A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Systems Planning; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No.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 and consider the appointment and performance of teachers, and the performance of specific administrative employees. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 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 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; Mrs. Moynihan; Mr. Strucko; Mrs. Mouly; Mr. Buyaki; and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Koleszar 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. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Personnel Action
3.3 Proposed Timeline for Alignment of 2011-12 School Improvement Plans
3.4 Release from Compulsory Attendance
3.5 Student Information System Update

Mr. Miles pulled the following items from the consent agenda: November 2010, December 2010 and January 2011 Financial Reports, the minutes, the donation to Henley Middle School, the Utopian Wireless – December Payments, and the reimbursement from Ohio Casualty – Drivers Education Vehicle. Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the items pulled by Mr. Miles. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. November 2010, December 2010 and January 2011 Financial Reports

Mr. Miles noted that this item was added late to the agenda.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to receive the November 2010, December 2010 and January 2011 Year-to-Date Financial Reports. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes

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

Agenda Item No. 4.3. Donation to Henley Middle School

Mr. Miles noted that this item was added late to the agenda.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the donation to Henley Middle School and amend the budget appropriately. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 4.4. Utopian Wireless – December Payments

Mr. Miles noted that this item was added late to the agenda.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the Utopian Wireless December Payments. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 4.5. Reimbursement from Ohio Casualty – Drivers Education Vehicle

Mr. Miles noted that this item was added late to the agenda.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to accept the reimbursement check and amend the budget appropriately. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran congratulated Dr. Haun on successfully defending his dissertation.

Dr. Haun said that the Governor vetoed the PE bill.

Dr. Haun provided the Board with information on the length of the school day from school divisions throughout the state.

Dr. Benson invited the Board to have lunch at one of the schools during the week.

Dr. Moran spoke about the work of the candidates for the Emily Couric scholarship and how she continues to follow them when these students go off to college.

Dr. Moran said that as a result of taking AARA funds the school division will be required to collect and report out more data like grades by student, by course and by class. This requirement will demand time of staff. It was asked that Mrs. Kegley put this issue on her list of potential items for legislative positions.

Mr. Koleszar said that we are in the process of developing the school division calendar for next year. He asked if there was anything that needed to be done in order to get the Charlottesville City School Board on the same page considering the discussions.

Mr. Strucko asked about the Student Information System. Mr. Scheivert said that staff is working on issues as they arise.

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

Agenda Items No. 7.1. Alternative Education Programs.

Dr. Haun provided the Board with an overview on alternative education including defining alternative education, differentiation, and current programs in place in Albemarle County Public Schools. Board members then went into breakout sessions that focused on the following areas: 1) what alternative education programs are available in Albemarle County, 2) how do we meet student needs, and 3) what are our student needs.

After the breakout sessions, Board members reported out on the following: 1) the variety of learners within the school division and the reason why they are in alternative education programs, 2) how the alternative programs adjust the curriculum and how it is taught to the needs of the students, 3) the relationship that students in the alternative programs have with the teachers, 4) the lack of electives offered at the alternative program versus at the base high school, and 5) the facility updates that need to be done to some of the alternative programs, such as the Enterprise Center.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment

Ms. Ginny Echelberger expressed concern about the schedule change and how it has impacted the quality of education in Albemarle County Public Schools. We need to provide all students with the services that they need.

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

Mr. Buyaki said that he visited several schools last week, one of which was the Community Public Charter School.

Mr. Miles said he did the HR online training that was required. He suggested that the Hazmat emblem be updated.

Mr. Miles said that he attended the Woodbrook Lemonade musical.

Dr. Benson provided an update on the condition of the track at Western Albemarle High School.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 10.2. Personnel Action. Heard at the closed meeting at the beginning of the meeting.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:08 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk