A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent**;** Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Matthew Haas, Director of Secondary Education; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item 1.1. Call Order.

Mr. Koleszar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda.

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

Agenda Item 2.1. Budget Work Session.

Mrs. Moynihan stated that if she had been in attendance at the January 26, 2012 meeting, she would have voted in favor of sending forward a needs-based budget.

Mr. Davis, Dr. Haun, Mr. Zimmermann highlighted points for consideration in planning and developing the 2012-2013 School Division Funding Request. Topics of discussion included an information on the instructional coaching model, research on class size, and professional development expenses. After reviewing the information, Board members discussed or asked for additional information on the following: 1. the percentage of time coaches spend coaching as opposed to other duties; 2. how the coaching model fills the standards of quality requirements; 3. the length of contacts that teachers have with coaches; 4. how contact with a coach is initiated; 5. how department chairs are chosen at the high schools; 6. bus replacement and whether or not the School Board should put the standards of quality funding for bus replacement into the CIP; 7.the budgetary impact on reducing the compensation recommendation by a percent; and 8. available positions within the Transportation Department and the reclassification process for these positions.

It was requested that staff develop a list of ideas on where the Board could cut in order to balance the budget. Dr. Moran said that she would discuss with her team if there were anyways that the funding gap could be closed a little more. **There was Board consensus to provide this information.**

It was requested that staff provide information the impact of providing standards of quality funding for bus replacement to the CIP. Mr. Davis said that he could provide it at the February 9, 2012 meeting.

Dr. Moran introduced Greg Garland, member of the Finance Advisory Committee.

There was a break from 7:57 p.m. until 8:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened after the break, and discussed and/or asked for additional information on the following: 1. the proposed increase in teaching positions due to growth over the next couple of years, 2. redistricting and staffing standards, 3. reducing the funding gap in some way even though we can reduce it by a great deal, 4. tuition of out-of-district students for employees and the costs associated with it, 5. salary increases for classified and teaching staff over the last three years, and 6. when more information on VRS can be expected.

Mr. Koleszar said that the Board would hold its Public Hearing on February 2, 2012, and then a budget work session is scheduled as part of the February 9, 2012 meeting where the Board is scheduled to finalize its funding request to forward to the Board of Supervisors.

There was a brief description about the structure of the budget book for the school division and the structure of the local government budget book. Mr. Davis said that the division uses some different formats due to how the division is staffed. The school division's book contains more details. Mr. Zimmermann provided an overview of what is required to be reported in the budget book.

Agenda Item 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Koleszar said that he attended the VSBA Legislative Conference and there are a lot of concerns.

Agenda Item 4.1. Adjournment.

At 8:54 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk