A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on April 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Eric Strucko (arrived at 6:22 p.m.); Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:17 p.m.); 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 performance of specific administrative employees and to discuss the potential resignation of a specific administrative employee; and - Section 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding a student conduct matter and student search policies. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Strucko absent.**

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.

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.

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 February 2011 Financial Reports
3.3 Personnel Action
3.4 Donation to Henley Middle School
3.5 Donation to Woodbrook Elementary School

3.6 Donation to Brownsville Elementary School
3.7 Donation to Walton Middle School
3.8 Discipline Committee Policy Revision
3.9 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Benson said that the School Division had a number of computers that were unaccounted form. A report was filed with the police, and the situation is currently under investigation.

Dr. Benson said that the Charlottesville City School Board will meet next week at a retreat. A topic of discussion on the agenda will be a discussion regarding the school calendar.

Dr. Benson said that there was a letter regarding the Woodbrook dugouts. Mr. Letteri will be following up to make sure that the dugouts were installed as approved by the Board.

Dr. Benson provided an update on the repairs made to the Western Albemarle High School track. Staff is exploring options for hosting home track meets. He noted that the track replacement is in the CIP for 2012.

Dr. Benson said that staff has been discussing with schools the idea of installation of cellular towers at certain locations. This proposal will be coming to the Board at the May 12, 2011 board meeting.

Dr. Benson said that the Golden Apple Ceremony will be on May 3, 2011.

Dr. Haun said that the Revenue Sharing Agreement Committee has requested an update from the school divisions on potential for collaboration.

Dr. Haun said that on April 19 Governor McDonnell launched his Teacher Merit Pay Plan. The Community Public Charter School met the requirement to participate in this pilot. After reviewing the information, staff is recommending that we not participate in the pilot.

Dr. Haun said that there were several participants in the Virginia History Day. We have seven students who will be participating in the National History Day competition.

Dr. Haun said that we have thirteen Destination Imagination teams heading to the Global competition in Tennessee.

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

Dr. Moran said that the School Division has lost computers within the system, and all procedures are being followed to recover the equipment and take action as necessary.

Dr. Moran said that we have students participating in a number of competitions that cover all areas. Staff will be trying to map all the competitions so that the Board and the community will know what programs and competitions the School Division supports.

Agenda Items No. 7.1. DART Operational Review.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with a DART (Department of Accountability, Research and Technology) operational review. The review included information on gathering a baseline, systems and documentation review, a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis, service alignment, Information Technology Infrastructure Library, and educational outcomes. Board members then went into breakout sessions that focused on the following areas: 1) educational technology, 2) service and support, 3) enterprise roll-out of technology initiatives, and 4) assessment.

Board members then reported out on the following: 1) the issues with the implementation of the student information system, 2) the need for adequate training for implementation with new systems, 3) the level of engagement of students when they have 1:1 technology, 4) the collaboration between students when they use technology, 5) the location of technology specialists, 6) the need for additional technology classes, and 7) staff support for technology.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break

A break was taken during the breakout sessions.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Adopt FY2011/12 Operating and Self-Sustaining Budget

Dr. Benson summarized the proposed budget for Albemarle County Public Schools including the total amount of the request and the use of fund balance in the proposal.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to adopt the FY 2011/12 School Operating Budget of $144,491,184 and a Self-Sustaining Budget of $20,545,906 for a total of $165,037,090. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mr. Strucko said that he does harbor concerns that the budget includes use of one time monies for recurring items. He appreciates that the budget includes resources to address class sizes and lower them. He is still concerned that the budget requires teachers to pick up an additional class to teach. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment

Mr. Bill Heaps is a Stony Point parent. He was surprised that the School Board would consider placing a cellular antenna on Stony Point Elementary School with no concrete information on the health impacts of RF radiation even at low exposure. He asked that the Board not gamble with the long-term health of students.

Ms. Liz Kunutzan is Stony Point parent. She expressed concern about the placement of a cell tower on Stony Point Elementary School.

Mr. Ned Gallaway said that students are seeking to be self-sufficient in learning and they are hitting roadblocks. It is important to figure out how to nurture the want to be self-sufficient. He challenged DART to be efficient and fix technology issues as quickly as possible.

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

Mrs. Mouly said that she will be seeking another term on the school board representing the White Hall Magisterial District.

Mr. Buyaki said that he attended the Stony Point presentation on the cell phone tower. One of the parents on the PTO is an RF specialist. He took the information provided and determined the amount of RF radiation emitting into the building. The amount emitting into the building is below FCC standards. Dr. Benson said that staff is still going through a process. There is nothing that will go forward without the Board's approval. Mr. Strucko asked for location options. Dr. Benson said that the presentation will include information on why the proposal is for the location being recommended. Dr. Moran reiterated that this is a work in progress.

Mrs. Moynihan said that she is glad that staff will look at the Woodbrook dugouts and communicate with the community about their concerns.

Mrs. McKeel said that she attended the Woodbrook dugout dedication. It was a nice ceremony.

Mrs. McKeel shared several ideas from the National School Boards Association Annual Convention. She said that there were lots of discussions about integrating technology into the classroom and teacher development. She shared additional information from other sessions and speakers.

Mr. Miles said that he focused his attention at the NSBA conference to areas around being a school board member and professional development for school board members.

Mrs. McKeel and Mr. Miles both suggested that the Board look at the evaluation system used for the Board.

Mr. Koleszar reviewed with the Board the plan for the retreat and the retreat work. The last meeting in May would be used as a work session to review the School Board/ Superintendent Priorities. Mr. Miles said that it may be wise to spend the May work session with the Board and the processes used for a self-evaluation and the evaluation of the Board as a whole. **There was Board consensus for there to be a discussion about the Board retreat and evaluation process during the next board meeting.** There was discussion about how the Board could seek input on how the division is doing at working to completing its priorities, and whether during the work session the Board should hold breakout sessions to discuss the priorities. **There was Board consensus to hold breakout sessions on progress in meeting the priorities. The groups invited will be the advisory groups of the school division.**

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:08 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