A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on October 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

At 6:00 p.m., Mrs. McKeel 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 7 for the following purpose: Consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:31 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 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. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

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.

A Stony Point Boy Scout Troop led the 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. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

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3.2 FY2012-13: Donation to Brownsville Elementary School
3.3 FY2012-13: Refund to Jack Jouett's Budget
3.4 FY2012-13: Donations to Murray High
3.5 Donation to Monticello High School (property)
3.6 Donation of Plants and Mulch to Murray High School

3.7 FY2012-13: Donations to Crozet and Meriwether Lewis Elementary Schools
3.8 Draft FY2013/14 Budget Calendar
3.9 FY2012-13: Preschool Reverse Inclusion Payments to Baker-Butler and Hollymead Elementary School
3.10 LexisNexis Cares Employee Foundation – Burley MS
3.11 UVA Health System & MJH Grant – MOHS
3.12 FY2012-13: Reimbursement to the ARC and Virginia L. Murray Elementary School
3.13 For Approval: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.14 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.15 Dominion Foundation – Burley MS
3.16 Appropriation Transfer – Human Resources to Transportation
3.17 Personnel Action
3.18 For Information: Behind-the-Wheel Driver's Education Fee Recommendation

Mr. Gallaway asked about Policy GCE and the question that is being inside the draft. 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 November 11, 2010 minutes. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran said that the Board has been very supportive of our new Health & Medical Sciences Academy at Monticello High School and although we are barely into the first two months of the new school year, our students and the academy are off to a very impressive start. For instance:

- Students recently used kidney dialysis as a technique for completing their study of diffusion and osmosis;
- All students have completed CPR training and
- Have moved on to study the heart, working with EKGs
- Next up is the study of Body Systems, including an exercise where people playing the role of patients will display symptoms that students will analyze

This case study approach is part of the academy's educational model and is strengthened by an emphasis on industry outreach. The Board of Directors, for example, includes the Director of UVA's Medical School (Dr. Randy Canterbury) and the Director of the University's Center for Health Policy (Tim Garson), the Chief of Field Support Activity for the Defense Intelligence Agency (Phil Roberts) and the past chairman of the Virginia Biotechnology Association (Tom Thorpe). Guest speakers have included patients, EMT workers and a member of Congress and next up is a medical director and a surgical nurse.

Ms. Katina Dudley, the Director of the Academy, introduced students, Charles Wolfe and Jessica Shaver, who shared their experience with the academy.

Dr. Moran also congratulated Katina on another milestone. Yesterday, she was selected by Monticello Media, which owns and operates five radio stations in our local community, as Teacher of the Month. In talking with Monticello Media, they told us they were highly impressed with the academy's work.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that last week a team of five educators attended the EdLeader 21 Conference in Denver, Colorado. He shared information about the conference with the Board.

Mr. Scheivert said that over the last week the Division has been running codordojo's. There has been great participation.

Mrs. McKeel reminded the Board that there was a joint CATEC Board meeting on October 16, 2012.

Mr. Davis said that he attended the US 29 Bypass information meeting held by VDOT. Staff has sent two letters to VDOT regarding the environmental assessment as it relates to noise impacts at Greer Elementary School, and another letter was sent regarding the School Board's concerns with the project.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. James Stern asked the Board to stand up and state that student athletes are safe from coaches who are sexual predators.

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

Dr. Moran said that the State Department of Education worked with annual objectives for our schools to address achievement gap information. She shared the State's press release on the matter.

Mrs. McKeel said that the School Division shares with the City of Charlottesville the Charlottesville-Albemarle Public Education Foundation. The City Board is interested in meeting with our Board to discuss the Foundation and how we may work together to increase their endeavors. Staff has suggested the meeting take place prior to the November 29, 2012 work session. More information will be shared in the near future.

Dr. Haun said that there was an issue with VRS and teacher paychecks. VRS payments have to be finished by the end of June, and must be made within the 10 month paychecks. Teachers who receive checks on a 12 month basis will have a smaller check in June, but the difference will be made up over the summer months.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Safe Schools/Healthy Students Update.

Ms. June Jenkins, program director for Safe Schools/Healthy Students, provided the Board with an update on the Safe Schools/Healthy Students project. The presentation included a review of initiatives to support school safety and decrease violence, a review of initiatives to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, a review of initiatives to promote positive student behavior, a review of initiatives to support in-school mental health services, a review of collaboration and community partnerships, and information on the future of the project once the grant runs out June 30, 2013.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) where can a board member find the financial information for this grant, 2) once the funding stops, does the program stop, 3) what personnel in the school runs the program in the schools, and 4) it was noted that the Foundation may be able to assist with funding.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. State of the School Division Report.

Mr. Scheivert and Dr. Haun provided the Board with the State of the Division Report. The state of the division report is an important resource for Albemarle County Public Schools in providing useful and actionable information on how well students are doing in core subject areas compared to their peers around the state. It also informs us on how well we are doing in providing a well-rounded education, one that includes the "3Rs" and also expands learning opportunities provided by robust programs in the fine arts, physical education and health and in technical and vocational fields.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) what is the reason for the drop in the fine arts enrollment, 2) on page 9, principals of information systems, how long is the course and how in depth is the course, 3) under high school CTE, what is career connections, 4) Monticello's enrollment in AP was higher than Western Albemarle's enrollment, 5) what courses at UVA attracted students, 6) what is the percentage taking the SAT, 7) there is a hope to see an increase in foreign language enrollment and may need to be improved, and 8) how is staff doing on developing an alternative metric to measure the academic success of the division against beyond test scores.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Break

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

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Clarification of Policy DBA – Fund Balance and CIP Transfer

Mr. Koleszar said that the Board of Supervisors directed the School Division to develop a policy regarding fund balance. Now that the policy is developed, local government and the Board of Supervisors do not like what is being proposed. He provided the Board with the school division's proposed policy and an alternative suggestion. Board members were encouraged to review the information provided and it will come back for approval at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. VSBA Policies and Regulations for VSBA Delegate Assembly/Other Legislative Positions.

Mr. Buyaki reviewed with the Board the proposed revisions and new VSBA Policies and Resolutions.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to support the VSBA position of suspending all legislation until the JLARC study concludes and is distributed. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to support VSBA changes in Articles 4, 10, 11, and 12. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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

Dr. Moran said that staff has been looking at two courses that are being taught at an AP level in mathematics where those courses are weighted at a different level. State code requires that the School Board make that decision. This item will be brought back to the Board on the next consent agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 8:59 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