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

A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Stephen Koleszar (arrived at 6:30 p.m.); Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Eric Strucko; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and System Planning; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Luvelle Brown, Executive Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item 1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:06 p.m. Mr. Price, Chairman, called the meeting 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. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 Donation to Albemarle High School Synthetic Turf Project
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3.4 Donations to Albemarle County Public Schools
3.5 Donation to Henley Middle School
3.6 Donation to Murray High School
3.7 Donation to Murray Elementary School
3.8 2010-2011 Middle School Program Guide
3.9 Stone Robinson – Luck Stone Agreement to Construct a School Athletic Field
3.10 Henley Middle School Water Line Dedication to ACSA
3.11 Donation to Broadus Wood Elementary School
3.12 Child Nutrition Program Report
3.13 Personnel Action
3.14 Personnel Action
3.15 Donation to Monticello High School
3.16 Minutes

Mr. Koleszar asked that item 3.8 be removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the 2010-11 Middle School Program Guide. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. 2010-2011 Middle School Program Guide

Mr. Koleszar said that he was concerned about the language in the math part of the curriculum. He spoke with Dr. Haas and it has been rewritten. He wanted the Board to know that he was satisfied with the revision before approving it. Mr. Wheeler offered a motion to approve the middle school program guide. Mr. Koleszar seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that we have two teachers tonight who are broadcasting their work through Illuminate with teachers in Philadelphia.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.

Mrs. McKeel said that she attended the National Merit Finalist dinner at Albemarle High School. The students at Albemarle High School presented her with a basket of chocolates to share with the Board as a thank you for their work.

Mr. Price said that he has been working with IMPACT on the education issues that are their focus. He feels that they need to start working earlier so School Boards can work together and study the issues. He shared the three items that the group wanted to the school division to commit to working toward. Mr. Wheeler said that he was concerned that some of the information that IMPACT reported was incorrect.

Mr. Koleszar said that Monday was the Virginia School Boards Association Central Region Forum. They had an interesting talk about afterschool programs and their effectiveness.

Dr. Moran said that the division is shifting to the new schedule. Mr. Haun and Dr. Haas provided an update on where the division was in terms of progress in implementing the new schedule. Staff has been having conversations with members of the public who have expressed concern about the new schedule.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. 2009-10 End of School Year and 2010-11 Calendar Modifications

Dr. Benson summarized the staff report regarding recommendations for changes to the current school year calendar and for next school year's calendar. The first change would make June 11, 2010 the last day of school for the 2009-10 school year. The second recommendation was to add January 18, 2011 as a make-up day for the 2010-11 school year calendar. Board members expressed additional concern about the number of make-up days before the end of the school year.

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to approve the recommended changes. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Koleszar voting no.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Reduction in Force – Licensed Staff

Dr. Benson summarized the recommended changes to Policy GCPA and asked that the Board adopt the proposed changes. Board members spoke about implementation of the policy; how policy implementation may impact small schools; and fairness in implementing the policy.

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to adopt the proposed GCPA revisions. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Dr. Benson said that the Board will need to approve the reduction in force list at an upcoming meeting.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. FY 2010/11 Budget Worksession

Mr. Zimmermann provided an overview of the proposed budget including a timeline on where the Board has been and where the Board still needs to go, revenue updates, a revenue comparison, hold harmless funding, an expense review including reductions, the Virginia Retirement System funding, funding gap and proposed strategic positioning of the division, and use of one time funding. Board members asked questions regarding the change in revenue, the change in the composite index and hold harmless, the impact of reducing principals in schools and other proposed reductions in the budget, and funding for family support workers. The Board asked that Dr. Moran draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors addressing the Board's concern about the reduction of a penny in the tax rate or movement of a penny of the tax rate to the capital improvements program. In addition, the letter should express concern about the uncertainty of what the state would be doing in regards to the VRS rate.

Agenda Item No. 7.4. Break.

There was a break from 8:41 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Paul Halliday spoke about the decision to change the schedule. He feels the process to make the decision was flawed. He spoke about some research that he did on the block scheduling.

Ms. Teres Province is a teacher at Albemarle High School. She spoke about the reduction in force policy. She spoke about the limitation on committees, etc. and it used in the policy.

Ms. Becky Dameron spoke about the budget and the parental support to raise the tax rate. She said that she feels that the schedule change is a done deal no matter how many concerns and questions are expressed.

Ms. Margie Shepherd spoke about the reduction in force policy. Specifically she spoke about stipend positions and the availability those positions to teachers.

Ms. Robin Servine thanked Dr. Moran for advocating for the principal positions to be added back into the budget.

Mr. James Barlow is a parent. He expressed concern about the block scheduling being implemented. He feels that there are some courses that should be offered year long.

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

Mr. Wheeler said that the Board received handouts on the block schedule, and it would be posted on the division website.

Mrs. McKeel asked the reduction in force policy and participation in extracurricular activities or stipend positions. She feels that it would be beneficial for teachers to attend PTO meetings.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

Mr. Strucko offered a motion that the School Board go into a closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711 (A) of the Code of Virginia under subsection 2 to discuss and consider the petition of a student's parent to be on school property, which requires the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record, and subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel regarding terms of a telecommunications lease. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:49 p.m., Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully 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. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Price, Mr. Strucko, Mrs. Moynihan, and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously.**

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Chairman

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