



School Board Committee Reports
Charlottesville City School Board Meeting
December 4, 2025

Board Member	Committee Updates
Amanda Burns	● 11/10- Food Distribution to LMA, Organized by CCS FACE Team in partnership with Emergency Food Network ● 11/10- SRO WorkGroup, Ongoing work to review/finalize MOU (to be presented at 12/4 board mtg) and work on the SOP ● 11/10- CHS PTO Meeting, reviewed current and proposed teacher and student supports, discussion re: City Wide PTO, potluck meal ● 11/11- Meeting with Dr. Gurley and Ms. Torres follow up to SRO WorkGroup ● 11/13- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, continued work on proposed by-law changes, mission statement, and vision. Meeting minutes and agenda can be found here. ● 11/14- VMDO Open House ● 11/14- CHS Theatre presentation of "Scenes from Secret in The Wings" ● 11/15- HER Sports in partnership with Charlottesville Parks & Recreation Girls Flag Football Championship Game ● 11/17- SRO WorkGroup, Ongoing work to review/finalize MOU (to be presented at 12/4 board mtg) and work on the SOP ● 11/17- Charlottesville Youth Council- attended at staff request to meet with Youth Council participants, many of whom are CCS students. Discussed the role of the School Board and engaged in meaningful dialogue along with Dr. Justin Malone, CHS Principal. Topics included, but were not limited to, AP/Dual Enrollment offerings, vending machines and lunch options, senior privileges, and attendance ● 11/18-11/21 Virginia School Boards Association Annual Convention ○ Early Bird Session – <i>Tech, Teens & Mental Health: What the Research Actually Says Presented by Dr. Jill Walsh, Founder of Digital Aged, researcher and lecturer at Boston University.</i> She shared and discussed her findings on how social media impacts the personal development of teens. https://www.yourbrainonsocialmedia.org/ ○ Opening Session ○ <i>A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing School Threats in Virginia Beach Presented by Lt. Kevin Lokey and Jamila Downs</i> — an overview of the partnership between the Virginia Beach Police Department and the Virginia Beach Court Services Unit in addressing school threats, both proactively through education initiatives and reactively through a unique court-ordered diversion program. ○ <i>Every Day Counts: Strategies to Combat Chronic Absenteeism presented by Dr. Sarah Calveric of Caroline County Public Schools,</i>

	<i>Jeff Wink Coordinator of Safety and Compliance Caroline County Public Schools, and Sarah Gardner of School Status- presented layered data, toolkit, strategies, and partnerships that ensure every student is present, engaged and ready to thrive.</i> ○ <i>Transforming Challenges into Opportunities: The Patrick Henry K-8 School and Recreation Center presented by Bryna Dunn, Molly Merlo and Bill Brown, Vice President(s) Moseley.</i> - A community driven vision to transform Patrick Henry K-8 School into a modern, LEED certified facility, while meeting the needs of the community via art studios, black-box theatre, extended learning areas, recreation center and green space. ○ Closing General Session ● 11/24- Walker Upper Elementary Visit with 100Cuts / 100 Black Men of Central Virginia ● 11/25- Agenda Setting Meeting with Chair & Dr. Gurley ● 12/1- SRO WorkGroup, Ongoing work to review/finalize MOU (to be presented at 12/4 board mtg) and work on the SOP
Emily Dooley	● 11/7 - Facilitated Superintendent panel discussion for CAAR (Fluvanna, Albemarle, & Greene) ● 11/10 - Food distribution ● 11/10 - SHAB Meeting ● 11/11 - VSBA Presentation Prep ● 11/11 - CTE Advisory Committee Meeting ● 11/13 - SB Closed Session ● 11/14 - CATEC Solar Installation Ribbon Cutting ● 11/14 - VMDO Open House ● 11/19 - 21 - VSBA Annual Conference in Williamsburg, VA ● 11/25 - Agenda Setting Meeting w/ Vice Chair & Dr. Gurley
Chris Meyer	● 11/11 - JV PTOcall ● 11/14 - VMDO Open House ● 11/19-20 - VSBA Annual Conference ● 11/25 - Planning Commission CIP budget info meeting
Nicole Richardson	● 11/13 - SB Closed Session ● 11/19 - 21 - VSBA Annual Conference in Williamsburg, VA ● 11/24- Walker Event (hair cuts for students) ● 11/7- Walker school Visit ● 11/13-CHS school Visit
Lisa Torres	● 11/10 - Food distribution to Walker Upper Elementary. ● 11/10 - SRO Working Grp. Ongoing work to review/finalize MOU (to be presented at 12/4 board mtg) and work on the SOP ● 11/13 - SB closed session (personnel matter) ● 11/14 - Community School Advisory Grp. Mtg. ; ongoing collaboration and work on reviewing the pillars (Collaborative Leadership, Student Engagement and Motivation, Family and Community Engagement) and receiving updates and reports on the work being done by the working groups. ● 11/17 - SRO Working Grp.- MOU/SOP work continued ● 11/19 - VSBA Early Bird session: Technology and Mental Health: What is the Link? What Can We Do?- Presented by Dr. Jill Walsh, Founder, Digital

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- **Opening Session at VSBA**
- 11/20 - **VSBA Sessions; 2025 Legal Update-** Sands Anderson spoke to 1st Amendment cases and precedent, Title IX and Transgender issues, and School Board and applicable immunities. **2026 General Assembly Update** by Stacy Haney (VSBA Chief Lobbyist) - with an update about what to expect this new session in light of the recent November elections. This is a benchmarking year. It is a long session. Democrats flipped 13 seats (64D - 36R) in the House of Delegates and the Senate likely to be 21D - 19R's with a special election for Sen. Hashmi's seat. Gov. Youngkin will present his outgoing biennial budget and then each chamber will propose their amendments and our new Governor will likely make changes to it as well. Gov. Youngkin vetoed over 315 bills in the last 2 sessions so most/all of those will likely be back and passed. Anticipated hot topics = Mandatory Public Sector Collective Bargaining, Local 1% Sales Tax for school construction, Paid Family and Medical Leave, Minimum Wage, Increasing Teacher Salary to Nat'l Average (will likely pass but d/t \$\$ may fail), School Based Health Care, Student Discipline (including Alternative Education programs for suspended students), Possible legislative changes to recent BoE actions = Accountability and Accreditation Framework, Cut Scores, History Standards. Likely to see some drastic/unprecedented changes to the BoE make-up/appointees. SpEd - may see Federal protections codified into State Law - IDEA, move Ombudsman out of the VDOE, Data Collection and transparency, Facilitated IEP's, Mediation (likely to see a lot of this bundled into Omnibus bill) and finally some legislation specific to Student Assessments. **VSBA Delegate Assembly** session. The afternoon session was **Producing Opportunity Ready Graduates** - a program in Roanoke County Public Schools. They shared how they are implementing two cornerstone practices which allow their students to demonstrate their readiness: student-led conferences (middle and elementary schools) and then the senior portfolio defenses (high school students). They highlighted the student benefits of this program; increasing public speaking, confidence and self-advocacy, stronger connections between academic work and real-world application, positive feedback from families and community partners on the panels and evidence that students graduate with transferable skills valued by colleges and employers. And to wrap up the afternoon - The **2026 Federal Relations committee** met at 5pm - we will head to 'the hill' in early February to meet with our Senators and Congressman. 2025 VSBA Federal Relations Committee Advocacy priorities included; Mental Health, Staff Shortages (Title II, Part A = Increase Title II, Part A, funding, Reducing educator shortages, Providing PD, Incentivize teacher and principal licensure reform efforts), School Bus Drivers, Fed. Education Funding (IDEA), School construction/modernization, Broadband and Connectivity, Cybersecurity, and the E-Rate Program. I will be reaching out to all divisions within the 5th Congressional District to gather any Impact Statements, Federal Funding concerns and personal stories to bring to the Hill in February.
- 11/25 - **City Council Planning Commission CIP Budget Work session** (via zoom)
- 12/1 - **SRO, MOU/SOP working group-** updates specific to the SOP draft
- 12/1 - **Gifted Advisory Committee** meeting - update about the PL received

	in November and a showcase of GRT led/facilitated activities in this last quarter and discussion about the components of Differentiation and what that may look like in the classrooms. ● 12/2 - Hunt ELN Policy Fellows meeting #3 - setting and working on personal goals for Early Learning Community work.
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