A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on August 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, 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. Ned Gallaway; Mr. Eric Strucko; and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: None.

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

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Gallaway 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 1to discuss the employment of a specific employee. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters 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. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mrs. McKeel; Mr. Gallaway; Mrs. Moynihan; Mr. Strucko; Mrs. Mouly; Mr. Buyaki; and Mr. Koleszar.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, Chairman, 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. Agenda.

Mr. Koleszar asked that the agenda be amended to include a brief presentation by staff prior to public comment. Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 FY2011-12: Reimbursement to Albemarle High School
3.3 Donation to Western Albemarle High School
3.4 The HealthierUS School Challenge Awards FY12-13
3.5 FY2011-12 Reimbursement to Western Albemarle High School
3.6 FY2011-12: Reimburse Walton Middle School Budget
3.7 Crisis Plan Certifications: Information
3.8 ARRA – State Stimulus Fund FY11-12

3.9 Education Jobs Fund FY11-12
3.10 Personnel Action
3.11 Personnel Action – Coaches
3.12 Alternative Accreditation Plan for Graduation and Completion Index Benchmark at Murray High School

Mrs. McKeel 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 minutes of the September 9, 2010 and October 14, 2010 Board meeting. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki and Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Minutes - 2011

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of February 1, 2011. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of January 27, 2011. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway abstaining**.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of April 19, 2011. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2011. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. McKeel and Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway abstained.**

Agenda Item No. 4.3. Minutes 2012

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of July 17, 2012. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education

Dr. Moran said that Dr. Haas recently wrote a leadership blog for our home page that talked about how our teachers continue to work through the summer to help our students explore new areas of discovery. This evening, she wanted to highlight some of the outstanding work our teachers and students have been engaged in since the end of the 2011-12 school year in June.

For example, almost as soon as the school year concluded, we started up the fourth annual edition of M-Cubed, our math academy for young African American males. This year, we had more than 50 students from our division participate, nearly 20 mentors, several teachers and two student volunteers.

We also added three new academies this year.

Among the most unusual was our Summer Jazz Camp, which included 25 students from four of our middle schools. The kids got a chance to learn from Greg Thomas, our band director at Albemarle High School and professional musicians. They learned various techniques in a small group setting, about music form and styles and the highlight of the camp was a jazz concert they presented at C'Ville Coffee. An amazing opportunity for kids of all abilities to have fun and learn to play together.

Also new this year is our leadership academy. Dr. Haas introduced Mr. Coy Barefoot who provided an overview of the program and introduced participants who shared their work in the program. Dr. Moran said that she attended the graduation ceremonies and listened to the graduates describe their experiences.

Finally, she talked about our Summer Coderdojo Academy. Mr. Scheivert said that within minutes of the online announcement that applications were being accepted, all 50 seats were taken and there was a waiting list of more than 500. The Division was able to increase the number of seats in the program to 200 but still there was a large waiting list.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haas said that each school is now required to keep in stock epipens. The school division has a standing order for these and there is some funding to assist in covering the costs.

Dr. Haas said that the New Teacher Academy took place this past week. There are 107 new teachers for the coming year.

Dr. Haas introduced Darah Bonham as the assistant principal at Monticello High School, and Latishia Wilson as the assistant principal at Stone Robinson Elementary School.

Dr. Haun said that tomorrow the secondary schools will release schedules for students. Parental Portal will be used in all secondary schools this year.

Dr. Moran spoke about the Yancey Elementary School priority in the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation for the CIP. She said that she recommended the Board move forward with the approved maintenance work for Yancey Elementary - the roof replacement and the HVAC work. She also asked the Board to consider moving forward with work to replace the septic system there based on the recommendation that it is something that needs to be done. She asked the Board to consider looking at the donation of adjacent property. She also at the Board to consider the idea of Yancey Elementary School being used as a facility in addition to a school but for other services for the community. She asked that a discussion about forming a committee to discuss potential uses for the school take place at the next joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Kelsey Johnson spoke to the Board about the Dark Skies, Bright Kids program at Red Hill Elementary School. She invited the Board to the annual Star Party. She then encouraged the Board to look at the real costs associated with the recommendation to close Yancey Elementary School.

Mr. Brian Prayer spoke to the Board about the Dark Skies, Bright Kids program.

Ms. Fannie Loudon is a former Yancey Elementary School teacher. She spoke to the Board about the recommendation to potentially close Yancey Elementary School. She presented the Board with petitions to keep the school open.

Ms. Lucian Jackson thanked Dr. Moran for her support to keep Yancey Elementary School open. He stated that there is not a way to put a momentary value on a community school.

Ms. Berlinda Mills spoke to the Board about the value of a community school. She asked that the Board take a stand and make a final decision on closing Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Kayla Scott is a former student at Yancey Elementary School. She read a letter from her mother about the family experience at Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Rosa Hudson spoke to the Board about Yancey Elementary School. She asked that the Board keep Yancey Elementary open.

Ms. Jessica Wilson is a former student at Yancey Elementary School and a teacher at Yancey Elementary School. She spoke about the value of a small community school.

Ms. Katie Kasubick is a teacher at Yancey Elementary School. She spoke to the Board about the value of a small community school.

Ms. Rachael Beaton spoke about the Dark Skies, Bright Kids program at Red Hill Elementary School and the work they do with Club Yancey.

Mr. David Whelan is a volunteer with Dark Skies, Bright Kids program. He spoke about the program's outreach to Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Lisa May Walker is a volunteer with the Dark Skies, Bright Kids program. She spoke about the program's work with Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Melinda Whitehurst said that she supports the Board investing funding the schools in the southern feeder pattern.

Ms. Angela Marrs spoke about the value of a community school such as Yancey Elementary School.

Mr. Michael Harris spoke about the value of Yancey Elementary School.

Mr. Michael Kadrick spoke to the Board about the value of Yancey Elementary School to the Esmont community.

Mr. Graham Paige thanked Dr. Moran for her vision for Yancey Elementary School. He encouraged the Board to keep Yancey Elementary open.

Ms. Waltine Eubanks spoke to the Board about Yancey Elementary School. She said that the Esmont community places a high value on education, and she encouraged the Board to keep Yancey Elementary School open.

Ms. Peggy Scott spoke to the Board about Yancey Elementary School. She asked that the Board keep Yancey Elementary open and the Board needs to make a decision once and for all.

Mr. Matt Miller spoke to the Board about the value of Yancey Elementary School to the Esmont community.

Mr. Peter Wurzer spoke to the Board about the Long-Range Planning Committee's recommendation for Yancey Elementary School. Parents and communities love their schools. He shared with the Board the thought process of developing the recommendation for Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Rachael Clarke spoke about Yancey Elementary School's value to the community.

Mr. Edward Brooks spoke to the Board about the value of Yancey Elementary School to the community. He also spoke about the economic and the process issues that he sees in the recommendation.

Mr. George Davies spoke about the value of small community schools.

Agenda Item 7.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – School Board Recommendation.

Mr. Davis provided a presentation that reviewed the considerations for the school divisions capital improvements program including: 1) the CIP review process timeline, 2) the current funded CIP budget, 3) a recommendation for redistricting of Meriwether Lewis and Agnor-Hurt Elementary Schools, 4) the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee's CIP recommendations, and 5) an alternative recommendation for the CIP.

After reviewing the information, Board members asked or discussed the following: 1) does the $86 million assume all schools are open and all trailers are eliminated, 2) why hasn't the land purchase for septic at Yancey Elementary been in the plan before, 3) does the Murray High renovation include putting in a kitchen, and 4) were the new capacity figures taken into account when developing the recommendations.

There was Board consensus for the HVAC and roof replacement for Yancey Elementary remain in the maintenance line item.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to move the CIP funding to acquire land and install a new septic at Yancey Elementary School to the number 1 ranking (include in the maintenance line item). Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mr. Strucko said the cost was overinflated because this should be part of the maintenance of the school. Mrs. Moynihan said the real question is whether we want to keep the school open, and if we do, then we need to place money in the maintenance projects. Mr. Strucko said that he supports small community schools. Mr. Buyaki said that the County needs to invest in the community as well. Mrs. McKeel said that there is a reason that Yancey keeps coming up. She feels that the Yancey community needs to come together and find common ground while keeping it an educational facility while serving other needs as well. Mr. Strucko asked why the Board cannot look at Yancey as a small elementary school only. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Strucko said that he still feels that there also needs to be money allocated with modernization. Mr. Koleszar said that this discussion should take place at the work session. Mr. Gallaway said that we need to make sure that we are doing the right thing as it relates to Yancey.

The Board did not discuss the redistricting part of the presentation.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Break. A break was not taken.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Updated School Facilities Section of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Davis provided a presentation that reviewed the considerations the school facilities section of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan including: 1) an overview of the Comprehensive Plan and 2) recommended changes to the school facilities section of the comprehensive plan encompassing increased land area for school sites, modified rated school capacity and revised capacities to be a range, and added clarifications and definitions.

Board members then provided the following input on the proposed changes to the school facilities section of the Comprehensive Plan: 1) the range for enrollment for elementary schools should be changed to allow for flexibility and 2) concern about the minimum number of high school students before building a new high school.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Summer Enrichment Activities for Students. Deferred.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that he received an email about the Extended Day Enrichment Program billing and how it was not parent friendly. **There was Board consensus for staff to review.**

Dr. Moran asked if the Board would like for her to discuss with Mr. Foley some of the needs to the Esmont community and how Yancey may serve as a resource to address these needs. **There was Board consensus for Dr. Moran to discuss the idea with Mr. Foley.**

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:46 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