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 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Jon Stokes; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and System Planning; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Luvelle Brown, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Steele Howen, Principal on Special Assignment; Mr. Don Vale, Community Public Charter School; Dr. Vicki Crews-Miller, Murray High School Principal; Dr. Matt Haas, Director of Secondary Education; Dr. Bernard Hairston, Executive Director of Community Engagement; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Commendations

At 5:30 p.m. the Board recognized the following individuals at a reception.

1. The young women's chorus at Burley Middle School, ***The Burley Bearettes***, were honored as "National Grand Champion" from Music Festivals, Inc., a company specializing in music competitions The group was named the top performing middle school choir in the United States among hundreds of groups from across the nation after performing in New York City in April.

2. **Sue Sheffield** is being recognized by the Virginia Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education for her work last year in promoting enrollment in Career and Technical Education courses – particularly those courses that might be overlooked by students.

3. In partnership with the College Board, the Seimens Foundation established the Seimens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology and the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing scholarships and increasing access to higher education for talented mathematics, science, engineering, and technology students. The Seimens Competition seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in these disciplines. **Alison Yu**, a 12th grader at Albemarle High School, has been recognized as a Semi-Finalist in the Seimens National Math and Science Competition.

4. Established in 1955, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. NMSC conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program and the National Achievement® Scholarship Program–annual competitions for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships.

NMSC's goals are:

- to identify and honor academically talented U.S. high school students;
- to stimulate increased support for their education; and
- to provide efficient and effective scholarship program management for organizations that wish to sponsor college undergraduate scholarships.

All three of the comprehensive high schools have commended students and semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit® Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

The commended students for Albemarle County Public Schools are:

Albemarle High School	Monticello High School	Western Albemarle High School
Danielle Buynak	Elizabeth Cosgro	Patrick Crider
Brian Chen	Brett Diehl	Jeffrey Diamond
Hong-Yi Chen	Tess Drummond	Brandon Donahoo
Albert Chung	Samantha Lin	Arliss Gearhart
Nicholas Janssens	Riley Williams-Wyckoff	Margaret Given
Nicholas Matherne	Andrew Young	Jordan Haws
Everett Maus		Julia Loman
Ezra Miller		Reid Meador
Denis Peskov		Alex Mosolgo-Clark
Amanda Pollack		Aaron Myers
Nicholas Roberts		Andrew Nafziger
Kimberly Schwaner		Van Nguyen
Eileen Stevens		Ciara Pratt
Carl Stukenborg		Hannah Schiller
		Margaret Schwenzfeier
		James Taylor
		Elias Vidal

In early September approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. Semifinalists are designated by state, and they are the highest scoring entrants from the state. Semi-finalists for Albemarle County Public Schools are:

Albemarle High School	Monticello High School	Western Albemarle High School
Kelly Barksdale	Lauren Barrow	Davis Blalock
Sachin Doshi	Dakota Thomsen-Diggs	Christopher McConnell
Rebecca Fredrick		Linge Sun
Russell Hillstrom		Hannah White
Jae Hee (Madison) Lee		
Hyun (Jon) Pyo		
Michael Trotta		
Claudia Troyer		
Alison Yu		

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Call to Order.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Wheeler called the Albemarle County School Board meeting back to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda.

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Donation to Stone Robinson Elementary School
3.3 Donation to Broadus Wood Elementary School
3.4 Project Graduation Grant
3.5 September 2009 Financial Reports
3.6 Donation to V.L. Murray Elementary School
3.7 Donation to Baker Butler Elementary School
3.8 08-09 Albemarle County Schools Safety Report
3.9 Minutes
3.10 Policy Review and Revision
3.11 Additional Holiday Leave for 12-month Employees

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that the new turf field at Monticello High School will be put to use this weekend due to the weather.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board and Superintendent Business.

Dr. Moran said that there are members of the Student Advisory Council members were in attendance. Mr. Price said that he and Mr. Koleszar have been working with this group on organization structure and charge. Ms. Catherin Baird, Ms. Everleigh Stokes and Ms. Chelsea Henderson provided the Board with the charge that they have developed for the group and how the council will be constructed. Mr. Price said that the group would pay attention to our agendas and they will provide feedback on items that they feel that they can provide input on.

Ms. Howen provided the Board with information on the Safe and Healthy Schools grant. She spoke about the hiring process of the other staff being funded in the grant. Dr. Moran said that we are the Fiscal Agent for this group.

Mrs. McKeel spoke about Take Your Legislator to School Month. If anyone is interested in participating Mary Huffard Kegley Scott will facilitate the event.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Charter Schools Reports: Murray High School Annual Report and Community Public Charter School 1st Quarter Report.

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

Mrs. Mouly asked how many of the current seventh graders were sixth graders last year. Mr. Vale said that 18 of the 20 are returning to the school.

Mrs. Mouly asked about the whether there is data on those that were in the sixth grade last year. Mr. Vale pointed the data out in the information provided to the Board.

Mr. Price asked if there was a barrier to remove what would it be. Mr. Vale said that it would be literacy support. He feels that additional support would be beneficial.

Mr. Price asked how the relationship with Burley was going. Mr. Vale said it was going well. He provided some examples of how the relationship is improving.

Mrs. Moynihan asked if there were any plans to market the school differently to recruit more students. Mr. Vale said that we are beginning to look at improving the recruitment for the school.

Mrs. Moynihan asked if the curriculum has needed to be changed or adjusted. Mr. Vale said instructional practices have changed as well as organizational structure.

Ms. Vicki Crews-Miller then summarized the Murray High School report.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Comprehensive High School Program of Studies.

Dr. Haas summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

There was Board consensus to place this item on the next agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. School Fees.

Dr. Haas summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

There was Board consensus to place this item on the next agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Math Cubed Program, An Algebra Readiness Initiative.

Dr. Hairston summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mr. Wheeler thanked Dr. Hairston, Mr. Price and Dr. Brown for their work with this program.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Break.

There was a break from 8:16 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. ElectronicSchoolBoard.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that he did not think the Board should purchase the product but continue leasing it. Mrs. McKeel said that she would agree.

Dr. Benson said the only reason to not purchase the product would be if the Board was looking to purchase another product.

Mr. Price offered a **motion** that the Board purchase ElectronicSchoolBoard. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. Mr. Wheeler asked for discussion. Mr. Koleszar and Mrs. Mouly said that they would not vote in favor of the motion. Mrs. McKeel asked for clarification on the amount the Board has in its reserve. Mr. Price provided the information. Mrs. Moynihan said that if we like ESB then if we go with purchasing the product we still have the opportunity to receive the updates. **The motion failed with Mr. Price voting no.**

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** that the Board approve Option 2 to lease the ESB and host on our own server. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Price voting no.**

Agenda Item No. 8.7. VSBA Policies and Resolutions for Annual Conference Delegate Assembly.

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

Mrs. McKeel asked if the changes are what is underlined. Mrs. Johnston said yes.

Mrs. Moynihan asked about the uniform grade point average. Mr. Wheeler asked Dr. Moran for her input. Dr. Moran said that VSBA is asking the state to tell the divisions what to do. She likes to keep these types of decisions under local control. She would not support this recommendation. **There was Board consensus to oppose this recommendation.**

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** that the Board charge Mr. Wheeler as the delegate and Mrs. Mouly as the alternate to support the proposals as presented with the exception of the uniform grade point average study. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.8. 2009 Legislative Packet.

Mrs. Mary Huffard Kegley Scott summarized the legislative packet for 2009-10.

Mr. Koleszar said that we just recently got information on the composite index, and he would like to provide the impact on the budget it will have in Albemarle County Public Schools. Mr. Price said that it would be okay to put out hypotheticals but not specific items because the Board has not discussed this. Mrs. Mouly said that she would just put in the amount that the budget will need to be reduced rather than specific items. Mr. Price said that he would like to see why we are not able to get their support in adjusting Albemarle County's composite index. Board members continued to discuss what the Board should discuss with legislators around the composite index.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the legislative packet for 2009-10 and direct staff to share with local legislators prior to the November 16, 2009 meeting. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.9. FY 2010/11 Budget Update and Discussion.

Dr. Moran and Mr. Zimmermann summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mr. Koleszar asked if staff was projecting a lower enrollment next year. Mr. Zimmermann said yes due to a smaller incoming Kindergarten class versus the graduating class that is leaving.

Mr. Stokes said that give the change in the composite index and the change in the revenue picture, it looks as if we are short $10M from last year. Mr. Zimmermann said that is correct. Mr. Stokes said that if we do not change personnel then we will need to cut the operational budget by 50 percent. Mr. Zimmermann said that is not possible. Mr. Stokes said he did not see that as possible either, but it is obvious that personnel will need to be reduced.

Mr. Koleszar said that as our composite index is taking hit other localities may be getting a windfall that will allow them to give raises to their employees.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would support Dr. Moran preparing a needs based budget with reduction strategies. The level of cuts that we are going to have to make is unacceptable.

Dr. Moran asked if there were more areas of reductions that the Board may need more information on. Mr. Wheeler said that the Board has received some information on the local government fund balance. He would like more information on the CIP undesignated fund balance. He also asked about what the AAA bond rating means.

Mr. Price said that he would like for staff to think outside of the box in terms of furloughs, 4 day work weeks, salary reductions, etc. when thinking about compensation reductions. Dr. Moran said that we know we are in school longer than required, so there may be the possibility to recoup some funding in that area.

Mrs. Moynihan suggested that staff look at all options realistically when preparing a funding request for the division.

Mrs. Mouly said that she thinks that reducing the school year may not be detrimental to students. If a student has a great teacher, then losses may be minimized.

Mrs. McKeel said that we need to be proactive in brining the new Board of Supervisor members up to speed on the cuts that the division has been making over the last several years.

Mr. Wheeler said that he is not willing to say that we have to live with the cuts that we are potentially facing. We have done a lot to improve our efficiencies and there are not many more places to go that will not impact the core work in the classroom. We have to remember that we are a low taxed county for our population – possibly lowest in the state.

Mr. Zimmermann asked that the Board set the time for the budget work sessions. **There was Board consensus for the meetings to begin at 6:30 p.m.**

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mrs. McKeel said that we had a decline in teen crash rates over the last four years. She says that this is impressive.

Mrs. Moynihan said that she is happy to be joining the Board for another four years after re-election.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 10:28 p.m., Mr. Price offered a **motion** that the School Board go into Closed Meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia under subsection 1 to discuss and consider the discipline of two classified employees, subsection 3 to discuss and consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, and subsection 7 to consult with staff about litigation regarding the condemnation of real property. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 10:53 p.m., Mr. Price offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mrs. McKeel; Mr. Wheeler; Mrs. Moynihan; Mr. Stokes; Mr. Koleszar; Mr. Price; and Mrs. Mouly.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment.

At 10:55 p.m., Mr. Price offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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