

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 June 10, 2010 at 6:30 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; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: Mr. Eric Strucko.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Luvelle Brown, Chief Information Officer; Dr. Debbie Collins, Director of Elementary Education and Federal Programs; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Commendations

1. The School Board would like to recognize the following 25 students for their participation in the upcoming Virginia Department of Education Summer Residential Governor's Schools. These programs provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in visual and performing arts; humanities; mathematics, science, and technology; life science and medicine.

- ☐ **Elizabeth Mack** and **Laura Pugh** - Albemarle High School – Agriculture
- ☐ **Tyler McPhillips** and **Aarati Sriram** - Albemarle High School – Humanities
- ☐ **Ella Evans, Rachel Henderson, Rianna Jansen** and **Danielle Potter** - Monticello High School – Humanities
- ☐ **Jennifer Bisgaier** – Western Albemarle High School – Humanities
- ☐ **Samuel Winslow** - Western Albemarle High School - Mathematics, Science & Technology
- ☐ **Clara James** and **Anthony Poehailos** - Monticello High School - Visual and Performing Arts
- ☐ **Paige Rammelkamp** – Western Albemarle High School- Visual and Performing Arts
- ☐ Albemarle High School - **Damon McIntire**, Spanish; **Kevin Sarp**, German; **Emily Skrutskie** and **Martha Templeton**, Latin
- ☐ **Monticello High School** - **Catherine Merritt**, Spanish; **Elizabeth Phillips**, French; and **Hannah Vest**, Russian
- ☐ Western Albemarle High School - **Emily Berg**, Latin; and **Henry Giles**, Spanish
- ☐ Monticello students **Angela Fernandez** and **Andrea Goldstein** were accepted into the Virginia STARTALK Foreign Language Academies in Chinese and Arabic, respectively.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding students!

2. Brownsville Elementary Principal, **Jo Vining**, will receive the Alton Taylor Leadership Award this year! Criteria for the Alton L. Taylor Administrative Leadership Award: May be any outstanding educational administrator, must display qualities of excellence in leadership, must have personal qualities of exceptional character and high standards of integrity; and must be an individual who has promoted education on the local, regional, state, or national level. Jo has been serving our children and families for the last 36 years. Congratulations and thank you Jo for all of your hard work and your dedication!

3. The School Board would like to recognize **Jordan Haws** of Western Albemarle High School for being named the 2010 VHSL Group AA Female Athlete of the Year. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we wish Jordan well at Brigham Young University this fall!

4. Congratulations to **Lauryl Desch**, of Western Albemarle High School who was awarded the Group AA Wachovia/VHSL Citizenship Award. A male and female from each of the three VHSL classifications (A, AA, AAA) will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wachovia Foundation toward their college or university education. Selection criteria included the applicant's contributions to family, school or community; promotion of good sportsmanship and citizenship; participation in at least one VHSL activity; and submission of a student essay. Congratulations Lauryl!

5. The School Board would like to honor two 8th graders from Burley Middle School Received Honorable Mention at the middle level during C-SPAN's National StudentCam Contest. Congratulations to **Erica Cosgrove** and **Elizabeth Rintels** on the high marks they received for their 6-minute "*Firefighters: Our Heroes*" documentary.

6. Western Albemarle High School Senior, **Hannah White** has been awarded the highest national scholarship from the National English Honor Society. The \$3,000 scholarship is funded by Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society founded in 1924 to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature. One \$3,000 scholarship is given annually nationwide; four other second-tier scholarships of \$1,500 are also awarded. Ms. White was selected from a pool of national applicants and her essay, entitled *Dreams of Her Father*, and will be featured in the upcoming 2010 Spring edition of the NEHS Museletter. Ms. White will attend the University of Pennsylvania this fall. At Western Albemarle High School, she is a member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, the French Honor Society, Key Club, the Yearbook staff, and the editorial board for Western's literary magazine *Myriad*. She volunteers her time weekly tutoring students at WAHS and at Henley Middle School. She is a finalist for the National

Merit Scholarship as well. Congratulations on this prestigious academic honor!

7. Congratulations to **Mical Tawney**, a Monticello High School junior, as she has been selected to participate in the Congressional Academy for American History and Civics – only two students per state were selected to attend. The program will take place in June and July of this summer. The Congressional Academy for American History and Civics will lead high school students in a careful study of the pivotal turning points in American history memorialized by the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, and the "I Have a Dream" speech. Participating students will spend twelve days in our nation's capital, they will participate in seminars and visit historical sites in and around Washington, D.C.; and they will take two day-trips, one to Philadelphia and the other to Gettysburg, to visit the sites where these three historical documents came to life.

8. The School Board would like to congratulate **Bennett Hull**, a 5th grader at Brownsville Elementary on his selection as a Pop Warner All-American Scholar for outstanding academic achievement. Pop Warner is the largest youth football, cheer and dance program in the U.S. and the only national youth sports organization that requires scholastic achievement to participate. Bennett ranks among the top two percent of the 400,000 children who participate in Pop Warner programs nationwide. Way to go Bennett!

9. **Christine Huff**, a junior from Monticello High School has won both the district and the regional award for Best Actress in the AA VHSL Theater Festival. Christine is in the Thespian Honor Society and is the co-director of next year's student run Shakespeare Theater. She deserves a big round of applause. Congratulations Christine!

Agenda Item 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.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko absent.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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- 3.2 FY2010-11 – Donation to the Division for Instructional Support
- 3.3 FY2009-10 – Donation to Albemarle High School Synthetic Turf Project
- 3.4 FY2010-11 – Donation to Western Albemarle High School
- 3.5 FY2009-10 – Donation to Murray Elementary School
- 3.6 CFA Food Services Agreement 2010
- 3.7 FY2009-10 0 Donation to School Division – Capital Improvements
- 3.8 FY2009-10 – Donation to Murray Elementary School
- 3.9 Re-appropriation of Learning Resources to Textbook Fund (FY2010-11)
- 3.10 FY2010-2011 – Donation to Greer Elementary School
- 3.11 FY2010-11 – Donation to School Division
- 3.12 FY2010-11 – Donation to Henley Middle School
- 3.13 Personnel Action
- 3.14 April 2010 Financial Report
- 3.15 FY2009-10 – Donation to Meriwether Lewis Elementary School
- 3.16 FY2009-10 – Donation to Red Hill Elementary School
- 3.17 Proposed Changes to School Board Policy and the Program of Studies Due to Change in Schedule

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mr. Haun acknowledged the ten teams from the division that participated in the Global DI competition. The ten teams did well in the competition.

Mr. Haun reminded the Board that on the week of June 21 will be the week for the M-cubed program. He provided an overview of the program.

Mr. Koleszar said that the Safe and Healthy Schools employees have been doing some climate surveys. He hopes that the information will be provided to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Dr. Moran noted that Dr. Benson would not be attending the meeting because he is attending the Woodbrook Community meeting to discuss the proposed dugouts at Woodbrook Elementary School.

Dr. Moran said that she has been out in the schools this week, and she has noticed a lot of project based work taking place. She shared an example of the work of science students at Sutherland Middle School.

Dr. Brown said that the 100 Black Men of Central Virginia held a scholarship breakfast on May 29, 2010. There were over 400 individuals in attendance who were recognized.

Mr. Haun provided information on college acceptances at the high schools.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Approval of Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs Application

Dr. Collins provided an overview of the application. It was noted that some of the money is used for after school programs and whether using the grant exclusively for after school instruction.

This item will be placed on the next consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Approval of Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children Application

Dr. Collins provided an overview of the application.

This item will be placed on the next consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Approval of Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality Application

Dr. Collins provided an overview of the application.

This item will be placed on the next consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Approval of Title II, Part D, Educational Technology Application

Dr. Collins provided an overview of the application.

This item will be placed on the next consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Approval of Title III, Part A, Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students Application

Dr. Collins provided an overview of the application.

This item will be placed on the next consent agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. School Board Salary Public Hearing and Action

Mr. Price said that the recommendation for school board member salary is to maintain the current salary of \$5,912 with a chairman stipend on \$1,800 and a Vice-Chairman stipend of \$35 per meeting chaired. He then opened the public hearing on school board salary. Having no comment, Mr. Price closed the public hearing.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to set the School Board Member salary for 2010-11 at \$5,912 with a chairman stipend of \$1,800 and a Vice-Chairman stipend of \$35 per meeting chaired. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.7. Retreat Follow-Up

Dr. Moran said that in reviewing the information from the retreat there is some converging of themes for areas of focus. She asked that the Board debrief from the work that took place at the retreat.

Board members discussed the following as a result of reflection on the retreat work from June 6, 2010: 1) increased intensity in inquiry learning and the need to move toward an inquiry model, 2) the need for more information on the research regarding inquiry learning, 3) the need to develop an alternative to the Standards of Learning, 4) what models are out there for charter districts such as IB programs, STEM programs, 5) the need for cost implications for the items that Board members and staff would like to see for the Division, 6) the need to better communicate and market the needs of the Division to the community and the Board of Supervisors, 7) the need to be included in the local government economic development plan, 8) the need to continue toward our vision and goals with some new priorities and key performance indicators, 9) investments in technology and improving student learning, and 10) the need to further understand the human capital management program.

It was requested that Dr. Benson provide additional information to the Board on the human capital management program.

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

Mr. Price said that he needed volunteers to serve as the delegate and alternate for the VSBA Delegate Assembly. **There was Board consensus for Mr. Price to serve as the delegate and Mr. Koleszar to serve as the alternate.**

Mrs. Moynihan spoke about the Albemarle High School graduation. She enjoyed when the students were called out individually to be recognized as they walked across the stage. All the schools should have comparable graduation ceremonies. Mrs. McKeel said that the School Board used to present the McIntire Award. Staff may consider allowing the School Board Chair to present the award in the future.

Mrs. Mouly said that she would be participating in the WINA show on June 17, 2010. Mrs. McKeel and Mr. Koleszar noted that they would be available if Mrs. Mouly was not able to attend.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 7:47 p.m., Mrs. McKeel 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 of candidates for principal position; the assignment of a specific instructional employee; the performance of a specific administrative employee; and the annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent. Mr. Wheeler **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:52 p.m., Mr. Wheeler 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. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Price, Mrs. Moynihan, and Mr. Koleszar.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Strucko

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mr. Wheeler offered a **motion** to appoint India Haun as the interim principal of Brownsville Elementary School; Gwedette Crummie as the principal of Crozet Elementary School; Mark Green as the principal of Murray Elementary School; Lisa Molinaro as the principal of Woodbrook Elementary School. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Chairman

Clerk