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A Special Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lane Auditorium of the Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Eric Strucko; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Harley Miles; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

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

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:03 p.m., Mr. Koleszar called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Agenda.

Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Superintendent's Budget Presentation.

Dr. Moran presented the 2011-2012 Superintendent's Funding Request to the Board.

These are challenging times.

We are challenged in this economic environment to continue to deliver superior results in the midst of increasing enrollment, increasing mandates from the state and federal government, and diminished resources.

The economic recovery has been slow, and will likely continue to be slow for the next few fiscal years. However, we know that strong K-12 public schools contribute to the economic prosperity equation – a vibrant economy, the value of our property, and jobs for the community. As we work together to recover from this recession and establish a more stable, operating revenue for a sustainable future, we must

- Maintain excellent public schools to attract and retain top employers and employees to our community.
- Continue to produce graduates who possess the skills most valued by higher education and the workplace.
- Measure student learning beyond federal and state mandated assessments on such essential skills as information literacy, creativity and problem-solving, adaptability, collaboration and “soft-skills” such as communication, respect, work ethic and punctuality, essential skills identified by Virginia's employers.

This is indeed a challenge. One we accept as vital to our children, our community, our economy and our future.

We cannot sustain another year of reductions of the magnitude taken in 2010-11. The increased workload, drastically reduced resources and functionality experienced by our staff, and other significant challenges such as a new secondary schedule and student information system are clouding our focus and limiting our effectiveness. That is why we are proposing no additional reductions in programs and personnel in 2011-2012 and proposing restoring staffing in classroom personnel that were taken this fiscal year.

These are indeed challenging times. Our Division continues to experience revenue uncertainty and risk, particularly from the General Assembly, and changes to state and federal laws that impact what we must do and measure. We face these challenges not by searching for more “small things” to tweak, but by carefully examining our organization, and our mission. This funding request reflects our continued commitment to our strategic vision that ensures a **best in class** education that provides **value** to our community through **efficient** use of

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resources for **sustainable** operations and **excellent performance** by our students. It also represents a commitment to changing the way we do business, to meeting the challenges with adaptive management and community collaboration to inaugurate a new, sustainable balance of revenues and expenditures.

The following pages detail the return we have provided on your investment and the reinvestment of \$144.96M we are asking our citizens to make in 2011-12. Thank you for your continued confidence and support as we create the leaders, the innovators and the workforce of tomorrow.

Mr. Koleszar asked Board members to think about what topics they would like more information on during the budget work sessions.

Agenda Item No. 2.2. Timeline for Appointment to Rivanna School Board Seat.

Mr. Koleszar summarized the information that was provided in the Board packet including the draft timeline. He then asked Board members for their input.

There was Board consensus to follow the proposed timeline.

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Koleszar said that when the Board has a motion, the Board should wait for Mrs. Johnston to type in the motion before voting on the motion. It may take a little more time to get through actions but it will make the Board's actions are clearer.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment

At 7:18 p.m., Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Chairman

Clerk