvin, Mrs. Pamela Moynihan, and Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly absent.

AGENDA ITEM 11-31

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No community participation.

AGENDA ITEM 11-32

DIRECTORS COMMENTS – STUDENT

COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Bonham stated that this was CATEC's opportunity to recognize students who shine. They were also celebrated at the Business Partnership Luncheon and will be the Completers' Ceremony. These students juggle a lot of responsibility in addition to their high school requirements. Mr. Bonham acknowledged the Technical Education Honor Society Inductees, the Entrepreneurship Challenge winners, and the CATEC Scholarship recipients for 2010-2011. In addition, he explained the criteria for each award as he called the Boards' attention to the program and introduced the students. Dr. Moran, Dr. Atkins, and Mrs. McKeel each addressed the students as well. Mrs. McKeel also gave credit to Mr. Bonham for his implementation of the Entrepreneurship Program and his vision for CATEC in the last six years.

AGENDA ITEM 11-33

CATEC LICENSE & CERTIFICATION LINK TO INDUSTRY

Mr. Bonham highlighted two initiatives for CATEC which are license and certification and how CATEC is linked to industry. The unique thing about CATEC is that these certifications are the same ones that adults in the community can earn. A credential is only as good as what it can be used for and Mr. Bonham explained those credentials that are a natural fit with specific CATEC program areas. He also reviewed the partnerships with local businesses that factor into the certifications as well as the trend in testing and pass rates for CATEC students.

AGENDA ITEM 11-34

CATEC INITIATIVE – GREEN TECHNOLOGY

CATEC has designed/created its own Green Technology course to meet the students' needs and it will have two components: Green Energy Design and Green Energy Technology. Mr. Bonham reviewed the career possibilities and emphasized the community work force partnership with local businesses with regard to what skill sets and competencies CATEC students should attain. The goal is that these skills will also be used when the students build the CATEC house. Mr. Bonham stated that the class will be a "work in progress" as it develops – especially during the first year.

Mr. Bonham went on to explain the recruiting process which included informing the base schools, guidance counselors, and parents about the new course. These are in addition to hosting 8th grade tours and offering the Exploratory program. There was discussion about the extent of influence guidance counselors have with regard to CATEC enrollment.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Koleszar offered a motion to adjourn the Albemarle County School Board at 8:05p.m. and Mrs. Puryear seconded and included the Charlottesville City School Board. The motion passed with Mrs. Llezelle Dugger, Mr. Juandiego Wade, Ms. Kathleen Galvin, Mrs. Pamela Moynihan, and Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly absent.

Chairperson

Clerk

Date

Date