A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on October 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, 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. Matt Haas, Executive Director, Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Chris Gilman, Coordinator of Research and Program Evaluation; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County 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 subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the educational broadband services license and an agreement related thereto. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.**

At 6:13 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. Mr. Strucko **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. Mouly; Mrs. Moynihan, and Mr. Koleszar.
**NAYS:** None.

**Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.**

There was a recess until 6:30 p.m.

**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.**

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

**Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.**

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3.2 April and May 2011 Year-to-Date Financial Reports
3.3 Utopian Wireless Payments – March 2011 – August 2011
3.4 Donation to Henley Middle School
3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.7 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance

3.8 Non-Resident Tuition for Albemarle County School and Local Government Employees
3.9 The Operating Agreement and Lease Agreement for the Piedmont Regional Education Program

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the 2010 and 2011 minutes. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

**Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes 2010**

Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to approve the October 6, 2010 minutes. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Buyaki, and Mr. Miles abstaining**.

Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** to approve the October 13, 2010 minutes. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki and Mrs. Moynihan abstaining**.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the November 11, 2010 joint meeting minutes. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki, Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Strucko abstaining.**

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

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the August 17, 2010 minutes. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki abstaining**.

**Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes 2011**

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the October 12, 2011 minutes. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko and Mrs. Moynihan abstaining**.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

**Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.**

Dr. Haas said that Albemarle County Public Schools was awarded a citation from the College Board for the increase in the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses while increasing scores.

Mr. Davis said that the Virginia School Boards Association will announce the schools winning the VSBA Green Challenge. Albemarle County Schools has been recognized as one of those schools.

Mr. Davis said that the Superintendent's Redistricting Advisory Committee has begun working. They have held two meetings already.

**Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.** None.

**Agenda Item No. 7.1. State of the School Division.**

Mr. Scheivert provided that Board with a State of the Division Report which included Standards of Learning Data and data on Fine Arts, Career and Technical Education, Physical Education, and extra-curricular activities. Board members then noted or provided comment on the following: 1) can students be in multiple groups in the SOL data, 2) the need to see the percentage taking the SATs because that impacts the score percentage, 3) the drop in summer school attendance, 4) what caused the drop in summer school enrollment in English, 5) is there a connection between the schedule change and the decrease in summer school enrollment, 6) changes in world language issues when skipping a semester of the language, 7) is the increase in fine arts enrollment due to scheduling issues and students not getting the classes that they want to take, 8) where the financial literacy class falls in the curriculum, and 9) the decline in SOL scores for the black and Hispanic populations and the reason for the declines.

**Agenda Item No. 7.2. Class Size Report**

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with information on where the division is with class size. Board members then noted or provided comment on the following: 1) why does Henley have so many classes over 27 students, 2) does Henley and Sutherland need additional staffing, 3) English teachers feeling as if their course load is too large in order to provide meaningful feedback on assignments, and 4) what is the rationale behind 27 students in a class.

**Agenda Item No. 7.3. Break**

There was a break from 8:22 p.m. until 8:34 p.m.

**Agenda Item No. 7.4. School Division Comparisons**

Dr. Haas and Mr. Gilman provided an overview of data from other localities with Albemarle County including Advanced Placement participation, On-Time Graduation rates, advanced diplomas percentage and average SAT scores. They then presented information on per pupil expenditure, student to teacher ratio, average class size, number of classes taught and total number of students in a teachers work load. The presentation ended with data on staffing and the costs associated with teaching 5 out of 8 classes versus 6 out of 8 classes.

Board members asked that in the future all charts the school year be clearly identified and any special notations be clearly noted for each table. Board members then asked for information on why other divisions do not discuss teacher workload. It was also noted that per pupil expenditure is different because each locality reports differently to the State.

**Agenda Item No. 7.5. 2012/2013 Budget Direction**

Mr. Zimmermann provided the Board with a presentation on budget considerations for fiscal year 2012-2013 including information on projected enrollment, adopted local transfer and state revenue compared to fiscal year 2009, revenue over the last four years, fiscal year 2012-13 revenue considerations, and fiscal year 2012-13 expense considerations.

Board members provided input and/or asked questions about the following: 1) what the $1.3M in jobs funding is being used for in the current year that makes it unavailable in the next year, 2) the idea of teachers teaching 5 classes rather than 6, 3) compensation should be a priority, 4) equity among all teachers when looking at workload, 5)

**Board members are requested to submit to the Clerk their budget outlook organizer to include considerations for initiatives, considerations for reductions, considerations for areas to maintain, and areas where I need more information.**

**Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment (heard prior to the budget direction agenda item)**

Ms. Libby Nicholson is a teacher. She asked that the Board consider waiving tuition for employees.

Ms. Carrie Ortel is a teacher. She asked that the Board consider waiving tuition for employees.

Ms. Candice Smith is a parent. She spoke about the reduction in teaching time that came with the schedule time. She also spoke about teacher workload.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger is a parent. She said that we are implementing so much in the County "just for show". She asked for the reason why the division has an 8 period schedule and where does the administration want to take education in Albemarle County.

Ms. Rachel Bosley is a former student. She left ACPS last year because she was overwhelmed with the schedule change.

Mr. Mark Echelberger is a parent. He spoke about the cost of switching to teacher 6 out of 8 classes versus teaching 5 out of 8 classes versus teaching 5 out of 7 classes. He asked that staff be clear and honest about information in reports.

Ms. Dawn McCoy is an Albemarle County resident. She spoke to the Board about how teaching a foreign language on a semester basis has impacted her child.

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

Mr. Brown asked for the Board to consider approving the Right of Way Agreement for Dominion Power to provide power to the AT&T cell phone tower site. **There was Board consensus for this item to be placed on the November 10, 2011 consent agenda for approval.**

Mr. Miles said that today, the Governor had a conference call to talk about the possibility of smoothing out some mandates. It was not a conference call because if questions were asked then it would need to be advertised. He asked the Board to review the mandates to see if there are some areas the Board would like to take action on.

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

**Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment**

At 10:32 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk