A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on May 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Eric Strucko and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Systems Planning; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Ms. Melissa Anderson, Systems Coordinator; Mr. Kevin Kirst, Director of Special Education; Mr. Chad Ratliff, Assistant Director of Instruction; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Commendations.

At 5:30 p.m., the School Board recognized at a reception following:

1. Congratulations to **the Monticello High School Wind Ensemble and March Mustangs** for award-winning performances at the 84th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. Appearing in the Concert Band Competition, Firefighters' Parade, and Grand Feature Parade, Monticello accumulated the highest overall score to win the 2011 **Sweepstakes Award** as the best band in the Apple Blossom Music Festival.

   In the Concert Band Competition, the Wind Ensemble won Class A (grade VI music) and earned a **superior** rating. Monticello received the **Shenandoah Cup** as the Overall Grand Champion of the competition. 2011 marked the school's first appearance in Class A, as MHS previously won the Shenandoah Cup playing grade V music in Class B (2003).

   In the World's Largest Firefighters′ Parade, the Marching Mustangs placed first in Class C (up to 64 playing members). Senior Malik Poindexter was named the parade's Overall Drum Major Champion, and Monticello received the **Fire Chief's Award** as the Overall Grand Champion, marking the school's best-ever finish in the Firefighters' Parade (with four previous appearances, 2001-04).

   The band also participated in the Festival's Grand Feature Parade. Marching the 1.6-mile route for the second time in 20 hours, Monticello again placed first in Class C and claimed the award for Best Overall Drum Major. The band also won the parade's top honor, the **Lion's Award**, as the Overall Grand Champion for the third time in school history (2002 & 2003).

   The unprecedented "clean sweep" in Winchester brought a very successful end to the Monticello Bands' competitive season. In October, the Marching Mustangs were Class AAA Champions at the Powhatan Fall Classic field contest. In March, the Wind Ensemble earned a superior rating performing grade VI music at VBODA District XIII Band Festival for the second straight year. As the Sweepstakes Award winner, Monticello holds the designation of **Apple Blossom Festival Honor Band** for the next year. This marks the second Sweepstakes win in school history (2003).

2. Albemarle County Public Schools high school and middle school students participated in the Virginia History Day Competition on April 16, 2011. Congratulations to these students from Albemarle County Public Schools who earned top honors and will advance to national competition:
   Patrick Bond 1st Place Solo Performance Monticello High
   Nick Crissy and Andrew Weiner 1st Place Group Documentary Henley Middle
   Ian McKechnie and **Chance Masloff** 1st Place Group Website Henley Middle
   Abby Wheat and **Tatum Norris** 2nd Place Group Documentary Henley Middle

   These students will join over 2400 students and their parents from all over the United States, Guam, American Samoa, Department of Defense Schools in Europe and Shanghai, China and will share their projects and compete during this week-long national event.

3. Over Spring Break, members of the J.T. Henley Model UN Club, along with teachers Heather Okano and Jen Merrill, attended the 6th Annual GC International Middle School Model UN Conference in New York City. The two-day conference was attended by 1600 students from all over the world. The following students participated:

   - **Tim Dodson**
   - **Kelly Missett**
   - **Lauren Kelly**
   - **Sophie Grace**
   - **Caitlin Dutta**
   - **Sam Lesemann**
   - **Abby Wheat**
   - **Emma Gore**
   - **Coleman Spencer**
   - **Quinn Legallo-Malone**
   - **James Boudouris**

4. Congratulations to **Becky Fisher** for being named Public Policy Advocate of the Year by the International Society for Technology in Education. Becky will receive her award at the ISTE Annual Conference in Philadelphia in June. The award recognizes an outstanding and enthusiastic individual for their efforts in advocating for education technology policy at the local, state, regional, national and/or international level.

5. Congratulations to **Agnor-Hurt Elementary School** and **Stony Point Elementary School** for being selected to receive the 2011 Title I Distinguished School Award. This recognition is based on student achievement during the 2009-10 school year.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Call to Order

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

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mrs. McKeel **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 Three Year Lease Agreement for the Rental of Monticello High School Facility (2011-2013)

Mr. Miles asked for the petty cash resolution to be removed from the consent agenda. Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the petty cash resolution. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Petty Cash Resolution.

Dr. Benson noted that the summary of the agenda item had a typo with the incorrect code notation and amount. The resolution is correct. Mr. Miles offered a motion to adopt the petty cash resolution. Mrs. McKeel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that the Virginia Department of Education will be conducting an on-site review of Albemarle County Public Schools on civil rights compliance from May 31 – June 2, 2011.

Mr. Scheivert said that the Division has begun Standards of Learning testing. It will run until the end of May.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Clara James and members of her citizen's action group, all students at Monticello High School, presented the Board with their project on the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools. They feel that there should be a written documents subcategory in Policy INDC.

Mr. Hunter Winecoft is a student at Monticello High School. He along with his fellow citizen action project group members presented the Board with their project on the teacher evaluation system. They feel that the evaluation should take into account student input.

Ms. Lisa Coldron is a parent. She expressed concern about the potential for a cell phone tower being placed on Stony Point Elementary School. She asked that the Board vote no on any such proposal.

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Ms. Margie Shepherd is a teacher. She spoke about how the Division handled the stipend for National Board Certified Teachers.

Ms. Rita Dunaway is an attorney for the Rutherford Institute. She asked that the Board adopt the Rutherford Institute's proposed policy to govern breath testing of students for alcohol use.

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

Dr. Benson said that the Board has a memo regarding the status of the Western Albemarle High School track. Additional repairs have been done to the facility. There are still concerns about hosting meets. Staff feels that they can hold practice there. The track will remain on schedule for replacement in the summer of 2012.

Dr. Benson said that the Board was provided a memo from the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee regarding the use of vacant seats within the Division. The Committee is recommending to the Board to direct the Superintendent to develop a redistricting committee to look at some capacity issues. They are asking for direction from the Board. **There was Board consensus to form a redistricting committee.**

Mr. Miles shared with the Board information on the tour of the UVA Medical School learning spaces from earlier in the week.

Mrs. McKeel reminded the Board about the CATEC Foundation luncheon and also the CATEC joint meeting. She also reminded the Board of the African American Teaching Fellows program annual fundraising dinner.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Update from the County Student Council.

Dr. Haas and members of the County Student Council discussed with the Board about the goal of the council, how they interact with each other, does the committee brainstorm their education and issues they see at their school, what the greatest challenge for the council, what could the School Board do to help facilitate their work, and how do the members solicit input from other students.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report

Mr. Kirst introduced Ms. Amy Azano, chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee, who provided the Board with an overview of the Special Education Advisory Committee report including a recommendation to encourage membership or representation from every school, a recommendation to use the committee members more for input on initiatives and priorities, and a recommendation to review the response to intervention protocols.

Board members then noted or asked about the following: 1) to share the SEAC information with parent teacher organizations, 2) is part of the problem for representation due to the day or time of the meeting, 3) how can communication efforts for the community be improved on or partnered with staff for assistance, and 4) how does staff ensure that RTI is not being overused

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Special Education Annual Plan 2011-2012

Mr. Kirst reviewed with the Board the proposed Special Education Annual Plan for Albemarle County Public Schools. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

This item will be brought back to the Board for approval on the next consent agenda.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. SY11-12 Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

Mr. Ratliff provided the Board with an overview of the SY11-12 Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 including results of State performance standards, research and trends, and the plans for next year.

Board members asked about the reasoning of why we perform below State standards.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Opportunity Pathways College Transition Program.

Mr. Ratliff introduced Holly Kennedy and Constance Krimardy who provided the Board with an overview of the Opportunity Pathways. After the presentation, Board members asked if the data was aggregated by School Division and by program.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Break.

There was a break from 8:34 p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.7. Cellular Antenna Proposal.

Dr. Benson provided the Board with a presentation on a proposal for placement of cellular antennas on the sites of Scottsville Elementary, Stony Point Elementary, Walton Middle and Yancey Elementary schools including a history of how the proposals came about, the need for increased coverage for safety, and site simulations for what the proposal would look like at each site. Dr. Lori Balaban from the School Health Advisory Board also provided the work and review that the Advisory Board has done on the issue.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) the data is inconclusive on the effects of wireless on young children, 2) what types of limits or buffers are there for the cellular antenna sites, 3) what type of technical property is associated with the antenna behind the fences, 4) what is the difference between a wireless signal used for internet connections and cell phone signal, and 5) what does the County's Comprehensive Plan say about placement of wireless antenna.

This item will come back to the Board for additional discussion and direction at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.8. Strategic Plan Quarterly Review and SPQA Feedback.

Ms. Anderson provided the Board with a presentation and brief overview of the strategic plan quarterly review and SPQA feedback.

Board members noted or asked questions about the following: 1) the issue of walk-throughs and whether principals are looking for the same things, 2) the need for the data to be presented consistently across all schools, 3) the need for the data to be either cumulative across the quarters or strictly for each quarter, and 4) DART should have had a KPI for the implementation of the new student information system.

Agenda Item No. 8.9. National Board Certified Teacher Stipends.

Dr. Benson provided the Board with information on the options regarding the National Board Certified Teacher Stipends and how the Division handles the payment of these stipends to employees. The options included: Option 1 - No change in current practice - $0; Option 2 - Subsidize state payments for succeeding fiscal years - ~$3,000 per year; Option 3 - Subsidize all prior state payments - $11, 857.50; and Option 4 - Subsidize all prior state payments and payments for next fiscal year - $14,857.50. It was recommended that the Board approve on the options that would return some funds to teachers.

Board members asked: 1) what was the policy from the previous year, 2) how will staff address the communication issues, 3) did teachers get a letter explaining the checks, and 4) when are certifications awarded.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to accept option 4. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles voting no.**

Agenda Item No. 8.10. School Board Evaluation Process and Retreat Planning.

Dr. Benson and Dr. Haas provided the Board with an overview of the proposed retreat timeline and evaluation process.

Agenda Item. No. 8.11. School Board Salary Discussion/Proposal.

Mr. Koleszar provided a review of the recommendation of a one percent pay increase for the Board. There was discussion about whether there should be an increase in the school board member salary.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to take to public hearing a school board member salary of $5,971. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki voting no.**

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

Mr. Miles asked for the disaggregated data for the Opportunity Pathways College Transition Data, so the Board can see how Albemarle County students are doing. Dr. Haun said that he will ask for it.

Mrs. McKeel said that she would like to see how student input could be used in the teacher evaluation process.

Dr. Moran said that there is a group of Superintendent's looking at a waiver on how some SOL testing is administered at the middle school level. This group will be speaking with the State Board of Education about this waiver.

Mr. Miles said that when setting priorities that staff looks at promoting the advantages and opportunities of the eight period day.

Mr. Koleszar said that the VSBA Governor's Conference is on July 26th. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 10:41 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 performance and assignment of specific administrative employees, the resignation of a specific administrative employee and the appointment of a member to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion**, and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 11:15 p.m., Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to 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. McKeel **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Miles, Mr. Koleszar, Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Buyaki, and Mr. Strucko.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Strucko and Mrs. Moynihan.

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 11:15 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