Note: A full recording of the meeting is on file in the Clerk's Office and on the School Division website.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on November 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan (arrived at 6:36 p.m.); Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Jon Stokes; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Carole Hastings, Special Assistant for Quality Systems, Planning and Support; Mrs. Jo Vining, Principal of Brownsville Elementary School; Mrs. Kimberly Suyes, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Steele Howen, Principal Specialist for Administrative Services; Mrs. June Jenkins, School-Community Relations Coordinator; Mr. Don Vale, Principal on Special Assignment – Instruction; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Pauline Meehan, Deputy Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order.

At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 4. Agenda.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan absent.**

Agenda Item No. 5. Consent Agenda.

5A. Minutes: June 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
5B. Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
5C. Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
5D. Exemption from compulsory Attendance
5E. Donation to Broadus Wood Elementary School
5F. Scottsville Elementary School Well Lot Plat Revisions
5G. Re-appropriation from Human Resources to the Academic Resource Center
5H. Personnel Action

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Price **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan absent.**

Agenda Item No. 6. Announcements. None.
Agenda Item No. 7. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item No. 8. School Board and Superintendent Business.

***Albemarle Family* Magazine:** Dr. Moran noted that there is an article in *Albemarle Family* Magazine referencing information about the division's master planning process along with other information on the division's positive work.

Election: Dr. Moran announced that on her visits to schools yesterday she was pleased to hear about the middle and high school student's enthusiasm following the election and the results.

Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) Meeting: Dr. Moran introduced Mrs. Mary Huffard Kegley Scott who presented discussion points from the VASS meeting on October 15, 2008, which is on file in the School Board Office. Dr. Moran noted that Dan Timberlake, from the Governor's office, will be at the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) convention to discuss budget reductions. Mrs. McKeel asked when the presentation will take place. Dr. Moran responded it will take place on November 19th at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Wheeler asked if the discussion points at the end of the presentation were focused on this school year. Mrs. Kegley Scott responded they were focused on next year. Dr. Moran added that because it states that the Governor is saying that the division will not be impacted, there still is an open window of some time in which the division could find the pass on reductions. Mrs. Kegley Scott updated the Board on the meeting with Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. McKeel, and Dr. Moran with Delegate Rob Bell and informed them of the meeting scheduled with Senator Creigh Deeds next month.

Meeting with Local Government: Mr. Wheeler informed the Board of the highlights from a meeting with the chairs and vice-chairs of Local Government and School Board, the County Executive, Assistant County Executive, Dr. Benson and Dr. Moran held that afternoon. Mrs. Moynihan asked if the notes from the meeting could be transcribed and copies given to the Board members that did not attend the meeting. Mr. Wheeler said that could be done.

Mr. Stokes asked if the additional two cent reduction of the transfer to Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is a one time thing. Dr. Benson stated that local government's intention is to return it but they could not say when. Dr. Moran said the one cent already on the table from CIP for operations in school and government would affect both school and local government for CIP but the school division did clarify that they would want to have control over any changes made to the CIP on the school side. Dr. Benson noted that in the event the Board of Supervisors move ahead with an increase in the tax rate, there would be additional revenue in the current fiscal year. Mr. Wheeler stated that it is important that the school division's five-year plan communicates with local government's five-year plan.

Dr. Benson noted that after the compensation work session the division received an email from World at Work indicating because of the uncertainty of the economic market they would reassess salary projections toward the end of November and the division will not receive information on this until January.

Mr. Wheeler suggested if the Board has feedback on the use of the lock box funds, it be communicated immediately. Mr. Koleszar stated that his concern in doing that would be that it would become part of the baseline and have a 60/40 split. Dr. Moran noted that there was clarification at the meeting on how much comes off the top – CIP, transportation, ACE, and revenue sharing. Mr. Wheeler stated that local government is recommending a permanent shift of one cent to create a contingency fund.

Mrs. Mouly asked if there was discussion about fund balance. Mr. Wheeler said not in any specificity. Mrs. Mouly asked if amounts were discussed. Mr. Wheeler stated that it was at $6.6 million for the previous fiscal year's unaudited fund balance for the school division and local government has approximately $6 million in a transportation fund that has not been allocated.

Capital Expenditures: Mr. Wheeler informed the Board that he learned at the Board of Supervisors meeting that there was a $1 million savings in capital expenditures related to Monticello High School's auditorium and Cale Elementary School's expansion.

Class Size Report: Mr. Wheeler suggested the Board review the class size report in the last *Superintendent's Letter* or online under Reports to the Board.

Turf Field Projects: Mr. Wheeler informed the Board that the Parks and Recreation Department does intend to invest in the turf field project. Dr. Moran added that Mrs. Howen has been working with the athletic directors tracking the money from Parks and Recreation.

NSBA Convention: Mr. Wheeler reminded Board members attending the NSBA Convention in April that they need to contact the Clerk's office with their flight information.

Agenda Item No. 9. Proposed Changes to Crozet Elementary Attendance Boundaries and Public Hearing.

Dr. Moran informed the Board that she has recommended Option 3 for the Crozet Elementary School redistricting. Dr. Hastings then summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Dr. Moran stated the reason Grayrock North was not considered in the redistricting is because it is not a connected subdivision to Grayrock and would result in rerouting students in a convoluted way to get them to Brownsville Elementary.

Mr. Wheeler asked for clarification on the number of students coming out of Grayrock. Dr. Hastings stated that one hundred students from Grayrock will be redistricted to Brownsville Elementary.

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Wheeler opened the public hearing. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Mrs. Mouly asked when Brownsville Elementary is expected to be filled to capacity. Dr. Hastings stated the latest projections show that by redistricting the100 students, Brownsville Elementary would have a population of 570 students through 2017/2018. Dr. Moran noted that one of the recommendations in the Resource Utilization Study that came forward was for the division to closely monitor growth and development in the community and to be sure the division is making real time shifts in the division's projections. Mrs. Mouly asked how the empty classrooms may be utilized over the years. Mrs. Vining said that the classrooms would be used for remedial situations, reading groups, the PTO and other volunteer situations.

Mr. Price asked for feedback from the community in reference to the redistricting. Mr. Wheeler stated that he received the two emails that the rest of the Board received. He reflected some of the concerns that came out of the parents from the Grayrock North area and said that there was positive feedback from the rest of the community.

There was Board discussion of the Grayrock subdivision not being included in the redistricting. Dr. Hastings explained that the Grayrock and Grayrock North subdivisions do not connect to each other which would make traveling difficult for the buses to pick up students.

Mr. Stokes asked for information on Option 4. Dr. Hastings said that Option 4 is the Orchards sub-division which is one to itself and if added to Grayrock it would make the population larger than anticipated. Mr. Stokes asked if just Lane Town Road could be included in any of the options. Dr. Hastings said that Grayrock came to the number that the division needed for the redistricting. Mr. Stokes asked the results of using both Option 3 and Option 4. Mr. Hasting stated that could be done but it would result in the Crozet Elementary population being below 300 students. Dr. Moran said that the impact of going under 300 students would result in some needed positions being changed from full-time to part-time. Mr. Stokes stated that the projections for Crozet Elementary in the past two years have bee off by thirty to forty students and asked if that continues to happen would there be consideration in implementing Option 4 as well. Dr. Hastings said the division is not anticipating that happening and a contingency has been built in the CIP which could renovate an addition onto Crozet Elementary or another elementary school be built if necessary. Mr. Stokes asked what schools the new subdivisions feed into. Dr. Hastings said there is a mixture of where those students feed into and stated that the reason the addition was put on Brownsville Elementary was because the division growth in the Brownsville attendance area.. Mr. Wheeler noted that Old Trail, which is in the Brownsville district, has the larger number of homes approved and not yet built.

There was Board consensus to take action on the Superintendent's recommendation during the regularly scheduled December 11th School Board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10. Human Resources Annual Update.

Mrs. Suyes summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mrs. Moynihan asked what the no experience percentage was. Mrs. Suyes responded that last year there were 44.0% of the new hires with three years or less of teaching experience and 22.4% had no teaching experience; this year there are 46.5% of new hires with three year or less teaching experience and 28.1% have no teaching experience.

Mr. Stokes asked how this year's minority resignations and retirements compare to last year's. Mrs. Suyes said that this year there is loss of two and last year there was a gain of one. Dr. Moran noted that there is staff concern about labeling in terms of ethnicity and it affects the data presented. Mrs. Suyes stated that it is a self-identifying option on the application which could make the numbers skewed. Mr. Stokes asked if the numbers are skewed because of misidentification or non-identification. Mrs. Suyes responded that some do not identify at all.

Mr. Stokes stated as economic times increase, the usual amount of retirees and employees that held off this year from retiring is going to result in a large amount of staff retiring in the future. Mrs. Suyes agreed and said that it is going to be something the school division is going to have to prepare for. Mr. Koleszar stated that with the increase of teachers retiring the next two to three years makes it critical for the division's salaries to be more competitive. Mrs. Suyes said that this is preliminary data and the Board will be provided with more data in December.

Mr. Price asked that the Board be provided with data on new initiatives started for the minority recruiting, applicant pools, and the demographic breakdown of what is in the pools. He questioned using Asian as a minority group as he believes it is an international group and not a minority. Dr. Moran responded that the division mirrors the ethnicity coding that is used in the division along with the census data. Mr. Price asked for the data on Principals and Assistant Principals broken out on how many are African American. Mr. Wheeler asked that the report include references to everything in the strategic plan for Goal 3.

Dr. Moran stated that in the unfortunate state of the current fiscal crisis in public schools across the country, the division may have the opportunity to do recruitment in areas of the country that have been hard hit. Mr. Price asked how many teachers have been brought in from the private sector. Mrs. Suyes said that Human Resources is partnered with Mary Baldwin College because of the large minority student base and a large career switcher program. She added that the division is working with the African American Teaching Fellows Program (AATF) for collaborative efforts with the City of Charlottesville. Mr. Wheeler asked that this be fully explored. Ms. Suyes said that she would work on it along with Ms. Kim.

Agenda Item No. 11. School Safety Report.

Mrs. Howen summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Dr. Moran asked if the recidivism of the athletic substance abuse program has decreased. Mrs. Howen responded that there has been none at this point with being only one quarter through the school year. Mr. Stokes asked if it is a new policy. Mrs. Howen said that it has been a new policy that went into effect the fall of 2007 and added that there is only data for one year. Mr. Stokes asked if the students that had come forward in the beginning have come forward a second time. Mrs. Howen said there have been no instances were they participated a second time. Mr. Stokes asked what the ramifications are if they do come forward a second time. Mrs. Howen said the consequences are greater.

Dr. Moran stated that Mrs. Howen attended a Dropout Prevention Summit and heard from other school divisions in the country about their dropout prevention programs and said that the division could emulate some of those programs which could be a cost savings to the school division and the community. Mrs. Howen said that there is a loss between $250 and $300 thousand in earnings per student who drops out of school. Mr. Wheeler asked what the cost was for incarcerated dropout students? Mrs. Howen responded that it is ten times the amount. Mr. Wheeler said that he would like the Board to receive more data on this subject. Mrs. Howen said that it would be in the next *Superintendent's Letter*.

Mrs. Moynihan noted that the amount of automobile accidents has subsided since the parent seminars were instituted for Driver's Education. Mr. Koleszar asked that the Board continue to receive data to make sure that the decline continues. Mrs. Howen responded that the data would be in the report annually. Dr. Moran informed the Board that Mr. Wharam would like to come in front of the Board to demonstrate the driving simulator. Mr. Stokes asked if there is any correlation with the seminars and the driving simulators bringing the number of accidents down. Mrs. Howen said that everything being done is taken into consideration but to know which piece was more important cannot be done. Dr. Moran said that these two major pieces occurred simultaneously with the drops. She added the parents have said that there has been a significant increase concomitantly with the parent education workshop. Mrs. Howen said that having parental involvement focuses attention in anything the students are involved in helps with the safety issues.

Mrs. Moynihan asked who is responsible for the SOL scores of students at the Enterprise Center. Mrs. Howen responded that since the Enterprise Center is not a school in and of its self, the SOL scores are counted on the base schools. Dr. Moran added that because of the intense literacy intervention the students receive at the Enterprise Center, the Board should be seeing improving results in the SOL scores. Mrs. Howen said there will be other strategies that the division will employ to raise scores in other areas. Mrs. Moynihan noted the failing grades in the report. Mrs. Howen said one of the problems at the Enterprise Center is that students are there only thirty to sixty days. Dr. Moran added that the students have been able to go through credit recovery by accessing APEX learning.

Mrs. Mouly asked if there is data on whether the same students were repeat offenders with bullying. Mrs. Howen said that each individual student's instance would have to be looked at. Mrs. Mouly asked if there is data on what the disposition was on these instances. Mrs. Howen said that she is sure there is because there are consequences for bullying in the schools.

Mr. Price asked for data on bullying retaliation. Mrs. Jenkins responded that instances of retaliation are not tracked. The numbers that are in the report are different than the numbers in the division's bullying climate surveys. All schools are encouraged to have graduated sanctions for bullying instances so as those situations become more severe the sanctions become more severe. She added that if the schools do not track these students it will make it difficult to have a clear record of whether there are repeat offenses. Bullying and harassment have similarities but when speaking of bullying it is about the intent and when speaking of harassment it is about the impact. She said that the division's policy combines bullying and harassment together. There is a pilot video in place for the student's to watch before they take the survey; a teacher survey to understand if the teachers are implementing the model and having the class meetings. Mr. Price asked if the numbers that are in the report coincide with the climate survey. Mrs. Jenkins said that she could not answer that as she has not seen the crime and violence report. She said the fall surveys are being done now and there should be feedback from those surveys in early December that will be shared with the Board. Mr. Price suggested that Mrs. Jenkins look over the crime and violence report so she may see if it coincides with the climate survey. Dr. Benson stated that in goal setting with the elementary and middle school principals the data on bullying is pulled to see if there are trends across the division. Dr. Moran noted that the crime and violence report data presented are students who were disciplined because of someone reporting the instances compared to the survey data which are students who report either seeing or having experienced bullying. Mrs. Jenkins said that 80% of the time bullying is occurring it is being witnessed by students. She said the question is how can students be empowered to know what is appropriate to do when witnessing bullying. Mr. Price asked if students can make anonymous reports of bullying. Mrs. Jenkins said that each school handles bullying reporting differently.

Mr. Koleszar said that steps the division is taking with bullying fits with restorative concepts because a positive relationship is created and the bullying instances will decrease because the bully will feel part of the community.

Mrs. McKeel asked if the Board needs to separate bullying and harassment in the school policy. Mrs. Jenkins said that she would like to have conversation about that and the dialogue is open.

Mr. Price asked for discussion on the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Mrs. Howen said that there is one resource officer, stationed out of CATEC, serving as a floating officer. He is on call for all of the elementary schools and to substitute in the middle and high schools as needed. Mrs. McKeel stated that there have been occasions that the resource officers have been pulled out of the schools to work on county duty as the police department is short staffed. Mr. Price asked if it has to be a police officer. Mrs. Howen said there are some school divisions who have security officers who go through. Because security officers in a school do not have the same authority as the resource officers, they would still have to call the police if an incident occurred. Mr. Price stated that a security officer in a school without a resource officer would make it a safer environment than without any officer at all. Mr. Price asked what the cost is for the SROs. Mrs. McKeel responded that one of the positives of the program is that the cost is a 50/50 split with the Albemarle County Police Department.

Mr. Price asked that data on the number of claims, incidents of claims on workers compensation be brought to the Board. Mrs. Howen said the data will be in the report that Human Resources will provide to the Board.

Mrs. Mouly suggested that principals attend a meeting for the Board to provide an overview on what is occurring in the schools in reference to the school climate.

Mrs. McKeel asked what elementary schools are involved in the responsive classroom. Mrs. Howen said that the elementary schools involved are Baker-Butler, Cale, Stony Point, Yancey, and Greer. Mrs. McKeel stated that there is a person from the Curry School working with the students at Greer and asked if she is also working with the students at the other schools. Dr. Moran said that there are teachers from other schools going through training. Mrs. McKeel asked that more information on how this pilot has worked be brought back to the Board by the end of the year.

Dr. Moran noted that the School Safety report was brought to the Board to be looked at systemically and for staff to receive feedback from the Board on how they would prefer to receive these reports. (There was a break from 8:39 p.m. until 8:52 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 12. Comprehensive High School Program of Studies.

Mr. Vale summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office. Mr. Wheeler noted that the question and answer page at the end of enclosure three of the report may answer some of the Board’s questions.

Mr. Wheeler commented that there is an economic and financial literacy course in the program of studies. Mr. Vale stated that staff is anticipating this becoming a required course. Dr. Moran said that she would like to see this course be developed using virtual sources opposed to an open source which can be developed by the teachers and be a cost savings to the division. Mrs. Moynihan suggested that the course be offered in elementary and middle schools. Mrs. McKeel suggested that it be a course offered in summer school.

Dr. Benson said that the revisions have increased the opportunities for students to accrue college level credits. Mr. Wheeler stated that he received contacts from Fairfax and Loudon counties asking about the division’s approach through the program of studies and the recommendations made around the grading scale.

Mrs. Mouly asked how many students take advantage of the new technical diploma. Mr. Vale said that he did not have that data but he will get the information and bring it back to the Board through *Superintendent’s Letter*.

Mrs. Mouly asked if the Music Industry Technology course was offered this year. Mr. Vale said that would be a new course for next school year. Mrs. Mouly asked for clarification on the course. Mr. Vale said that it would be better for Mr. Bonham to put something together and place it in *Superintendent’s Letter*. Mr. Koleszar stated that the course is being worked in partnership with the Music Resource Center. Mr. Wheeler said that it is a place where students can perform individually or as a group and go through the recording process.

Mrs. Mouly asked if the pharmacy technician course was going to be offered again next year. Dr. Moran responded yes. Mr. Koleszar stated that the enrollment numbers were included in the last joint board meeting.

Mr. Koleszar asked if there is continued controversy on collapsing levels. Mr. Vale said with conversation with the principals over the past two years those courses are being taught with standard level content. He said there is still a difference of opinion through feedback from teachers on grouping practices in the sense of clustering students with special needs. He emphasized that the bar on the level on which the students are being taught has been raised. Mr. Koleszar suggested that the career and technical courses at the high school be integrated with CATEC. Dr. Benson stated that the middle schools have removed the practical level designation from courses in the middle school level which makes a natural transition for students moving into high school and go into standard level classes.

There was Board consensus for the Comprehensive High School Program of Studies to be placed on the December 11th consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Items No. 13. School Fees.

Mr. Vale summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mr. Stokes asked if there are any thoughts on increasing some of the fees. Mr. Vale said the State Board is reviewing their policies and there may be legislation coming forward impacting school fees throughout the course of this cycle. Mrs. Moynihan asked for clarification on what the State is doing. Mr. Vale said the State is reviewing the concept of reducing school fees.

Mr. Wheeler stated that a proposal to change fees now, to impact the budget, could be made by Board members. There was Board discussion on the different school fees and what proposals may be possible to impact the budget.

Dr. Benson stated that the school fees report is part of the information that goes into the Program of Studies. Staff is asking that school fees be approved along with the program studies so students can use them in planning the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Moynihan asked why the division is not asking for fees for sports uniforms to be part of school fees. Dr. Moran said that some are courses that students take and others are extracurricular. She said that this does not preclude staff coming back and looking at athletic fees.

Mr. Stokes questioned the fee for transcripts. Mr. Vale said that the fee covers copying and mailing. Ms. Kim stated that this follows the type of fees that the division needs to keep within a reasonable cost for services needed by students.

There was Board discussion on increasing student parking fees. Dr. Moran asked for the opportunity to bring it back to the high school principals for their feedback and come back to the Board with the information before it being placed on the next consent agenda. Mr. Wheeler suggested adding text stating that the fee is subject to change for the next school year.

Mr. Stokes asked for more information on which fees the division cannot charge more than cost. Ms. Kim said the State regulation and code states that the division has to supply free public education and charging fees could result in depriving students from taking courses to get a full education; parking fees are not in this category.

Mr. Price suggested parking be part of the Transportation Department's demand strategy. Mr. Wheeler asked if the Board feels that parking fees should be eliminated from school fees. Mr. Price said including it in the other fee mislabels it because the monies from the parking fees are kept in-house at each high school. Mr. Vale stated that it is not a change in a fee and suggested a disclaimer that any of the fees are subject to change for the next school year and if the Board does decide to change some of them through the budget procedure they may do so. Dr. Moran suggested putting it back on the regular agenda and take action on it after further discussion before placing it on the consent agenda. She noted that the Board put monies into a fund several years ago to support students in the high schools who are in hardships to pay for courses. These monies have been distributed to the high schools for them to control and the schools are stating that there have been more students having needs because of the financial issues. Mrs. McKeel asked if it is being suggested that fee monies need to be increased. Dr. Benson said that staff needs to check the status of how much of it is being used. Mr. Koleszar asked if the confusion at Monticello High School has been cleared up. Dr. Benson responded yes.

There was Board consensus to place the school fees on the December 11th agenda for discussion and/or action.

Agenda Item No. 14. Proposed Revision to Policies.

Ms. Kim summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mr. Stokes asked for clarification on a student bringing a friend into a school building. Ms. Kim stated that it has to be approved by the Superintendent/designee which could be the principal of the school. Mr. Wheeler suggested having the slash removed and for it to read Superintendent Designee.

Mrs. McKeel asked that there be a way for principals to be aware of changes to the policies. Ms. Kim said that there is a form used that assigns tasks on how to communicate changes as they relate to know about policy changes and important policy changes are put in the Superintendent's Advisory Bulletin to make principals aware of the change. Dr. Moran stated that the goal is to have an RSS feed on policies on the intranet.

Mr. Wheeler noted a typo on Policy IC/ID stating that "the first day of school will be before Labor Day"; it should state "the first day of school will be before Labor Day unless the Board of Education fails to grant a waiver".

There was Board consensus for the amended policies to be placed on the December 11th consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 15. VSBA Policies and Resolutions.

Mrs. McKeel summarized the report, which is on file in the School Board Office. There was Board discussion on the proposed revisions and additions to the policies and by-laws as presented in the Delegate Assembly handbook.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to support the proposed revisions and addition to the policies and by-laws as presented in the Delegate Assembly handbook for support at the Virginia School Board Association Assembly. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously**.

Agenda Item No. 16. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Impact Meeting: Mr. Koleszar noted that Impact voted to make education one of the issues at the annual meeting. He suggested that the Board look at it as an opportunity to engage the community to gain additional support.

Albemarle Commission on Children: Mr. Price asked the Superintendent to comment on the meeting with the Albemarle Commission on Children and Families regarding Systems of Care. Dr. Moran said that speaking with Mr. Kirst and Mr. Nash she found of the students the division has in System of Care there has been impetuous to bring students, who have been placed in residential placement centers, back to their home communities. One of the things realized is with all the focus on the support structures that exist in public agencies in the communities working with children, the school division did not feel there was enough information on the impact in the school. She said in checking with staff it is found that with the potential of students returning and be able to be sustained in there home community, could reduce the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) costs but could add significant operational costs to the school division that would not be covered under CSA. Mrs. McKeel asked if the Board of Supervisors is involved with CSA. Dr. Moran said that there is CSA in local government and the school division.

School Calendar: Mr. Stokes spoke about the division calendar and professional learning communities and asked about matching the school calendar with the City's school calendar. Dr. Moran stated that it has been Board direction for many years that the school calendar matches the City's school calendar. Mr. Stokes suggested there be different Board direction relating to the calendar and that the division may need to be more flexible with establishing the calendar. Dr. Benson said that feedback on this year's calendar is being collected on the website and will be provided to the calendar committee as a starting point. The Board is welcome to provide different direction to the committee at the meeting on November 18th. Mrs. McKeel noted that the reason for the Board's past direction on the calendar was because it was difficult to run CATEC on two different schedules. Mr. Stokes commented that there is opportunity to be creative with the calendar for a number of reasons. Dr. Benson said that it could be put on the table for consideration as the committee is just getting started preparing the calendar for the next year. Mr. Koleszar suggested that this be brought forward to the joint calendar committee. Dr. Moran noted that the State of Virginia specifies a two hundred day teaching contract which makes it not an option to decrease the school year. Mr. Wheeler asked if the Board is able to give direction to the calendar committee to consider the items mentioned. Dr. Benson said one of the committee members will be bringing it to the table for discussion on ensuring time being spread out through the course of the year for additional PLC conversations. Dr. Moran clarified that any changes to the calendar that are not in tandem with the City have an adverse affect with CATEC.

Agenda Item No. 17. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 18. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 19. Adjournment.

At 9:56 p.m., Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously.**

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Chairman

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