A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on November 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mr. Eric Strucko; 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; Ms. Betsy Agee, Assistant Director of Instruction – Intervention/Prevention Services; Mr. Chad Ratliff, Assistant Direction of Instruction; Ms. Mary Huffard Kegley, Legislative/School Board Assistant; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Strucko 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 for the following purposes: 1. Discuss and review the evaluation of certain administrative employees; 2. Discuss the appointment of an individual to a committee of the Board. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:34 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. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to appoint Mr. Daniel Steeper as the Rivanna District Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee member. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

At 6:34 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. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.3 Personnel Action

3.4 Religious Exemption
3.5 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran said that there were two guests we would like to recognize. The following individuals were recognized:

1. John Roberts is the lead custodian at Cale and a highly valued member of its leadership team. Michael Irani, the assistant principal, describes John as not just serving as the custodian of the building but more importantly, as the custodian of the children in the building. The interesting point about John is when his functional supervisor, Pam Snyder, or his operational supervisor, Dee Dee Jones, talk about him, the words,

   Excellence
   Young People
   Community
   Respect

   come up again and again as they describe John's work at Cale. These happen to be the four core values of our division. John's most impressive claim to fame, his supervisors tell me, is that he knows the first name of every one of Cale's 630 students. At lunchtime, the respect that the children have for John and his work is reflected in the fact that they constantly ask him for advice.

2. Elizabeth Mulcahy has been a social studies teacher at Western Albemarle High School for seven years and she embodies all of the values that John Roberts does. She also has been a leader in moving the division closer to one of our strategic goals, preparing students for post-graduate success in a global community and a global economy. This summer, Elizabeth was awarded a merit scholarship to accompany school superintendents, principals and a few other teachers from around the country on a trip to China. Elizabeth is sharing what she learned in presentations to educators, including our own teachers at Making Connections earlier this week. Mrs. Mulcahy shared some of her perspectives about the educational value of her trip

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that this past Monday the Making Connections conference took place. There were over 200 presentations.

Dr. Moran said that Board members have asked some questions about the Board of Supervisors 5-year financial plan.

Mr. Davis shared with the Board the experience of the Agnor-Hurt Elementary redistricting committee. Ms. Rockhold from the Community Engagement Office invited a few families and over 51 families showed up. Ms. Rockhold served as a translator so that they were fully aware of what was going on in the meeting.

Dr. Haas said that the calendar development for the 2013-2014 school year has started. Mrs. McKeel asked if we are assuming prior to Labor Day. Dr. Haas said that is the current assumption.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Jennifer Burman spoke about sequestration. She asked the Board to not cut the special education budget. She also asked about if there was discussion about the overcrowding in the secondary schools in the northern feeder pattern. She closed by commending staff on the smooth transition from Hollymead to Baker-Butler Elementary School.

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

Dr. Moran said that the Board of Supervisors discussed at their last meeting the proposed Five Year Financial Plan. Mr. Davis provided the Board with a copy of the presentation that the Board of Supervisors received and Board members asked questions about the information provided. Board members asked for a breakdown of the revenues that are shared with the school division and those that are not.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Comprehensive High School Program of Studies Course Additions for 2013-2014.

Mr. Ratliff provided the Board with a presentation on the Comprehensive High School Program of Studies Course Additions for 2013-14. The presentation included a review of the course selection process, diploma changes and HB 1184.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the High School Program of Studies for 2013-2014. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mr. Gallaway said that in the description of some of the art classes, he is disappointed that we do not get to the abstract thinking part of the class. Dr. Haun said that staff would take the recommendation and see how it can be incorporated into the Program of Studies. Mrs. Mouly asked about the removal of Information Technology Fundamentals and Introduction to Scientific Research. Mr. Ratliff said that the Information Technology course was an outdated course and has been replaced with more relevant courses. **The motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. FY2013-2014 Budget Direction.

Mr. Davis noted that the Board has been provided information regarding the five year plan, and staff is available to answer any questions the Board may have in regards to developing a budget for 2013—2014. He suggested that the Board determine whether to support a needs based budget or a budget balanced to revenue.

There was Board consensus for the Superintendent to prepare a needs based budget.

Dr. Moran asked if there were any areas that the Board would like her to look more closely at. Mr. Davis said that an area that came up earlier was the salary lapse. Mr. Koleszar asked Board members to think about it and then it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Break

There was a break from 8:03 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Legislative Packet.

Ms. Kegley provided the Board with proposed legislative packet for the School Division. The Board reviewed the following areas and provided direction: 1) Calendar – support current position, 2) Charter Schools – support current position, 3) Composite Index – defer action, 4) Homeschool Sports – support current position, 5) Kinship Care – stay to provide a recommendation, 6) Mandates – support current position, 7) Merit Pay – support current position, 8) Standards of Quality – support recommendation provided, 9) Student Discipline - oppose, 10) Teacher Contracts – current practice works well, 11) Virtual Schools – oppose, and 12) Virginia Retirement System – support current position.

Board members prioritized the following items for discussion at the meeting with legislators: 1) mandates, 2) Standards of Quality, 3) Virginia Retirement System, and 4) homeschool sports. In addition, the Board would like to discuss with legislators the idea of more flexibility for testing beyond the Standards of Learning.

Ms. Kegley asked that the Board approve the proposed resolution on sequestration and letters to federal representatives on the same topic. **There was Board consensus to approve the resolution and letters.**

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Response to Intervention – The Current State of ACPS Tiered System of Support for At-Risk Students.

Ms. Agee provided the Board with a presentation on response to intervention. The presentation included a review of what RTI is, an example of how RTI is used, and the current state of RTI in the School Division.

Board members asked about the funding discussion around RTI and if there was anything in the Board's work that would continue to make RTI a priority.

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

Mr. Gallaway asked if there was a diversity representative on the western feeder pattern committee. Dr. Haas said yes.

Mr. Koleszar asked if staff could provide the costs for a 1:1 initiative at the high school level. Mr. Scheivert said that he could provide that information to the Board.

Mr. Koleszar said that on the College Workforce Readiness Assessment, he would like for staff to review the idea of using the assessment as a replacement for the English SOL. This item will be brought back to the Board for review and discussion at a future Board meeting.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:06 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