A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for System Planning and Operations; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item 1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Price, Chairman, 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. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 Donation to Sutherland Middle School
3.3 Personnel Action
3.4 Title I, Part A, 10003(a) School Improvement Grant
3.5 Race to GED
3.6 Community Public Charter School Istation Pilot Program Grant
3.7 FY 2011/12 Preliminary Budget Calendar
3.8 Technology Challenge Grant
3.9 ARRA Title II, Part D Grant
3.10 The Community Public Charter School
3.11 Re-appropriation of School Bus Replacement Funds FY10-11
3.12 Internal Service – Vehicle Maintenance Fund FY 09-10
3.13 Donation to Greer Elementary School
3.14 Donation to Albemarle High School – Post High Program
3.15 Utopian Payments
3.16 Donation to Albemarle High Synthetic Turf Project
3.17 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.18 Reappropriation to the Paul G. McIntire Fund – 2009/10

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes, the proposed revisions to Policy IIA and IIAA, and the May 2010 financial reports. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 4.2 Proposed Revisions to Policy IIA, Instructional Materials, and IIAA, Learning Resources/Textbooks Selection and Adoption

Mr. Miles said that there are references to Policy IIAB but there is no Policy IIAB. On Policy IIA, the first cross reference should be renamed to reflect the change to the policy.

These policies will be brought back on the next agenda for approval.

Agenda Item No. 4.3 May 2010 Financial Reports

Mr. Strucko asked about the use of fund balance in the May financial report. Mr. Zimmermann said that on the fund balance page on the May financial report, there has been a significant shift in the fund balance. Local revenues have improved slightly. State shortfall has grown slightly. Local revenues have increased slightly due to the increase in building rental fees.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to receive the May 2010 year-to-date financial reports. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that Yancey Elementary lost a custodian this week unexpectedly.

Mrs. McKeel said that the University Credit Union opened its branch at Albemarle High School.

Mrs. McKeel said that there is a joint CATEC Board meeting in October.

Mr. Miles said that he attended the Constitutional Convention at Burley Middle School.

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

Dr. Benson and Mr. Zimmermann shared with the Board information on the 10-day enrollment. It was noted that staffing in the discussion needed to be looked at for budgeted rather than actual. The increase in class size is due to the increase in class size at the Board level, it is not a result of the 8-period day. Board members asked questions about the Federal Jobs Bill and how it relates to the teaching positions budgeted for in the budget.

Dr. Benson said that there was a special needs bus involved in an accident near the Fluvanna County line. There were four individuals on the bus; they were taken to the hospital. The driver of the other vehicle was injured and taken to the hospital.

Dr. Moran said that at Albemarle High School some teachers visited another school and brought back the idea of open teaming. Study Halls have been consolidated so that the open teaming approach can be tried within the school. It was noted that Dr. Haas was preparing information about the number of students in study hall and whether they are in study hall due the fact that they could not get a class.

Dr. Moran said that Halifax County has gone after dual enrollment. She then shared information on what Halifax is doing regarding dual enrollment.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Capital Improvement Program FY2011/12 – 2015/16

Mr. Letteri and Dr. Benson provided a brief overview of the proposed Capital Improvement Program FY2011/12 – 2015/16. Board members discussed the following items: 1) pulling the Yancey renovation out of the CIP (**There was Board consensus to do this**.); 2) the need to provide a charge to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee; 3) the role of the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee; 4) concern about the description paragraph for the addition to Monticello High School in referencing redistricting of Albemarle High

School (**There was Board consensus to remove this language**.); 5) whether it is difficult to add on to Albemarle High School; and 6) whether $4 million should be budgeted for Greer Elementary School.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to adopt the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY2011/12 – 2015/16 with a revision to the language for redistricting as it relates to the Monticello High School addition. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Mr. Price said that the Board needs to discuss the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Dr. Benson asked that he be allowed to work on a policy revision and bring a proposal back to the Board for consideration.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break

There was a break from 8:12 p.m. until 8:27 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Communications Plan

Dr. Moran, Mrs. Mary Huffard Kegley Scott and Ms. Jane Kulow provided an overview of the draft communications plan. Board members discussed the following: 1) the plan is very ambitious and whether we have the resources to implement it; 2) the need for more activity from the Board in terms of getting out into the community; 3) the need to define the year and the quarter in the document; 4) the need to define internal and external stakeholders; 5) the need for the Realtor Tour to take place in the Fall at the request of realtors during the last tour; 6) the legislative forum and how it could be a cooperative function with the Charlottesville City School Board; 7) the need to meet more frequently with the Charlottesville City School Board, possibly quarterly; 8) the need for the division to develop a story; and 9) the need to have a feedback mechanism or ways to measure what is being proposed.

This plan will be brought back to the Board for approval at the first October meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger said that the Albemarle High School teachers and counselors are superstars. Students at Albemarle were told that they could not request a study hall in the Fall. She spoke to the Board about study hall at Albemarle. She questioned the savings for implementing the 4x4 schedule.

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

Dr. Moran shared with the Board an email from a parent about how instructional coach, Matt Blundin, stepped in to help her child.

Mr. Koleszar noted that the PREP Board met on September 17, 2010. The Board will begin working on goals and an evaluation instrument for the director of the program.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to start lobbying State Senators for the revenue sharing bill. He said that if the Board wants it to pass, then we need to start lobbying now. Mr. Strucko said that the division should continue to meet with the Charlottesville City School Board to discuss the issue. Mr. Koleszar said that he feels that the Board needs to have some discussions with key legislators now. Mr. Price said that there needs to be a bigger discussion on revenue sharing. Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to start lobbying by the end of October.

Mr. Price said that he participated in the Day of Caring at Woodbrook Elementary School with local government staff and the Board of Supervisor members.

Mr. Koleszar asked about the Board making a presentation at the Making Connections Conference in November.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 9:09 p.m., Mr. Strucko 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 7 to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice; and subsection 29 to discuss the terms and scope of a public contract for professional services. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:40 p.m., Mr. Strucko 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. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:40 p.m., Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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Chairman

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