A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on June 23, 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. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: Mr. Eric Strucko.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and System Planning; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Executive Chief Information Officer; Dr. Matthew Haas, Director of Secondary Education; Mrs. Melissa Anderson, Systems Coordinator; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:45 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 performance of legal counsel; and subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff concerning employment and insurance litigation, and to consult with legal counsel regarding a telecommunications lease. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko absent**.

Agenda Item 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:04 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 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; Mrs. Mouly; Mr. Miles; Mrs. Moynihan; Mr. Buyaki; and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Strucko.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mr. Koleszar recessed the meeting until 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1.3. Call Back to Order.

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

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.3. 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 Approval of Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs Application
3.3 Approval of Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children Application
3.4 Approval of Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality Application

3.5 Approval of Title III, Part A, Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students Application
3.6 Donations to Henley Middle School
3.7 Draft March 2011 Financial Reports
3.8 Personnel Action
3.9 Concussion Policy
3.10 Authorization to Sign in the Absence of the Superintendent
3.11 ESEA Resolution

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Exemption from Compulsory Attendance.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the exemption from compulsory attendance for the 2011-12 school year for child number 1 and child number 2 and that the Board not take any action of child number 3 and child number 4. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion. Mr. Miles said that child 1 and child 2 meet the requirement for release from compulsory attendance; however, child number 3 and child number 4 do not meet the requirements for release from compulsory attendance. Policy also states that the request must be made annually. **The motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Benson said that Dr. Moran was not in attendance at the meeting. She is attending a conference and presenting on learning spaces.

Dr. Haun said that the Virginia Board of Education met and approved the alternative plan for accreditation.

Dr. Haun said that CAI wrapped up today. There were 250 teachers who participated. There was a lot of good work going on during this institute.

Dr. Haas announced that Albemarle High School has hired a replacement for Dr. Jesse Turner. They hired Mr. Tireese Lewis.

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Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.

Dr. Haun said that the Board has request for a waivers related to Standards of Learning assessments and testing schedules for several localities. The waiver is for middle school reading and math SOLs. **There was Board consensus for the Chairman to sign the waiver after polling the Board if it became known that it was time sensitive; otherwise it would be placed on the next consent agenda for approval.**

Dr. Haas said that the school division had received a request for the reconsideration of a learning resource. A committee has met, and the policy has been followed. He passed the information out to the Board, and it will be placed on the July agenda for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 6.2. School Board Attorney Position Discussion.

Dr. Benson said that included in the packet is information regarding the School Board Attorney position. The Board needs to decide on whether or not to continue services through the County Attorney's Office. Board members noted and/or asked about the following: 1) the inability for the attorney in the current set-up to represent the Board because of a conflict of interest, 2) the benefits of having an attorney in the office at the County rather than outside counsel, and 3) the pros and cons of having an in house attorney. **There was Board consensus to stay with the current set-up with services being provided by the County Attorney's Office.**

Mrs. McKeel said that the Bypass has become an issue again. She would like a reminder and an update on how the bypass impacts behind Albemarle, Jack Jouett, and Greer. Are we losing fields and open space? Dr. Benson said that Mr. Davis could provide the Board with information at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Strategic Planning – Board Priorities, Draft Strategies and KPIs

Dr. Benson and Ms. Anderson provided the Board with information on the revised priorities that staff is proposing the Board adopt. He then asked for input on the draft strategies and key performance indicators. Board members then reviewed each priority and provided the following feedback: 1) in Priority1 under 1.11 does the language of lifelong learning need to be included in the strategies and 2) the use of world-class and its definition.

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

Board members then reviewed the draft strategies and key performance indicators: 1) in Strategy 1.11 does the language of lifelong learning need to be included in the strategies, 2) how to does staff receive information on how engaged students feel they are, 3) in strategy 1.12, the clauses should be flipped to say "design and use contemporary learning spaces", 4) in strategy 1.12 e, there is no way to measure the outcome of the plan, 5) whether there should be a key performance indicator on the percentage of classes having a contemporary learning space, 6) language to reflect a commitment to class load, 7) the importance of exit interviews not just exit surveys, 8) defining a representative workforce for KPI 3.11c, 9) suggested that 5.11a should be that the DART audit will be completed then a 5.12 to identify other departments that need to have an audit completed, 10) the need to input from stakeholders on how well the Board is at communicating and the need for receiving the input will be different for each group, and 11) the need to better define the strategy and KPI for student information system.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break

There was a break from 8:21 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Recommendation on Board Committees

Mr. Koleszar led the Board on a discussion on the ideas of the type of committees that the Board should have. Board members agreed that the proposals are on the right track.

There was Board consensus for Mrs. McKeel and Mr. Miles to serve on the Board Performance Management Committee.

There was Board consensus for Mr. Miles, Mr. Buyaki, and Mr. Strucko to serve on the New School Board Member/School Board Candidate/School Board Orientation Committee.

Agenda Item No. 7.4. Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee Update.

Dr. Benson provided the Board with some information coming from the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee including questions about capacity of school facilities and capacity of classrooms. Board members then discussed the following: 1) the idea that there are approximately 2000 empty seats within the division available for use, 2) the need for someone to evaluate each building to determine what is appropriate for class sizes and what the school infrastructure would support, 3) the need to look at out of the box options before adding onto a school, 4) if the classroom capacity was decreased, how long will it be before schools are at capacity, 5) should the Board determine a maximum capacity for Albemarle High School, and 6) the idea of specialty centers at Monticello High School and Western Albemarle High School and how that could "redistrict" students without an actual redistricting taking place.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Paul Halliday spoke about virtual learning. He asked what counts as virtual learning, what are the forms of virtual learning, and what are the costs and benefits of such forms. Investment choices must reflect the true needs of the division.

Ms. Kim Taylor spoke about the Board goals. Do not underestimate the teacher impact for Goal 5 as it relates to the student information system. The parent portal has the potential to be detrimental. She also spoke about Goal 3 and 2 regarding teacher recruitment especially with the change in the schedule. She then thanked Dr. Benson for his time and service.

Mr. Dean Riddick said that when Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee asked questions several meetings ago there were answers. He is now confused. What numbers are we going to us for the work of the LRPAC? Can Albemarle get bigger?

Ms. Ginny Echelberger is a parent. She spoke to the Board about technology enabled active learning.

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

Mrs. Mouly spoke about a group who are interested in walking and biking to school in the Crozet area. The group is meeting and would like to have a dialogue that would include school division staff and people who are working on the trail. Dr. Benson said that Mr. Davis and staff will be evaluating the area then meet with the group.

Mr. Buyaki said that he enjoys hearing from the public at the end of the work sessions. He suggested that the Board should consider a public comment section at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Haun said that Dr. Moran indicates that the waiver considered earlier in the meeting needs to be to the State by July 1. Dr. Moran was looking for consensus to send the application on, not a vote. It was suggested that the communication piece come prior to implementing the change. **There was Board consensus to submit the request to the State.**

Mr. Koleszar said that he hopes that communication is an issue that the Board committee on performance looks at this issue.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:47 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