

A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 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; and Mr. Harley Miles.

ABSENT: 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; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No.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 and consider prospective candidates for a specific administrative position, the performance of specific licensed administrators, and the appointment of a principal at Brownsville Elementary School; subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding a contract, a telecommunications lease, and a telecommunications license; and subsection 29 to discuss the award of a public contract. Mr. Buyaki **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; Mr. Buyaki; Mr. Strucko; Mrs. Mouly; and Mr. Koleszar.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mrs. Moynihan.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to appoint India Haun as the principal of Brownsville Elementary School. Mr. Miles **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. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

3.2 June 2010 Audited Year End Financial Report

- 3.3 Donation to Stone Robinson Elementary School
- 3.4 Donation to Henley Middle School
- 3.5 Release from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.6 Personnel Action
- 3.7 2011-12 School Calendar – Proposed
- 3.8 Revision to Personnel Policy GCPA

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes: January 2010 – August 2010.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the June 9, 2010 minutes. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Miles and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the February 25, 2010 work session minutes. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2011 meeting. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that SOL testing will be during the first week of March.

Dr. Haun said that spring sports just started in the high schools.

Dr. Moran said that she attended the Spelling Bee last night. Mr. Miles joined her for the event.

Mr. Koleszar announced that he would be running for his fifth term on the Albemarle County School Board for the Scottsville Magisterial District.

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

Agenda Items No. 7.1. 2012 – 12 Calendar Considerations

Dr. Benson provided the Board with a presentation on the school calendars highlighting how time is used in school and sample calendars. Board members and invited participants went into breakout sessions on the following topics: 1) start/end dates, 2) professional development and teacher workdays, and 3) holidays, breaks, and make up days.

After the Board returned from the breakout sessions, the Board members reported the following: 1) starting school earlier in August would be acceptable, 2) the time when exams take place at the high schools – before or after winter breaks, 3) transitioning to a new schedule if school begins earlier, 4) the idea of piloting year round school, 5) access of professional development opportunities to others across horizontal and vertical teams, 6) the times for professional development – early morning or after school, 7) professional development opportunities for certain levels, 8) the number of opportunities available and how these opportunities are communicated, 9) the idea of starting a new semester after the winter break, 10) reducing the Thanksgiving Holiday to two days rather than three days, and 11) snow days and using them as distant learning “school” days.

Staff was asked to provide information on the number of students who do not have access to technology that could prohibit virtual learning days.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Grievance Records for Employee Grievance

Information for this item was provided to the Board for information and was not discussed during the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 8:45 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 and consider the performance of specific licensed administrators; subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding a contract, a telecommunications lease, and a telecommunications license; and subsection 29 to discuss the award of a public contract. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:30 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. Mr. Buyaki **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 and Mr. Koleszar.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mrs. Moynihan.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:31 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk