A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on August 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, 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; and Mr. Harley Miles.

ABSENT: Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Pam Carter, Human Resources Safety and Wellness Manager; Mr. Jim Foley, Interim Director of Transportation; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. Greg Kamptner, Deputy County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:30 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, the resignation of a specific administrative employee and the appointment of a member to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:29 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, Mr. Strucko, Mrs. McKeel, and Mr. Buyaki.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mrs. Moynihan.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

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

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

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

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3.2 Donation to Jack Jouett Middle School and Stony Point Elementary School Field Trips – FY2010-11
3.3 VSBA Policy Agreement
3.4 Albemarle County Public Schools Educational Sponsorship Agreement with Barnes and Noble
3.5 FY2010-11 Donation to Hollymead Elementary School
3.6 Re-appropriation of Shannon Foundation Grant Funds FY10-11

3.7 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.8 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.9 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.10 FY2010-11 Donation to Walton Middle School
3.11 Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) Bond Resolution
3.12 Written Employment Agreements for Pupil Transportation Staff for 2011-12
3.13 The Community Public Charter School FY10/11
3.14 Personnel Action
3.15 Re-appropriation of ARRA-State Stimulus Funds FY2010-2011
3.16 Bama Works Fund Grant – Greer Elementary FY10-11
3.17 Optimist Club Grant- Community Engagement FY10-11
3.18 Target Field Trip Grant – Greer FY10-11
3.19 Nest Realty Group Grant FY10-11
3.20 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program Grant WAHS FY10-11
3.21 Greer Elementary School Kiosk and Nature Trail Enhancements
3.22 Sutherland Middle School Eagle Scout Project Raised Scientific Plant Beds and Bird Feeders
3.23 Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) Qualified School Construction Bond

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes – 2010

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Haas said that Mr. Edmund LeClaire was appointed as an administrative intern at Monticello High School.

Dr. Haas said that we finished the New Teacher Academy. There was a total of 98 new teachers in the Division.

Mr. Davis said that the Transportation Department had a surprise visit from OSHA. Mr. Foley and Ms. Carter said that there were seven items or findings that were noted. All items have been addressed.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Mark Long said that he does not support the early start date of the calendar because students should get out early. He asked that schools send out schedules and supply lists early. He expressed concern that his daughter was required to read *What is the What?* He was shocked by the profanity that the book contained.

Mr. Robert McAdams asked that the Board consider adopting a resolution for the International Day of Peace and to designate a person from staff to serve as a liaison between the group and the Division regarding the activities around the International Day of Peace.

Ms. Lisa Coldron is a parent. She asked that the Board vote on the cellular antennae separately for each school. She asked the Board vote against the Stony Point's tower.

Mr. Brett Crane is a parent. He appreciates the time that the committee took to prepare for the reconsideration of the learning resource. He asked that the Board uphold the recommendation of the committee to remove the book from the approved list.

Mr. Rich Evans is a parent. He encouraged the Board to uphold the recommendation of the committee regarding the reconsideration of a learning resource and remove it from the required reading list while leaving it available in the library.

Mr. Michael Carter is a graduate of Albemarle County Public Schools. Students and parents from previous years have asked that the teacher reconsider using *A Study in Scarlet*. He is a Mormon and was teased and bullied throughout his education after his peers read this book. He asked that the Board remove the book from the sixth grade reading list.

Mr. Tim Dodson is a student. He spoke out against the removal of *A Study in Scarlett* from the reading list. He shared with the Board a copy of the petition against the removal of the book.

Ms. Laura Barnes is a student. *A Study in Scarlet* helped her vocabulary increase. It introduced her to religious prejudice. Her views of Mormanism were not altered due to reading the book.

Ms. Quinnly Malone is a student. She read the *A Study in Scarlet* and she thinks it is one of the best books she has read. The book had no impact on her views of Mormons.

Ms. Brett Stephenson is a parent. She requested the reconsideration of the learning resource. This resource would be better suited for older students. She asked that the Board uphold the committee's recommendation.

Ms. Staci England is an administrator in the Division. She is a Mormon. She asked that the Board accept the committee's recommendation to remove *A Study in Scarlet* from the sixth grade reading list. We should not ask sixth grade students to defend their faith.

Ms. Andrea Heaps is a parent. She asked the Board vote no to placing a cellular antenna on Stony Point Elementary School.

Ms. Carmen Garcia is a parent. She spoke about the reconsideration of A Study in Scarlet. She spoke in support of the English department at Henley Middle School.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger is a parent. She asked that the Board vote to increase in the building capacity formula to 22:1. She asked that Board consider further the recommendations in the CIP. The Board should look at the weeds rather than the clouds.

Mr. Mark Echelberger is a parent. He asked that the Board increase the building capacity formula to 22:1.

Ms. Jane Kulow spoke about the proposed school calendar. She reminded the Board of the process starting with the work session. The consensus of the work session was to do what is best for education. The other consensus was to make the decision as early as possible if there is going to be a change in the start date.

Ms. Robin McGallow is a parent. She asked that the Board not remove A Study in Scarlet from the reading list. She also asked that the Board vote against a cellular tower at Stony Point Elementary School.

Ms. Kim Taylor is a parent. She spoke about the school division calendar. It is clear that families are happy with the current calendar.

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

Dr. Moran acknowledged the work of Maury Brown as communications coordinator. She will be leaving the division to take other employment.

Mr. Letteri provided the Board with an update on work of building services over the summer including routine maintenance work and capital improvement projects.

Dr. Moran said that Albemarle County is achieving at a level higher than the state in tests. Our students have made great progress but the requirements from No Child Left Behind are not being met by most Divisions. Dr. Haun said that 16 out of 26 schools met the requirements to meet AYP. Nine schools did not meet one or more of the 29 indicators to meet AYP. As division, there was an overall pass rate of 91.2% in reading and 91.3% in mathematics.

Dr. Haun said that he is watching school enrollment carefully. There are schools that are being watched for being under projection and for being over projection.

Mrs. McKeel said that Mary Huffard Kegley checked and the Board of Supervisors is not going to try to schedule a meeting with the legislators until November. She asked if there was consensus to go ahead and try to schedule a meeting in December. **There was Board consensus.**

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Recommendation of Reconsideration for the book "A Study in Scarlet" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Dr. Haas provided the Board with an overview of the recommendation of reconsideration of learning resources for the book, *A Study in Scarlet.* The presentation included the timeline from receiving the request through the committee work to look at the request, and then the work of the Board to make a decision.

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to affirm the Superintendent's recommendation to remove the book from the sixth grade reading list but do not remove it from the library. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mr. Buyaki said that he supports the Superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Strucko said that no one is in favor censoring books or removing books. We are looking for the age appropriate level for a book like this with the concepts presented. It creates a circumstance where some students may be put in an unfair situation. He agrees with the committee's recommendation and the recommendation of Dr. Moran. Mrs. Mouly supports the committee's recommendation for reasons different than the committee's reasons. She believes that much of the content in the book is not age appropriate. Mrs. McKeel said that this challenge represents a part of the process and we do not want to get into a position where a book has been on the reading list for 20 years and the curriculum has changed. She does not feel that the book is age appropriate. She said that she found a list on the website of the books challenged and it proved to her that the process works. Mr. Miles said that what is comforting is that we had a policy to deal with something like this and there is a process to be followed. The committee did an excellent job in reviewing the book. The book is not age appropriate. **The motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Cellular Antenna Proposal.

Mr. Davis provided the Board with information on the proposal to place cellular antenna at several school locations including a map of cellular coverage in the County.

Board members noted the individual concerns for mounting a cellular antenna on the building at Stony Point.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the installation of cellular antennae at Walton Middle School (monopole), Scottsville Elementary School (monopole), and Yancey Elementary School (roof mounted). Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes**:

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

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the installation of a roof mounted cellular antenna at Stony Point Elementary School. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion. Mrs. Mouly asked if the Board needed to vote on this motion tonight. Mr. Koleszar said that this is not the final vote; the final vote would be vote on the contract. Mr. Koleszar said that he is torn on this installation. He feels that the threat is minimal for students. His concerns lie with the community and their feelings toward the issue. Mrs. McKeel asked if the decision was delayed, could AT&T look at other options and provide additional information. Can the room under the antenna at Stony Point be used for another reason rather than a classroom. Mrs. McKeel would like AT&T to look at the area on more time for additional options. Mrs. Mouly said that it would be helpful to have some weighing of the evidence about exposure to RF. Mrs. McKeel **withdrew** the motion.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. 2012-13 School Year Calendar Development Update.

Dr. Haas provided an overview of the process for developing the 2012-13 school year calendar. The presentation included how community stakeholders were involved in the process and sample draft calendars.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked: 1) the need for the calendar to be educationally sound for the students of Albemarle County Public Schools, 2) the idea and preference to have Spring Break as a full week, 3) the need for professional development days, 4) the desire to have exams prior to Winter Break, 5) the desire to make sure there is work being done after the Standards of Learning testing, 6) the desire for school to start later in August or even September after Labor Day, 7) teachers needing a work day at the end of each grading period, 8) the dislike of half-days, 9) the need to look at lengthening the school day, 10) what is the optimum number of professional development days, and 11) professional development days should not be used for inclement weather make-up days.

There was Board consensus that the calendar should not include half-days. **There was Board consensus for the Thanksgiving Break to be three days. There was Spring Break to be one full week that is consistent.**

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Strategic Planning – Update on Strategies and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Mr. Koleszar asked that this item be a work session. **There was Board consensus.**

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Break (Taken prior to Agenda Item No. 8.3)

There was a break from 8:29 p.m. until 8:39 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Capital Improvement Program for FY2012/13 through FY2021/22

Mr. Davis provided the Board with information on a proposed timeline for redistricting of Stony Point and Hollymead Elementary Schools. Board members asked if there was a budge impact if the Board delayed a decision until March.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to accept the recommendation to form a redistricting committee for Stony Point and Hollymead Elementary Schools and to accept the timeline presented by staff. Mr. Miles **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Mr. Letteri provided the Board with a presentation on the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY2012/13 through FY2021/22 including defining the CIP process, the CIP planning cycle, a recap of the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee recommendations, and three options for a CIP developed by staff.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked: 1) is the Western Albemarle project only to increase capacity, 2) is it feasible to approve the minimum and push other projects out until staff and the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee can look at the goals of the division on such things as learning spaces, 3) how do we look at current capacities and readjust to fill vacant seats, and 4) is the track replacement for Western Albemarle included in the regular maintenance for 2012/13.

There was Board consensus to go with the minimum – option 1 – and wait on more information on learning spaces and deciding where the Division would like to go.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to move Option 1 of the CIP forward. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

There was Board consensus for staff to research and review the capacity formula.

Agenda Item No. 8.7. Discussion of Future Work Session Topics.

Mr. Koleszar said that the August work session will be on Board Governance. The September work session will be on the KPIs. The October work session will be on learning spaces. The Quarterly Reports need to be moved to work sessions rather than a business meeting. There will also be a work session on the teacher performance appraisal.

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

Mr. Strucko asked about financial reporting and whether progress has been made. Mr. Davis said that the goal is the end of August to have reconciliation through the end of March completed.

Mr. Miles said that there was a request from staff members regarding tuition free enrollment of students of employees. He reminded staff that the Board requested that staff be surveyed about whether they would take advantage of this.

Mr. Buyaki said that he attended the VSBA New Board Member Orientation.

Mr. Buyaki said that he will be announcing that he will be running for the Rivanna Magisterial District school board seat.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 10:21 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