

Note: A full recording of the meeting is on file in the Clerk's Office and on the School Division website.

A Special Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mr. Eric Strucko; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Steve Koleszar; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; and Mrs. Diantha McKeel.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1 Call Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Koleszar called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 3.1 Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 4.1 Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1 Budget Public Hearing.

Mr. Koleszar welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the public comment guidelines.

Ms. Pam Snyder is an employee at Building Services. She asked that the Board retain the proposed classified employee salary increase because families are struggling.

Ms. Jane Kulow is a parent. She thanked the Board for agreeing to send forward a needs-based budget. She asked that the School Board work together for the interest of the students of Albemarle County.

Ms. Jessica Simmons is a Crozet parent. She spoke about the decline in student enrollment and then impact it will have on staffing.

Ms. Karen Reifenberger is a Crozet parent. She read a letter that was submitted to staff. The letter addressed a request for staffing relief for Crozet Elementary School in order to maintain staffing while enrollment was declining.

Ms. Ravi Respeto is a Crozet parent. She expressed concerns about the budgetary impact the school will face based on declining enrollment.

Agenda Item No. 6.1 Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Koleszar asked if the issue of specialist staffing was addressed in the proposed funding request. Dr. Moran said that there has been discussion about a banding process to address this issue. There is an initiative in the budget that could address this issue to some degree. It was requested that more information be provided on the budgetary impact of lowering the threshold to 285 students for staffing.

Mr. Koleszar said that he went to Richmond and spoke to four members of the committee that would be considering the Bell Amendment.

Mr. Koleszar said that on the February 9th agenda there will be a closed meeting item listed but it will only be used if needed. Mrs. Johnston will notify the Board if the meeting will take place.

Agenda Item No. 7.1 Adjournment.

At 6:54 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk