

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

A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:33 p.m.); Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Jon Stokes; ; and Mr. Ronnie Price (arrived at 6:43 p.m.).

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Darah Bonham, Director of CATEC; Dr. Mary McManus, Director of PREP; Mr. Tom Nash, Executive Director of Intervention and Prevention Services; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Call Order.

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Agenda.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Price and Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Budget Work Session.

Dr. Moran summarized what would be discussed during the budget work session.

CATEC

Mr. Bonham summarized the CATEC budget.

Mrs. Moynihan asked whether the students in the horticulture class will get support to move on. Mr. Bonham said that the course is sequential so they have the option to complete the second year of the program.

Mr. Stokes asked about building trades. Mr. Bonham said that masonry will be a full-time position. Building trade will include electricity and carpentry. Mr. Stokes asked if one FTE will teach both electricity and carpentry. Mr. Bonham said yes.

Mr. Price said that he likes what Mr. Bonham is doing at CATEC. He is hopeful that they will see more environmental types of opportunities. Mr. Bonham said that some of this is being seen now, but it also needs to be explored more.

Mrs. Mouly asked if the Tier I highlights both City and County funding. Mr. Bonham said that it represents funding from both the City and County.

Mrs. Mouly asked if she heard correctly that Piedmont Virginia Community College was dropping their CAD program. Mr. Bonham said that the degree program is being eliminated, however, the courses will still be offered.

Mr. Koleszar said that he feels that the vocational programs are split. He would like to see the programs offered at the high school and CATEC more integrated so there is consistency. Mr. Bonham said that the needs vary among schools. Mr. Koleszar said that he thinks it would take a major restructuring to make it work. Mrs.

Mouly asked how that would impact students from Charlottesville. Mr. Koleszar said that he would see Charlottesville having a similar arrangement.

Mr. Wheeler asked if staff had ever thought of taking the CATEC Expo to the high schools. Mr. Bonham said that they currently do visit the schools but not the full expo.

Mr. Price said that he feels we need to do more with students around careers and jobs.

PREP

Dr. McManus summarized the PREP budget.

Special Education

Mr. Nash summarized the special education/student services budget.

Mr. Wheeler asked if there was any PREP carryover and if it could be accessed this year. Mr. Nash said that fund balance is used annually to cover expenditures. Mr. Stokes asked how much money was in the PREP fund balance. Mr. Nash said that PREP usually uses around \$100,000 of its fund balance. Mr. Nash said that historically the fund balance is around \$200,000 to \$300,000; it depends on the year.

Mr. Koleszar said that it would be nice to have a report on fund balances for self-sustaining funds. Mr. Zimmermann said that it is in the financial reports. Mr. Stokes asked for a report on the fund balance of all funds. Mr. Zimmermann said that there is a difference between self-sustaining fund balance and the regular fund balance for the division. Self-sustaining fund balance has to be used on what it was appropriated for. Mr. Stokes asked if there is a list of where the fund balance comes from. Mr. Koleszar said that the financial report has the information in it. Mr. Zimmermann provided an overview of where the fund balance came from in the operational budget.

Mr. Stokes said that if there are funds that year after year do not spend what is budgeted, then those areas may be where cuts need to be made to balance the budget.

Mrs. Mouly asked how many special education preschool students are being served. Mr. Nash said that he did not have his numbers with him.

Mrs. Mouly asked about funding for Bright Stars. Mr. Nash said funding for Bright Stars comes from the State and local government.

Mrs. McKeel asked about billing for services. Mr. Nash said that last year there was a compromise to agree to not do away with not being able to bill for administrative costs.

Federal Programs

Mr. Nash summarized the federal programs budget.

Mr. Koleszar asked about on page C-14 the difference in operating and actual budgets starting with 2006/07. Mr. Zimmermann said that those funds are transferred out to the schools, so the tracking of the money is tracked through the schools. Mr. Koleszar asked if the funds were reappropriated during the year. Mr. Zimmermann said that they do not need to be reappropriated as long as they are within the same instruction fund. Mr. Stokes asked if this made sense to do it this way. It looks like the information is hidden. Dr. Moran said that the money is tracked by Mr. Nash. Mr. Wheeler said that it is how it looks to the public. He suggested that there be a footnote explaining what happens with the funds in this account. Mrs. McKeel asked why it was reported in this manner. Mr. Zimmermann said that the funds are not transferred until a plan is in place. Dr. Moran said that the Board is asking that there be an asterisk with a note about what happens with these funds. Dr. Benson said

that this could be done as a footnote. Mr. Zimmermann said that some sort of narrative could be added but it may not appear as a footnote. Mr. Stokes said that there may also need to be a note on the school pages that expenditures are not exceeding appropriations. **There was Board consensus for there to be narrative information added to this information and for the coming year staff will look at how reporting this information can be improved.**

Mr. Price said that he would like to know that a program or initiative was being cut because it did not work.

Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Wheeler reviewed the budget calendar dates in the future. He suggested that the Board try to finish with the budget on February 3rd and eliminate the February 5th tentative meeting.

Mr. Wheeler reminded the Board about the survey for work session topics.

Mr. Wheeler suggested using ElectronicSchoolBoard at the closed meeting on January 26th.

Mr. Wheeler said that last school year the Board's request was to change the way the composite index to take into account revenue sharing. Mary Huffard Kegley Scott has indicated that legislators are saying that this may not be the year to push the issue. Mr. Wheeler suggested that the Board send a letter saying that this is still an important issue for the division but it will not be pushed in this difficult year. **There was Board consensus to send a letter.**

Adjournment.

At 8:29 p.m., Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Price **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Chairman

Clerk