A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on October 13, 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; Mr. Strucko; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan (arrived at 5:48 p.m.); Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 5:53 p.m.); 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; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Kevin Kirst, Director of Special Education; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:45 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 the appointment of a specific person as Director of Human Resources, and subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the educational broadband services license and an agreement related thereto. Mrs. McKeel **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** 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. Strucko, Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Miles, Mr. Koleszar, Mr. Buyaki, and Mrs. Moynihan.
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. 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.4. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

Mrs. Moynihan 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 Community Obesity Task Force Grant – Meriwether Lewis
3.3 Donations to Crozet Elementary and Walton Middle Schools
3.4 Donation to Sutherland Middle School – Construction of Two Raised Plant Beds and Three Bird Feeders
3.5 Donation to Albemarle High School
3.6 Personnel Action
3.7 Personnel Action

3.8 Personnel Action
3.9 March 2011 Financial Reports
3.10 FY 2012-13 Budget Calendar
3.11 Re-appropriation of Miscellaneous Grant Funds
3.12 Update of County Purchasing Manual

Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes. Mrs. McKeel **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. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Miles and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes – 2011

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the 2011 minutes. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that this past Monday the Division hosted the Making Connections Conference. There were several outside speakers as well as many internal presenters.

Dr. Haun said that on Monday we continued our community outreach work by presenting at the NAACP meeting to speak about the social studies curriculum in the Division.

Dr. Haun introduced Mr. Chris Brown as the new attorney assigned to work with the School Board.

Dr. Haas said that on October 10, 2011 the Western Albemarle Golf Team won the State Championship. The Albemarle High School Cross Country Team won the Albemarle Invitational Meet.

Mr. Davis recognized Albemarle High School student John Paul Brooks who completed his Eagle Scout project at Sutherland Middle School. The project included the construction of raised planter boxes and bird feeders.

Mr. Zimmermann said that the Board does have a March 2011 financial report. It is hopeful to have the next two reports at the next meeting. There are still some issues that will need to be worked out. The new system requires more time in extracting the data than the old system.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Karen Rubendaul is a parent. She thanked the Board for their recent vote on the calendar. She praised her daughter's teacher Barbara Huneycutt.

Mr. Mark Echelberger is a parent. He addressed the Board about full credit versus half credit for grades, and asked why the Board was addressing it now. He questioned whether APEX learning was worthwhile. He encouraged the Board to return teachers to teaching 5 out of 7 classes.

Ms. Kim Taylor spoke to the Board about transcripts and No Child Left Behind. It is important to distinguish between credits and grades. It would be helpful to see the current transcript and the proposed transcript. She encouraged the Board to return teachers to teaching 5 out of 7 classes.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger is a parent. She said that we need to invest in teachers and 7 periods in the county not technology. She said that technology is worthless without content in the classroom. The traditional learning style used by her daughter works for many children.

Dr. Lori Balaban is a parent. She congratulated the Board on the excellent staff in the Division. The 4X4 continues to be discussed. Cramming is not what we need to be teaching right now. Teachers have too many students. Eight classes is so many more classes than what is needed for an advanced diploma. Children are missing out on extracurricular experiences.

Ms. Trish Kenney is a parent. She shared her perception of the education of her children in the school division.

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

Dr. Haun provided the Board with September 30th enrollment data.

Mr. Kirst provided the Board with background information on a PREP operating and lease agreement that will be coming back to the Board for renewal.

Dr. Haas provided the Board with a presentation on the Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate. The presentation included an overview of the formula used to determine the on-time graduation rate, the Division's percentage, the percentage of each diploma type awarded to Albemarle County Public School graduates, the on-time graduation rate percentage for each subsection of NCLB, and how the Division's work focuses on preparing students to graduate. Board members asked what it means for students to compete to be prepared and get into the work session when over 60 percent of students receive an advanced study diploma.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Awarding Credit for High School Courses: A Proposed Change to Awarding 1 Credit upon the Completion of Each Full Course, Beginning in 2012-13

Dr. Haas provided the Board with a presentation on awarding credits for high school courses. The presentation included the planning and research of awarding one credit versus a half credit, the proposed change and its implications, transcript options, and improvements to transcripts.

After the presentation, Board members asked does the State frown on this practice because it allows students who perform poorly to be removed from class so they do not have to take the SOL.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. PowerSchool Update Enterprise Applications and Data Overview.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with a presentation on the enterprise applications that the Division has in Technology. The presentation included a case study of records that are maintained for each student, the service portfolio lifecycle, service operation, and systems entering the evaluation stage.

After the presentation, Board members asked or noted the following: 1) teachers have said that they are pleased with PowerSchool, 2) does staff expect any issues with migrating information from GradeSpeed to PowerSchool, 3) what information is kept that is not student related, 4) is there a level of privacy for the records that are shared in governmental reporting, 5) is there a national coding system for reporting data, 6) how many staff can see all the data for a student, 7) what is the status on the departmental audit, 8) will we take of inventory that is used, 9) what is the staff development plan for the technology in schools, and 10) how many classrooms have smart boards.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Break

There was a break from 7:57 p.m. until 8:05 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Legislative Packet

Ms. Mary Huffard Kegley, Legislative Assistant, and Mrs. McKeel provided the Board with information on the proposed legislative packet.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) the composite index and whether the Board wanted to look at the issue again and 2) where does VASS stand with a position regarding NCLB.

There was Board consensus to prepare a position on the composite index issue.

There was Board consensus to prepare a packet for the Board to review at the November meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. VSBA Policies and Regulations

Mr. Miles provided an overview of the proposed policies and regulations. Board members discussed the Common Core Standards and whether the Board supported the concept.

This item will come back on the next agenda for approval.

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

Mr. Strucko spoke about the financial reports. Does the report accurately reflect where we were at March 31, 2011. Mr. Davis said that the report is accurate through March 31, 2011. There is a deficit because there has been little local and state transfer at that time. Mr. Strucko said that the Board should be receiving preliminary reports noting that the information may change one the month is closed.

Mrs. Mouly said that a number of Western Albemarle teachers are still concerned about their course load and the eight period day. Dr. Haun asked that the Board provide some clarification on what the Board would like to see in regards to the schedule for budget implications.

Mrs. McKeel asked about semester courses and whether the high schools offer them. Dr. Haun said that the decision on how to offer classes at the high school classes.

Mrs. McKeel said that there are complaints that the minutes are behind. Mrs. Johnston provided some options for getting them caught up. Mr. Miles offered a **motion** to allocate funding from the School Board reserve to hire a temporary employee to take on the day to day responsibilities of the Clerk. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. Mrs. Moynihan said that she will not vote on the motion because it is not on the agenda. **Mr. Miles withdrew his motion**. Mr. Buyaki asked for costs to be provided for the options regarding minutes.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 10:28 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