

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

**October 15, 2019**

At 7:15p.m., Mr. Jonno Alcaro convened the joint meeting of the CATEC Center Board, the Albemarle County School Board, and the Charlottesville City School Board.

**CENTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Jonno Alcaro, Dr. Kate Acuff, Ms. Jennifer McKeever, Ms. Katrina Callsen, and Mr. Juandiego Wade.

**CENTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Leah Puryear.

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Jonno Alcaro, Ms. Katrina Callsen, Dr. Kate Acuff, Mr. Steve Koleszar, and Mr. Graham Paige.

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Jason Buyaki and Mr. David Oberg.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Juandiego Wade, Ms. Jennifer McKeever, Mr. Ned Michie, Ms. Lisa Larson-Torres, Mr. James Bryant, and Dr. Sherry Kraft.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Leah Puryear.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Stephanie Carter, Director; Mr. Doug Keaton, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Deborah Gannon, Adult Education Coordinator; Mrs. Shannon Tomlin, Career Center Specialist; and Ms. Leslie Chisholm, Clerk.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Rosa Atkins, Charlottesville City Superintendent; Dr. Matt Haas, Albemarle County Superintendent; and Mr. Madison Cummings, CATEC Foundation Board President.

**AGENDA ITEM 19-58      AGENDA**

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Paige **seconded** it and the motion **passed** with Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Oberg, and Mrs. Puryear absent.

**AGENDA ITEM: 19-59      CATEC FOUNDATION PRESENTATION**

Mr. Madison Cummings, CATEC Foundation Board President, identified the list of current Foundation members. He went on to give an overview of the Foundation's mission and objectives, stating that the Foundation is fully committed to CTE. Mr. Cummings informed the Board about the management and growth of the scholarship funds as well as fundraising plans and what scholarships were awarded last spring.

**AGENDA ITEM 19-60      PROGRAM OF STUDIES OVERVIEW**

Mrs. Carter described her long-range vision for CATEC and reviewed the current changes she is

proposing to the Program of Studies in her presentation as she hopes to move CATEC forward. She called to the Boards' attention the changes, both additions and deletions, to the Program of Studies including the pilot for full-day programs and her intention to integrate core academic classes into the trade programs. Furthermore, she listed the courses that will be offered, at no net cost, specifically for students with disabilities and special populations to enable them to find rewarding employment. Mrs. Carter's intention is to allow post-graduates, as seniors, to return to CATEC to finish their second year of their trade; their enrollment would be tuition-based and they would have to go through a back-ground clearance. She believes that it is CATEC's responsibility to figure out what its niche is and offer the courses that align with that role. There was further discussion about the specifics of Mrs. Carter's plan and the proposed Program of Studies changes.

**AGENDA ITEM 19-61      COMMENTS**

Adult Ed Coordinator's Comments:

Mrs. Gannon stated that there are 349 adult students; 258 of them are apprentices and 91 of them are Adult Education students. This is an overall increase of 16% from last fall. There are 55 sponsors who send their employees to CATEC for the apprenticeship classes. Mrs. Gannon also reviewed the scholarships that have been given. There have been several generous donations made to CATEC lately to create more hands-on learning spaces for the adults by updating the lab areas. Design Electric and Square D donated a tremendous amount of equipment. She explained her involvement with the Association of General Contractors and their role in recruiting more students for the construction industry.

Assistant Principal's Comments:

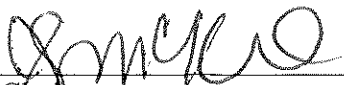
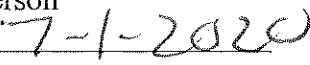
Mr. Keaton summarized the 10-day enrollment report that he'd given earlier to the Center Board. There was discussion about the increased percentage of students enrolled who have IEPs.

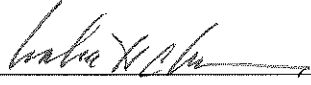

Director's Comments:

Mrs. Carter thanked the Culinary Arts Department for the wonderful meal. Mr. Steve Koleszar was inducted into the CATEC Wall of Fame and Mr. Alcaro read the Resolution of Appreciation recognizing Mr. Koleszar's service to, and advocacy for, CATEC. Mr. Koleszar spoke briefly stating that he always felt that being on the School Board was the greatest possible job. Members can create vision and set the direction and there is such commitment and a dedicated staff who works as a team, along with the Superintendents and the staff, to do the most important thing they do in this community, which is educate the children.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mr. Alcaro adjourned the meeting at 8:07p.m.

  
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