A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on July 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. Greg Kamptner, Deputy County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Call to Order

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

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.4. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

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3.2 Donation to Henley Middle School
3.3 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
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3.5 Donations to School Division – Annual Office Support Conference 2011
3.6 Personnel Action
3.7 Albemarle County High Schools Athletics Schedule Based on VHSL Change to Out-of-Season Practice Rule
3.8 Long Term Care Insurance

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the reconsideration of learning resources. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements. None.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Tim Dodson is a student. He spoke about the book challenge and said that removal of the book would be ridiculous.

Ms. Karen Rubendall is a parent. She asked that the Board keep the school division calendar the same as it is in the current year.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger is a parent. She spoke about redistricting for Albemarle High School.

Mr. Mark Echelberger is a parent. He spoke about the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee Report, specifically the adjusting of building capacities.

Dr. Lori Balaban is a parent. She spoke about classes that are taught on a semester basis. The information is taught too fast. She encouraged the Board to return teachers to teaching 5 out of 7 classes.

Mr. Ned Gallaway is a parent. He spoke about the book challenge. He said that the School Board has a learning opportunity.

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

Ms. Gerome spoke to the Board about the compensation and benefits strategy for the division. Mr. Zimmermann then provided the Board with information on the teacher salary scale.

Mr. Zimmermann said that March 31 financial report is still in draft. There is an issue with reconciling the March 31 report. It is estimated that the report will be reconciled by the end of August. After that date, it is anticipated that staff will be able to run reports regularly. It was noted that the Board needs to discuss the issues with the Access Albemarle system in providing financial reports.

Mr. Koleszar said that the Board needs to appoint a delegate and alternate to the VSBA Annual Convention. Mr. Miles will serve as the delegate and Mrs. McKeel will serve as the alternate.

Mr. Koleszar said there will be school division presenters at the VSBA Governor's Conference.

Mr. Koleszar said that the Board has received several emails from employees asking that the Board review Policy JEC. **There was Board consensus to review the policy including a survey of employees who may take advantage of the policy if tuition changed.**

Mrs. McKeel said that there is a map just recently released that shows the broadband availability within the County. She would like to know internet accessibility for students in the County.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Recommendation of Reconsideration Committee for Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of the Book "A Study in Scarlet" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Mr. Koleszar said that the recommendation from staff is that the book be removed from the approved reading list for the current grade level but leave it for individual reading within the library.

Board members noted: 1) some are not in favor of removing books from the educational process, 2) is it possible to rework the curriculum to address the issues presented in the challenge, 3) there are other books on the reading list that people will have a problem with and we need to look at all sides of the issue, 4) how will the attitudes of other students be changed based on the content of what they are reading, and 5) how do teachers use the approved reading list.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to table the decision until the first meeting in August. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Update on Cellular Antenna Proposal from Staff and the Student Health Advisory Committee.

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposal for the cellular antenna proposal. Following the overview, Ms. Dwier-Selden, principal of Yancey Elementary, Dr. Lori Balaban of the School Health Advisory Board, and Stony Point parent and Electrical Engineering Professor, Dr. Scott Barker spoke about the impact of RF on students, the review of the School Health Advisory Board and feedback from the community.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) have there been any long-term studies on the effect of RF on people, 2) what is the difference between a monopole installation and building mounted installation, and 3) is there a map of AT&T service overlapped with where the proposed coverage will increase overlapped with bus routes.

There was Board consensus for this item to be brought back at the next meeting for information and/or action.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Media Center Upgrades.

Dr. Moran and Mr. Letteri provided the Board with information on planned updates to media centers and how the Division tries to incorporate the upgrades to assist with the five Goals of the Division. Architects from BCWH Architects shared with the Board how they are addressing the needs of the Division to make flexible learning spaces that address the Goals of the Division.

Board members asked: 1) if there are ways that when we design media centers can we find cost efficiencies by doing multiple projects at multiple schools and 2) when was the last time Cale was renovated.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee Final Recommendations.

Mr. Letteri introduced the work of the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. He then turned the meeting over to Dean Riddick, chairman of the committee, who presented the recommendations to the Board. The recommendations included 1) a request to direct the Superintendent to form a redistricting committee for Stony Point and Hollymead Elementary Schools, 2) add in school bus replacement program, 3) add additions onto western elementary schools, 4) accelerate the Monticello High school addition by 2 years, 5) accelerate the Western Albemarle High School addition by 3 years, 6) accelerate the Red Hill Elementary renovation by 2 years, 7) revise Henley Middle School auxiliary gym addition, 8) add Henley Middle School addition, 9) revise maintenance replacement request, 10) revise local area network upgrade, 11) revise and add elementary additions in years 6 – 10, and 12) remove gym floors replacement. The following items were already approved in the previous year and are recommended for inclusion without any revision: 1) State Technology Grant, 2) Administrative Technology, 3) Instructional Technology, 4) Wide Area Network upgrade, 5) storage facility lease, and 6) support services and school technology facilities.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) are the recommended improvements in addition to the redistricting, 2) the idea and issues with moving students out of Albemarle High School to Western Albemarle High School, 3) the placement of school buses into the CIP, 4) should there be caps on the size of elementary and secondary school capacities, 5) the timeframe for approving the CIP to forward to the Technical Review Committee, and 6) the idea of pulling out the expansion until further work can be done regarding capacity while leaving upkeep items like technology and routine maintenance in the CIP.

There was Board consensus to place the school buses in the CIP.

There was Board consensus for the Superintendent to form a redistricting committee for Hollymead and Stony Point Elementary Schools.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break (Taken prior to Agenda Item No. 8.2)

There was a break from 8:43 p.n. until 8:50 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Strategic Planning – Strategies and Key Performance Indicators in Response to Board Priorities

Dr. Moran asked for feedback on the proposed key performance indicators. Board members noted the following: 1) the KPIs seem to be “feel good” and do not measure anything to measure the priority, 2) too many acronyms are being used in the document, 3) is the data reported by quarter or is it cumulative, 4) the measures need to be quantifiable and have some validity, and 5) how do you measure students on knowledge of lifelong learner competencies. It was noted that if Board members had additional feedback then email the information and questions to Dr. Haas.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. 2012-13 School Year Calendar Development Update. (Deferred to a future meeting)

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

Mr. Davis provided the Board with information on the proposed Western Bypass and how it may impact the schools.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 10:44 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 and assignment of specific administrative employees and the appointment and assignment of specific licensed administrators. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 10:53 p.m., Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to 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 approve the nominations for administrative contracts and tenure recommendations. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 11:08 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