A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting – if needed. None.
Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Koleszar called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.5. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Minutes – 2012
3.3 Donation to Greer Elementary School
3.4 Reimburse WAHS for Rowing Team Expense
3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 For Approval: High School and Middle School Fees
3.7 Revisions to Policy GCPA

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran introduced Adrian Felts, Charlottesville Operations Manager for Battelle, Director of the Piedmont Regional Science Fair, and President of the Central Virginia Chapter of AFCEA. Last fall, AFCEA awarded $1,000 grants to two of our teachers for programs that promote STEM activities in the classroom. The teachers, who competed for these awards were Jeremy Dove from Monticello High School and Kirsten Fuoti from Albemarle High School. In his position with Battelle, Mr. Felts was responsible for a $5,000 donation from the Battelle Foundation to the Health and Medical Sciences Academy at Monticello High School.

Dr. Moran then introduced students from Stone-Robinson, Sutherland and Western Albemarle High Schools to help commemorate School Board Appreciation Month.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Mr. Davis said that the Republican presidential primary will take place on March 6, 2012 and 18 of our school buildings serve as precincts. We will be in school that day conducting SOL writing tests. We are working with the Voter Registrar and staff to make sure it is done safely and efficiently.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Ravi Respecto is a parent. She asked that the Superintendent appoint a redistricting committee to look at Crozet Elementary School.

Ms. Karen Reikenberger is a parent. She expressed the support to modify the staffing standards for guidance and media specialist positions that would impact Crozet Elementary School.

Ms. Ginny Echelberger is a parent. She suggested that there are a lot of ways outside the classroom to cut the budget. She asked the Board to be creative when looking at budget reductions.

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

Dr. Moran said that she has been at the General Assembly and spoke to several legislators. A point of conversation related around what is going to happen with the Virginia Retirement System.

Mr. Gallaway said that he spoke to the sub-committee on the Bell Amendment.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Redistricting Recommendations for 2012-13.

Ms. Jennifer Burman is a Hollymead parent. She is worried with redistricting this large amount of students because Baker-Butler may run into the same problem. She asked if special needs were considered in the discussion around the recommendation.

Ms. Michelle Reisner is a Baker-Butler parent and served on the redistricting committee. She voiced her support for Option C of the recommendations. The recommendation would only take 94 students. It would also maintain parity with socio-economic students.

Ms. Laura Fox is a parent. She served on the redistricting committee and would like to change her support to Option C. Option C keeps the economic diversity more balanced between Hollymead and Baker-Butler Elementary Schools. She is concerned about the forecasting of students as well.

Mr. Koleszar asked if there was additional information needed about the proposal from staff. Mr. Buyaki asked for additional information on special needs students and how the move would impact those students for each plan and is there an option to keep those students at Hollymead. Mr. Gallaway asked how services will change for special needs students if they move. Mrs. McKeel asked if the committee discussed the issue.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Health Advisory Summary of Activities from 2010-11. (heard after the break)

Dr. Haas and Dr. Lori Balaban, chairman of the School Health Advisory Board, provided the Board with an overview of the Health Advisory Summary of Activities. The presentation included a review of topics discussed in the last year (cell tower installation, concussion policy and plan development, Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant work, Child Nutrition Program, head lice procedures, and the UVA bike helmet safety program); topics currently under discussion (AED placement in schools, concussion plan, and mental health services in schools, student stress, nutrition, substance abuse and discipline policies, energy drinks, school nurses); chronic health conditions; and, supervisory structure of the nurses within the Division.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) the need for more physical activity outside of physical education classes, and 2) the need to recruit members to serve on the School Health Advisory Board.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. 2012-13 School Calendar – Proposed. (heard prior to item 8.2)

Dr. Haas provided the Board with an overview of the proposed calendar for 2012-13.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the 2012-13 school calendar. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 7:32 p.m. until 7:41 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Adopt a FY2012/13 School Board's Request.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Zimmermann provided an overview of the proposed funding request including revenue changes since the Superintendent's presentation, expenditure changes, and a revise Superintendent's proposal.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) is the increase in local school revenue a change in additional revenue received in the last couple of weeks; 2) can the CFA be charged a higher rate for facility rental; 3) the need to transfer funds to assist with school bus replacement; 4) the request for the Superintendent to provide a list of tiered reductions; 5) whether the Board want to provide a tiered list of reductions in the funding request presented to the Board of Supervisors and the impacts of providing such a list; 6) the idea of whether the legislative liaison position should be a part-time or a full-time position; and 7) a request to include in the budget document a policy statement regarding teacher workload.

There was Board consensus not to provide a tiered list of reductions in the funding request to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to reduce the legislative liaison position to a half-time position (0.5 FTE). Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. Mr. Gallaway asked for a copy of the job description. Dr. Moran provided an overview of the work done by the position. **Roll was called, and the motion failed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Buyaki.
NAYS: Mrs. McKeel; Mrs. Mouly; Mr. Koleszar; Mr. Gallaway; and Mrs. Moynihan.
ABSTAIN: Mr. Strucko.

Motion failed by a 1:5:1 vote.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to adopt a Funding Request of $151,619,749 in operational funds and $18,351,478 in self-sustaining funds for a total request of $169,971,227. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion. Mr. Strucko said that the message to the Board of Supervisors needs to be that this is still a work in progress and we will continue to examine our budget. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mrs. Moynihan, Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Gallaway, Mrs. Mouly, Mr. Strucko and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: Mr. Buyaki.

Motion carried by a 6:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Policy Review and Revision (heard after the calendar agenda item prior to the break).

Dr. Haas provided the Board with an overview of the proposed policy changes.

Board members then noted or asked the following: 1) is the parent meeting required by State code or is it a board action, and 2) in Policy JGD/JGE, there are some places where the School Board/Discipline Committee or Discipline Committee replaces School Board, what is the reasoning for the difference.

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.
Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:37 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