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 April 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mr. Eric Strucko; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

STAFF PRESENT: 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; Dr. Matthew Haas, Director of Secondary Education; 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.

The Board recognized the following:

1. The following schools earned the Governor's Award for Education Excellence: Baker-Butler Elementary, Hollymead Elementary (2nd consecutive year at top tier), Meriwether Lewis Elementary (2nd consecutive year at top tier) and Virginia L. Murray Elementary (3rd consecutive year at top tier). To qualify for this top-tier VIP Award, schools must achieve Governor Kaine's goals for elementary reading and participation, if eligible, in the Virginia Preschool Initiative. Bonus points are earned for other performance measures, including the Governor's Nutrition and Physical Activity Scorecard.

2. The following three schools earned the Board of Education's Excellence Award: Brownsville Elementary, Scottsville Elementary, and Stony Point Elementary. In addition to meeting all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years, schools and divisions receiving the Board of Education's Excellence Award must have made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by Governor Kaine and the board.

3. The following eight schools earned the Board of Education's Competence to Excellence Award: Albemarle High, Broadus Wood Elementary, Crozet Elementary, Monticello High, Murray High, Stone-Robinson Elementary, Western Albemarle High, and Woodbrook Elementary. Schools and divisions qualifying for the Board's Competence to Excellence Award, the third-tier award in the VIP program, must have met all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years, and made progress toward VIP objectives reflecting the goals of Governor Kaine and the board.

4. The following two schools have been selected to receive the 2010 Title I Distinguished School Award: Red Hill Elementary and Stony Point Elementary. This recognition is based on student achievement during the 2008-2009 school year. A school receives this distinguished award for achieving a mean score at the 60th percentile for both English and mathematics; for meeting AYP for two consecutive years without safe harbor or proxy percentage for all students and in the subgroups; for reaching full accreditation in the second year of making AYP; and for exceeding the AMO for English and mathematics in the current and previous year for all students.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Price, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.4. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

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

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to remove the Special Education Annual Plan from the agenda. Mrs. McKeel **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 Turf Project
3.3 Donation to Hollymead Elementary School
3.4 Minutes
3.5 Donation to Henley Middle School
3.6 Personnel Action

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda without the re-appropriation of school carryover and building rental item. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Re-appropriation of School Carryover and Building Rental

Mr. Strucko asked for an explanation of what the funds were. Dr. Benson said that schools can carryover up to ten percent of their budget. Mr. Strucko asked how restricted are the funds or could the funds be donated to turf fields. Dr. Benson said that the funds cannot be directed towards the turf field because it was made clear that no school division operational funds would be used toward the installation of the turf fields.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to reappropriate $250,431 of school carryover and $26,872 of building rental funds for a total of $277,303 from fund balance and request the Board of Supervisors to amend the appropriations ordinance accordingly. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Benson spoke about the Human Capital Management grant that the division will be applying for. He provided the Board with a brief overview of the project including a summary of what the division is proposing and what is needed to implement such a system. Board members asked where the grant is coming from; what companies or school districts were partnering in the submission of the application; and what are the costs and how much funds can the grant be worth? Dr. Benson provided answers as appropriate.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Melinda Whitehurst is a parent at Red Hill Elementary School. She urged the School Board to work with the Board of Supervisors to find funding to keep principals in all elementary schools. She also urged the Board not to pit the principal issue against the family support workers.

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

Mr. Price provided the Board with information regarding the meeting on April 24 with Delegate Toscano, the Charlottesville City School Board, the Charlottesville City Council, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and the Albemarle County School Board. Board members discussed current areas of cooperation with the Charlottesville City School Board and potential areas for future collaboration. Mr. Price said that he provided the Board with an updated agenda with the removal of any memorandums of understandings.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Special Education Annual Plan 2010-11 (pulled from proposed agenda)

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Learning Resources Items for School Board Review.

Dr. Haun summarized the learning resources that are being proposed for addition to the approved learning resources list. Board members asked questions about several of the resources on the list, and staff provided information on those resources. It was noted that the materials would be on review for 30 days.

This item will be placed on a future agenda after the 30 day review for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. 2009-10 Teacher Contract Days.

Dr. Benson summarized the staff report which included information on the days that are not being made up due to inclement weather and what teachers need to do to make up the five days that need to be made up. Board members asked what teachers do on professional responsibility days, and staff responded.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to designate Monday, June 14, 2010 as a teacher work day, to designate June 15- 17 as professional learning days to support summer curriculum, assessment and instruction work, and to designate June 18 as a professional responsibility day for teachers (outside of regularly scheduled time). Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 7:39 p.m. until 7:54 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. FY2010/11 Budget Work Session.

Dr. Benson said that the Board is not being asked to approve a budget during the meeting. He asked for direction on shared principals, family support workers, and allocation of one-time funds. In addition, he asked for discussion of the lock box money and the release of it by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Zimmermann then provided a presentation on where the division stands in the budget process and the budgetary items that staff needed further direction on. Board members asked questions on: 1) the funding gap and what it would be if the Board decided to return the two principals into the budget? 2) what has transpired since the Board's last meeting especially with the Board of Supervisors? 3) the Virginia Retirement System, 4) the thought process in eliminating the Family Support Workers, 5) the request to the Board of Supervisors for use of the lock box funds, 6) enrollment trends, and 7) the retirement incentive.

After Board discussion there was consensus to add back into the budge the two elementary school principals. There was also Board consensus for staff to return to the Board a recommendation to return Family Support Workers back into the budget in combination with the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant to continue providing the same level of service. There was also Board consensus for the Board to move forward with the retirement incentive proposal. The Board asked that the Board of Supervisor members be invited to the School Board's next meeting to discuss the lock box funds.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that three Board members attended the NSBA conference. He will provide a report at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 9:13 p.m., Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to 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 appointment and performance of teachers; subsection 1 to discuss prospective candidates for principal positions; subsection 2 to discuss and consider a parent's petition for access on school property requiring the disclosure of information contained in student scholastic records; subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff about current lawsuits regarding employment and insurance matters; and subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff about probable litigation concerning retirement benefits. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:52 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.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to reappoint teacher number 1 for the contract terms presented by staff. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion**, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to non-renew the contract of teacher number 2. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to permit parent number 1 access to school property on the terms presented by staff. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:56 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.**

Chairman

Clerk