

A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

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. Gloria Rockhold, Hispanic/Latino Coordinator; Ms. Melissa Anderson, Systems Coordinator; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Koleszar 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. 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

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- 3.2 Donation to Monticello High School
- 3.3 Donation to Albemarle County Public Schools – Department of Operations and Systems Planning
- 3.4 Donation to Brownsville Elementary School
- 3.5 Personnel Action
- 3.6 Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan Community Public Charter School
- 3.7 School Division/Local Government Shared Communication Strategy
- 3.8 Religious Exemption Request
- 3.9 Release from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.10 Calendar Work Session Summary

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes: March 2010

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

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes: February 2011

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the February 2011 minutes. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that the new Chief Information Officer was attending the meeting.

Mr. Haun said that the SOL writing tests were completed earlier this week.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Michael Faulconer is a parent. His son was bullied earlier this year and he thanked the Board for responding to his concern. He thanked Dr. Haas for setting up a testing situation where his son could take his tests.

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

Dr. Benson said that he provided the Board with a lunch pass to lunch at Meriwether Lewis, Hollymead or Red Hill Elementary School.

Dr. Benson provided the Board with a revenue update. He said that the Division is looking at an additional \$2.3M from the State, however, it is one time money.

Mr. Koleszar said that he and Ms. Mallek discussed cooperation items with the City School Board. It was noted that the issue should be a City and County effort. They are working on a proposal to take to the City Council.

Mrs. McKeel asked if there was information on the impact of the rising fuel costs on the Division. Mr. Davis said that the Division pays tax free for fuel. Consumption is down from what was budgeted. Staff is monitoring and analyzing the costs and consumption.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Jaime Escalante Leadership Camp.

Ms. Rockhold provided the Board with information regarding the Jaime Escalante Leadership Camp and the community partnership between Albemarle County Public Schools and the Darden-LEAD Summer Business Institute including the participation of Albemarle County Public Schools AVID students.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Student Information System Update

Dr. Benson provided the Board with an update on the student information system. The update was provided in the Board packet. It was also noted that staff is working to develop consistency in processes in entering data. After the presentation, Board members noted that this issue continues to be a challenge for the division.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Discussion of Board Committees

Mr. Koleszar suggested that the Board appoint a discipline committee because it becomes difficult at times to get a quorum of the Board. Ms. Kim said that State Board says that the Board can appoint a discipline committee to make decisions on behalf of the Board, and if the decision is not unanimous then the student can request a hearing before the entire Board. The Board asked that Ms. Kim draft some draft policy language for the Board to review.

This item will be brought back to the Board for further consideration at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break. A break was not taken.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Strategic Plan Quarterly Review and Feedback.

Dr. Benson and Ms. Anderson provided the Board with an overview of the Quarter 2 data on the Board's priorities, recommendations from the Quality Council, and where staff would like to go in the future around reporting data.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked about the following: 1) the charts need to be clearly identified as to what is being measured, 2) the targets should be included in the reporting of data, 3) where is Greer included in the data for the first several priorities and KPIs; it was requested to include the report that Greer provides to the state be provided to the Board as well for review, 4) the need to discuss the definition of the goal and what is truly being measured with priorities and key performance indicators, 5) how much significance should the Board give to seeing changes in data, 6) the need for validity on the walk through data especially if the data will be provided in one chart, 7) is attendance used as an academic indicator in any schools, and 8) the need for consistent professional development in having all employees own the vision, mission and goals of the division and how that will happen. **There was Board consensus to bring the recommendations from the Quality Council back to the Board in the near future.**

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent (heard after the closed meeting)

Mrs. McKeel asked Mrs. Johnston to readvertise for the vacant seats on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee for the Rivanna and Rio magisterial districts.

Mrs. McKeel said that at the last meeting there was a discussion about the school day and length of the day. She said that in York County there is a recommendation to extend the school day. She asked that staff provide information on what other school divisions are doing across the state. **There was Board consensus for the information to be provided.**

Mr. Koleszar said that at the retreat last summer there was a discussion about the need to get better assessments. He would like the Board's permission to go speak to the Board of Education to explain the Division's thinking is on this. Mr. Buyaki said that he supports the initiative but feels there needs to be more work. Mr. Koleszar said that he feels that the Board needs to begin thinking about it. There was Board support for Mr. Koleszar to speak to the Board of Education about alternative assessments.

Mr. Koleszar said that last fall we talked last fall about setting up a time to meet with teachers informally. He suggested that this time be set up at the end of March or the beginning of April after Spring Break. This would take place prior to the start of the school day. Mrs. Johnston was asked to see about scheduling such an event.

Mr. Koleszar said that the business partners have requested to meet again. He suggested that the Board of Supervisors meet with them at the same time. This meeting will be scheduled in the April timeframe.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 8:20 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 a specific administrative employee; the grievance of a classified employee; and the appointment of members to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:10 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. 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.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to deny the grievance of employee number 1. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to appoint the following to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee: Ms. Tiffany Barber for Samuel Miller seat, Mr. Peter Wurzer for the White Hall seat, Ms. Anne Shipe for the Jack Jouett seat, Mr. William Tornrose for the at-large seat, and Mr. Dean Riddick for the Scottsville seat. **Without exception, those named were appointed.**

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:21 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk