A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

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 prospective candidates for the for the position of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications; subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the educational broadband services license and an agreement related thereto and regarding telecommunications facilities leases; and subsection 29 to discuss the award, terms and scope of telecommunications facilities leases. Mrs. Moynihan **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, Mrs. Mouly, and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 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.

The Burley Bearettes performed the Star Spangled Banner.

Agenda Item No. 1.5. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve 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 Reimbursement for Athletic Expenses at Western Albemarle High School
3.3 FY 2010-11: Reimburse County for Athletic Purchases

3.4 Turf Field Installation Update
3.5 Student-Athlete Survey Results for 2010-11 Pilot Year
3.6 Donation to Albemarle High School
3.7 Concussion Management Plan
3.8 21st Century Grant FY 10-11
3.9 Algebra Readiness FY10-11
3.10 Hampton Roads Clean Cities Coalition Grant FY10-11
3.11 Personnel Action
3.12 School Board Member Annual Responsibilities
3.13 Proposed Revisions to Policy BHB, School Board Member Development Opportunities
3.14 Proposed Revisions to Policy BG, Board-Staff Communications
3.15 Proposed Revisions to Policy BBA, Role and Evaluation of the School Board

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the School Board Code of Conduct and the Minutes - 2010. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. School Board Code of Conduct

Mrs. Mouly asked for a small wording change in the School Board Code of Conduct. She asked that on number 10 the word "might" to "would". Board members agreed. Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** to approve the School Board Code of Conduct as amended and for the Board to sign the code of conduct. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes – 2010

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the March 29, 2010 closed meeting minutes. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles, Mr. Buyaki, and Mrs. Moynihan abstaining,**

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the April 13, 2010 minutes. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the April 15, 2010 minutes. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles, Mr. Buyaki, and Mrs. Moynihan abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mr. Scheivert said that the implementation of PowerSchool is on schedule. We are now pulling over historical data. Progress will slow in September because there is a state report due by September 30. This report is being generated out of Gradespeed so it will take some time.

Dr. Haas advised the Board that Human Resources, based on a change in regulations from the State with VRS on how we include VRS with employee compensation. Looked at whether stipends should be included in VRS calculations. The Academic Leadership Stipends will no longer be included in VRS calculations.

Dr. Haun shared with the Board information on the reports that are due at all levels and who the responsible party is for completing the report.

Mr. Davis informed the Board that correspondence with AT&T counsel. They are withdrawing their request to place cellular antennas on the Stony Point property.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Bob Garland spoke about the calendar for the 2012-13 school year. He provided the Board with a suggested calendar draft for consideration.

Mr. Bob McAdams spoke to the Board about the International Day of Peace. He asked the Board to commemorate the International Day of Peace.

Ms. Barbara Cruickshank spoke to the Board about the placement of cell phone towers on property near Albemarle County Schools. She provided the Board with data on the topic and the health effects.

Ms. Karen Rubendall spoke to the Board about assessment of students in the current climate. She said that she has formed a new non-profit, The Coalition for Childhood and Adolescence.

Mr. Mark Echelberger said that it is unfortunate that a school board meeting is scheduled on the same night as a high school back-to-school night. He spoke about the proposed calendars for the 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Mike Toms spoke to the Board about the proposed calendars for 2012-13 school year and the process for development.

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

Dr. Haun provided the Board with information on 10-day enrollment including five years of data for September 30th enrollment. The data for the current year has not been verified. Board members asked if adjustments were made to projections based on the previous year verified enrollment. Dr. Haun said yes, but Mr. Zimmermann could confirm. Dr. Haun then provided a breakdown of enrollment at individual schools.

Dr. Haun said that all of the schools in the Division are doing some sort of activity to commemorate September 11th.

Ms. Mary Huffard Kegley, Legislative Liaison for the School Division, said that she was in the process of collecting legislative issues to be included in the legislative packet. She asked the Board to share with her any additional topics for consideration.

Ms. Kegley said that on October 26, 2011 there will be a Realtor Summit which all local schools have been invited to participate. Dr. Moran will be the keynote speaker during the luncheon.

Ms. Kegley said that the School Finance Advisory Council is meeting next Monday evening. This is the group that advises Dr. Moran on opportunities within the budget process.

Ms. Kegley said that staff has been working on developing another opportunity for continued dialogue with the business community. She will provide further information as it becomes available.

Ms. Jennifer Sublette-Williamson, Lead Coach, provided the Board with information on Constitution Day and events that will be taking place in schools.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. 2012-12 School Year Calendar Development Update

Dr. Haas provided the Board with a presentation on the 2012-13 school year calendar development. The presentation focused on: 1) the survey results for the calendar survey on the two proposed calendars (early start date and late start date); 2) the similarities between the two proposed calendars; 3) the difference between the two calendars; and 4) the need for professional development time in the calendar.

Topics of discussion included: 1) the length of Winter Break, 2) designating a defined place for Spring Break, 3) the benefits of starting school on a Wednesday, 4) the placement of staff development days, and 5) Board member preference in start date on the calendar.

Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** for staff to start school on August 22, 2012 and for staff to move through the normal calendar development process. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mrs. Mouly said that many of the parents she speaks to generally state in regards to all issues, not just the calendar, that if you keep the teacher happy, the students will be happy and learn. She was disappointed in some of the remarks in the survey results. She appreciates the need for consistency in the calendar in regards to extracurricular activities. Children get their education from many points starting with their parents. Schools are not the only source for educating a child. Mrs. McKeel said that she would welcome input on if there is something that the Board did to confuse the issue, and if there was a better way to inform the public on the process. **The motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Naming of Band Room at Burley Middle School

Mrs. McKeel **offered** a motion to approve the request to name the band room at Burley Middle school after Elmer F. Sampson. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Miles then read the following resolution that was approved into the record.

WHEREAS, Mr. James Hollins, Chairman, Jackson P. Burley Varsity Club, has requested that the Albemarle County School Board permit the band room at Jackson P. Burley Middle School be named in honor of former Jackson P. Burley High School band director Elmer F. Sampson; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the nomination be approved by the School Board; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County School Board desires to honor the years of teaching, directing, and mentoring provided to the students of Jackson P. Burley High School by naming the band room in honor of this teacher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Albemarle County School Board hereby names the band room at Jackson P. Burley Middle School after Elmer F. Sampson.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. CAI – Performance Based Assessment

Dr. Haun, Ms. Debbie Collins, Director of Elementary Education, and the Lead Coaches provided the Board with an overview of the Division’s summer Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Institute.

Topics of discussion included: 1) Board member experiences while attending and/or observing at CAI, 2) the need for teachers to meet more throughout the year, 3) the definition of a vertical team, and 4) the difference in the vertical team check-in and a vertical team work session.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break (Taken prior to Agenda Item No. 8.3)

There was a break from 8:28 p.m. until 8:35 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Implementation of Power School Parent Portal

Dr. Haun provided the Board with a presentation on the implementation of Power School Parent Portal. The presentation included the purpose of Parent Portal and a timeline for implementation and communication.

Topics of discussion included: 1) the need for staff development in use of Parent Portal to be added to the timeline, 2) the input from parents on the need to have such a program for parents, and 3) the budgetary impact.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Access Albemarle (AA) Update

Mr. Davis and Mr. Koleszar provided an update on Access Albemarle including the scope of the project and where local government is in terms of the implementation of the system.

Topics of discussion included: 1) the budgeting item not being used for budget development for 2012-13, 2) an explanation of how local government and the School Division share certain aspects of their Finance Department, 3) the length of time that it has taken to implement this system, 4) the reconciliation of finances up to

March 31, 2011 through the previous system and the use of the new system, 5) the need to look at ways to simplify the School Division's payroll, 6) the implementation timeline for the School Division, and 7) the concern of Board members that no financial reports have been provided.

Agenda Item No. 8.7. Staffing Standards

Dr. Haun provided an overview of the staffing standards which included the purpose of the staffing standards, the format of standards, and some examples of how schools would be staffed at certain enrollment levels.

Topics of discussion included: 1) the reason some standards are not incremental and others are, 2) staffing for some areas such as art and music that do not have state standards attached to the content area, and 3) how services are provided for different levels of ESOL students.

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

Dr. Moran said that we should know what our new composite index will be in early November. This calculation is based on two year lagging data.

Mrs. McKeel said that she would like the Board to have a report on the state of the school nurses. Dr. Haas agreed and has been working with Human Resources on looking at the positions. **There was Board consensus for such a report to be provided.**

Mr. Strucko asked about the request that Mr. Bob McAdams brought to the Board. Mr. Koleszar said that the Board does not generally recognize such requests if they are politically controversial. Mr. Strucko said that he does not know much about the request and International Day of Peace, but peace is something that he would support. Mrs. Mouly said that she is not against it, but she feels that if the Board approves such a request it is setting a precedent. Mrs. Moynihan said that she tends to focus on the Division and their education and stay out of what could be a political issue. Mr. Miles said that the adoption by the Board of Supervisors is sufficient. Dr. Moran said that the International Day of Peace concept could be worked into what is taught at the schools during that timeframe.

Mr. Miles said that he visited Brownsville, Crozet, and Henley. He was impressed with the work that was going on in the school. He appreciates what staff has done to get started this early in the school year.

Mr. Koleszar said that on the consent agenda there was an athletic survey. He was impressed with the overall numbers. The numbers are disaggregated and provided to individual athletic directors. Mr. Buyaki said that it would be nice to know the total number of student athletes in the Division.

Mrs. McKeel said that the report on the turf field installations should be posted in a place where the community can see the report.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 10:18 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk