A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Monticello High School Library, 1400 Independence Way, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director, Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Greg Kamptner, Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Miles 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 1 to discuss the appointment of a specific person as Public Affairs and Strategic Communications Officer and to discuss prospective candidates for the Director of Human Resources position and subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the educational broadband services license and an agreement related thereto. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Miles 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. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Miles, Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Strucko, Mrs. Moynihan, and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mrs. Mouly.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item 1.3. Call to Order.

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

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.5. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 Compulsory Attendance Alternative
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3.4 Personnel Action - Coaches

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements. None.
Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Strategic Goal 1 & Contemporary Design for Learning.

Dr. Moran and Dr. Haas provided the Board with a presentation on contemporary learning spaces and how they prepare students for workforce, college, and citizenship readiness. Board members, staff, and other stakeholders then broke out into smaller sessions with architects, librarians, and teachers. Theses breakout sessions provided an opportunity for further discussion on learning spaces.

Board members then returned and each discussed what they heard in each breakout session. Areas of discussion included: 1) the need to education parents on why schools are changing, 2) important for schools to be welcoming and inviting, 3) the need to involve students in the design on schools and learning spaces, 4) how curriculum is established and how spaces develop with the curriculum, 5) the need for spaces to be flexible for multiple learning styles, and 6) the need for spaces to be designed differently for each purpose and for elementary and secondary levels.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break.

A break was taken between the last breakout session and the beginning of the Board member report out.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Candace Smith encouraged the Board to re-examine their role in leading the School Division. She said that it is time for the School Board to take the reins back from administration instead of taking direction from the administration. She referenced an email that she sent to the School Board.

Ms. Dawn McCoy urged the Board to consider the scientific research on learning space designs. She said that she hopes the Division does not return to open classrooms.

Ms. Kim Taylor spoke about parent portals. She said that there is no need for parent portals when there are so many other opportunities to monitor a child's progress. She said that there are concerns about the use of or implementation of a parent portal.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger spoke about technology use in the classroom. She spoke about her daughter's learning style.

Mr. Paul Halliday said that the wrong conversation is being held at this work session because it is based on what we anticipate in future years. The Division needs to return to what matters in the education of our children.

Mr. Chad Sansing is a teacher. He said that he was grateful for the conversations that were had during the work session. The discussion is about creating spaces which enable students to learn.

Ms. Rebecca Dameron said that she is a product of the open classroom. She said that Dr. Canterbury's research about learning space designs are for the top performers of the class.

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

Dr. Moran thanked those individuals who participated in the work session.

Mr. Koleszar said that the Board received an email about the minutes being behind. He would like to address the issue at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Koleszar recognized a student who asked to provide input to the Board. Mr. Eric Hahn is a student at Albemarle High School. He said that the Board should solicit input from students on how they learn best. The best learning environment is one that is flexible.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:51 p.m., Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board to the October 12, 2011 meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 241 of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Chairman

Clerk