

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 February 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar (arrived at 6:45 p.m.); Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:45 p.m.); Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Eric Strucko; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Planning Systems; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item 1.1. Call Order.

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Price then asked that any high school redistricting discussion be pulled from the table. **There was Board consensus to pull any high school redistricting discussion from the budget discussion.**

Agenda Item 1.2. Approval of Agenda.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item 2.1. Budget Work Session.

Mr. Price opened the floor for Board questions.

Mrs. Moynihan asked about the elimination of the Junior Air Force ROTC program. Mr. Price noted that it is not the elimination of the program, but the elimination of the funding subsidy that the division was providing to the school to continue running the program.

Mr. Zimmermann provided an overview of the changes that the Board had made during its budget work sessions. Board members noted that there was consensus to move the 9th grade athletic reduction to Tier III. Mr. Koleszar said that we put into our Tier I reductions any items that the Board can stomach. Mrs. McKeel said that the verbiage needs to be adjusted in areas such as the elimination of ROTC program. Each line item description needs to be clear as to what it stands for. Mrs. Mouly asked about the system wide furlough and what it was based on. Dr. Moran said that staff looked at how far they would want to go with such a salary reduction, and five days seemed to be the place where they landed. Mrs. Mouly said that a furlough brings a hardship to everyone in the system but saves positions and allows for us to hold on to some valuable individuals. She suggested that if the Board did not move that item up in the budget that we highlight in some way our intention to look for a cut back that will impact everyone. Mr. Koleszar asked if a furlough meant a reduction in student days. Dr. Benson said that it would have to. Mr. Koleszar asked if you could do a furlough of 12-month employees only. Dr. Benson said that the savings would have to be recalculated, and there would not be equity among employees within the division.

Mrs. Moynihan asked if the reduction of two school days is separate from the furlough or part of it. Dr. Benson said that it is a separate issue. If there are some items in Tier III reductions that may impact other items in the Tier and they may need to be looked at further.

Mr. Zimmermann asked what the Board's pleasure was in terms of acting upon a funding request to send forward to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Wheeler offered a **motion** to adopt a 2011 operational funding request of \$145,226,797. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously**.

Dr. Moran said that staff will work to draft a transmittal letter for the chair and begin to package the funding request to provide to the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. McKeel suggested that the transmittal letter tie in education in the community and economic development.

Mr. Price said that we need to communicate that the Board is not taking any action at this time on Tier II and Tier III reductions – other than what has already been taken – unless further reductions are needed.

There was further discussion about how to frame the funding request to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Moynihan said that she wanted to make sure the middle and high school redistricting be taken off the list of reductions. Board members said that there was no discussion of removing the middle school redistricting. **There was Board consensus to remove the middle school redistricting as well from the list of potential reductions.**

Mrs. Moynihan asked what the impact would be on schools if the Board reduced associate principals from 12-month employees to 11-month employees. Dr. Moran said that there are a lot of programs that they help supervise in the high schools. There is a lot of administrative work that takes place during the summer with such things as scheduling. Mr. Koleszar said that he would be hesitant to make that change given the change in the schedule that will be taking place.

Dr. Benson provided the Board with an overview of what the next work session would consist of.

Mr. Zimmermann asked if the Hispanic-Latino Coordinator position and the DSS workers should remain in the reduction list but in a different Tier. Board members said that those reductions should move to Tier III.

Agenda Item 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.

Agenda Item 4.1. Adjournment.

At 8:13 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**.

Chairman

Clerk