A Joint Meeting of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and School Board was held December 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902

School Board Members Present: Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Jon Stokes; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mr. Steve Koleszar; and Mr. Ronnie Price, Sr.

School Board Members Absent: Mrs. Pamela Moynihan

Board of Supervisor Members Present: Mr. Dennis Rooker; Mr. Lindsay Dorrier; Ms. Ann Mallek; Mr. Ken Boyd; Mr. David Slutzky; Ms. Sally Thomas

Board of Supervisor Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Robert Tucker, County Executive; Mr. Tom Foley, Assistant County Executive; Mr. Bill Letteri, Director of Facilities Development; Mrs. Ella Jordan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Call to Order

At 2:01 p.m., Mr. Boyd, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, called the Board of Supervisors back to order. Mr. Wheeler called the School Board to order.

Overview and Demonstration – Access Albemarle Project.

Mr. Foley provided an overview and introductions of the project implementation team for Access Albemarle. He then turned the meeting over to Mike Beener and Mike Howard who provided an overview of the Access Albemarle.

Mr. Boyd said that he is not familiar with fund terminology, is that like function? What is the purpose of this report? Mr. Howard said that it is just another way of breaking down your budget. Mr. Boyd said that he is very interested in functional reporting. Mr. Howard said that they only brought forward five reports for the boards to see but there are a number of reports that can be generated.

Mr. Slutzky asked if there was a table of functions or funds. Mr. Howard said that there will be a drop down menu that shows everything that can be run on the report.

Mr. Boyd asked if the lapse factor for the school division could be gathered from this report. Mr. Howard said if it is data that is already being collected then it could be done. If not, then it could be developed.

Mr. Slutzky asked is there a way to save user preferences. Mr. Howard said that you can do that or pull it over into Excel.

Mr. Boyd said that it would be helpful to have a copy of the code structure to be used with the system. Mr. Slutzky said that they said that it could be accessed within the system. Mr. Beener said that they try to move away from codes and more on descriptions. Searches can be done on the descriptions not necessarily the object code.

Mr. Rooker asked how the report functions can be accessed. Mr. Beener said that F2 will show you the codes for reporting.

Mr. Boyd asked what type of forecasting ability is in the software. Mr. Beener said that there is the ability to put numbers in to see the impact of the cut or addition.

Mr. Wheeler asked if any departments are using this in the current year. Mr. Beener said not at this time. They hope to have some departments pilot the software in the coming year. Mr. Wheeler asked about the timeline for the project roll-out. Mr. Foley provided information on the timeline with July 1 having all the information into the system. It should be fully operational in July 2009.

Ms. Thomas asked if July 2009 would be the end of the consulting contract. Mr. Foley said that the payroll and human resources modules will be developed after July 2009. Modules are being developed and implemented one at a time.

Mrs. Mouly asked about training and support. Mr. Beener said that they keep continuity in the people who are doing the work so the knowledge never goes away. Training is on-going.

Ms. Thomas asked if the Historical Preservation Committee was still having an issue. Mr. Foley said that the system has a lot of functions that can be brought into the system, but the core financial piece is being implemented currently.

Mr. Wheeler asked if there was a date to turn off the mainframe. Mr. Foley said that most of it will be turned off on July 1 when the system is live.

Review of the Oversight Committee's CIP Recommendations.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that he is not in favor of cutting CIP funding in order to balance the budget. It would put the county really far behind. We should look at expediting projects because the market is good for lower construction prices.

Mr. Boyd said that financing is not free. Moving projects forward could increase operational funding as well. It is a balancing act.

Mr. Koleszar asked if the Oversight Committee was locked into a budget number. Mr. Boyd said that the Board had made the decision to reduce the amount of money held back from CIP as a starting point. Mr. Slutzky said that even though it was on the table for discussion, it does not mean that it will be approved. He may also not agree with all the projects being moved, but that will be worked out in the budget approval process.

Mr. Boyd asked if the $85 M were actual dollars. Mr. Letteri said that these represent the value of the project. Mr. Boyd said then it is not that bad and does not represent the full cost of the projects. Mr. Letteri said that it does represent the value of facilities being eliminated or moved out.

Ms. Thomas asked about the reductions of voting machines and polling machines. Mr. Letteri said that there is still some uncertainty about the project so they felt comfortable moving it out.

Mr. Rooker asked if there had been any further discussion about the Levy Building project with the City. Mr. Letteri said that they do not have it in their CIP at this time, but there may be a renewed interest in this project with the City. Mr. Rooker asked if we were going to defer a project that really cannot be deferred. Mr. Letteri said that they do not know where it would be put back in the CIP.

Mr. Boyd asked about the reduction in funding for the Seminole Trail Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad Facility. This is a critical project, but what was reduced was the funding level. The initial plan included funding from the volunteer group which cannot be committed to at this time. Mr. Slutzky asked if the volunteers had suggested that this could be built at a reduced cost based on volunteer labor and some other adjustments. Mr. Letteri said that it is going to be looked at through a more in-depth analysis.

Ms. Thomas asked about the funding for the Ivy Fire Station. Mr. Letteri said that the borrowing of funds is being delayed because it dealt with the purchase of property. What they are doing is leaving the appropriations alone. Mr. Slutzky asked for clarification. Mr. Letteri said that there was an initial appropriation for the land. It was thought that in the future there would be a facility bought. There is no longer a need to purchase the land, but the appropriation was left alone to handle refurbishing the rented facility.

Mr. Slutzky asked if there was discussion on climate included potential funding from the government. Mr. Letteri said that there was not a lot of discussion about the project because it was considered a new project and did not qualify.

Mr. Wheeler asked if the YMCA money, isn't there two pots of money and is all of it being deferred. Mr. Letteri said that there are three options for the competitive swim lanes and they are entertaining a proposal from STAR but that is not in the plan now. The other $2.3 M contribution for the YMCA has been deferred.

Mr. Slutzky said that there is a new request for STAR but that was not deferred. Mr. Letteri said that it was in the competitive swimming lanes funds so it was not really a new project. Mr. Slutzky asked where the funds were coming from.

Ms. Thomas said that the Parks and Recreation security is being recommended in the first year. Mr. Letteri said that there were some critical needs that qualified for this year.

Mr. Slutzky asked about the pedestrian crossings. Is this a separate item than what the Board approved earlier? Mr. Letteri said that those projects are funded. Mr. Rooker said that VDOT is funding some of those previously approved projects.

Mr. Dorrier asked about the reduced funding for the Scottsville Library. Mr. Letteri said that there was a re-evaluation of the project.

Ms. Thomas asked if we were going forward with a Storm Water utility and a revenue stream for projects. Mr. Foley said that the information would be brought back to the Board at a future work session.

Ms. Mallek asked if the gym floor was more than floor. Mr. Stokes said that it was more than one.

Mr. Rooker asked if there were plans for Western Albemarle High School. Mr. Letteri said that a needs assessment has been done but no formal plans have been developed.

Mr. Boyd said that the boards need to discuss competitive swimming lanes. There is a proposal in front of the Board from STAR swimming which is a better deal for the Board.

Mr. Slutzky suggested that it might make sense that go ahead with the CIP with the note that there be a holding place for funds that could be used if opportunity arose.

Mr. Boyd asked for the School Board's input on the competitive swimming lanes. Mr. Stokes said that his concern is that this is coming forward as a school division request but this is not the case. Mrs. McKeel said that the School Board has no information about this project. Ms. Mallek noted that it was a private pool. Mr. Stokes said that it is a strange year that when we are cutting projects in so many areas that the Board would support putting a bubble over a private pool. He would rather have the funds used for another matter. Mr. Boyd said that the greater use would be for the community at large. This was a Parks and Recreation need. Mr. Stokes said that the School Board has other needs beyond covered swim lanes.

Mr. Rooker said that there was a good rational for deferred projects in the school division. Mr. Stokes said that there are needs that were the school division could have a need to improve on items such as technology. Mr. Rooker said that the need study showed a need for an indoor pool and swim lanes that can be used year round. The STAR proposal is being looked at in comparison with the YMCA request. Mr. Stokes said that his question is whether or not this is the community need to put $400,000 towards.

Ms. Mallek said that she would support smaller contribution to STAR and then the Crozet pool as well that could be used by all of the community.

Mr. Stokes said that it sounds like staff is saying that this pool is not a need based on the survey so it sounds like it is needed strictly for the schools.

Mr. Slutzky suggested that the School Board review the proposals being provided for covered pools and provide the Board of Supervisors with their thoughts. Mrs. McKeel said that the School Board did not have any input into this issue and had no information about it. Mr. Boyd said that it is a Parks and Recreation project and they thought that they were trying to involve the school division in the process.

Mr. Price asked if once the pool got the cover would it be open for the public. Ms. Mallek said no with STAR, but the Crozet pool is a public pool. Mr. Boyd noted that the swim teams would be able to use the pool. Mr. Price said that he is concerned about putting public funds towards a private club.

Mr. Rooker said that they tried to include money for transportation but what they see is the state not putting funds towards transportation.

Ms. Thomas said that when they met with the Speaker of the House, she pointed out that localities that pay for transportation usually have the state pay for their school buildings.

Mr. Rooker asked if there was a list of possible reductions just as there is a list of possible additions.

Ms. Thomas asked if the recession results in more students coming to public schools, will the priorities remain the same in the CIP. Mr. Stokes said that this represents what is hoped will happen. The next CIP may look different if the face of the division changes.

Other Matters Not Listed on the Agenda. None.

Adjournment.

At 4:19 p.m., Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Chairman

Clerk