A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 14, 2013 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 (arrived at 5:45 p.m.); Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 5:40 p.m.); and Mr. Ned Gallaway (arrived at 5:40 p.m.).

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting

At 5:30 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 1 to discuss the following: the resignation of a specific employee and o discussion of the renewal and/or non-renewal of various contracts of employment of school personnel. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mrs. Mouly and Mrs. Moynihan absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Gallaway 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 vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented to the Board. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously**.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

At 6:32 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.

Mr. Koleszar noted that there was a request to move the budget update prior to the break. Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Albemarle High School Water Meter Relocation Project

3.3 Budget Reimbursements to Albemarle High, Murray Elementary, DART, Monticello High, and Stony Point Elementary
3.4 Reimbursements to Henley Middle and Western High School
3.5 Donations to Stone Robinson Elementary and Western Albemarle High School
3.6 For Action: Policy Review and Revisions
3.7 For Information: Policy Review and Revisions
3.8 Personnel Action
3.9 Nondiscrimination and Harassment Policies for Students and Employees for Information
3.10 VSBA Business Honor Roll

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Haun said that there are two programs that staff would like to recognize, both representing the unusual talent and creativity of our teachers and students.

Earlier this week, Dr. Haun had the pleasure, along with Dr. Moran, of attending an event at the Charlottesville operational office of the Battelle Foundation. Battelle presented five central Virginia school divisions with a check in the amount of $43,600 in support of a new program, iSTEM Teacher Scholars. Chris Bunin, who teaches history at Albemarle High School, will lead the program in Central Virginia. The idea is to train 10 teachers, two from each school division, in the application of geospatial technology in the study of the humanities. These teachers will return to their divisions and lead an effort to train their colleagues in a technology that has been identified as crucial to our country's national security and our international competitiveness. Mr. Bunin then shared some practical application of this technology in the classroom and how it will enrich the learning experience for our students.

Dr. Haun said that staff would like to recognize a program that has won 13 consecutive regional titles. In fact, Fay Cunningham's Forensics team at Albemarle High School is the defending state champions. Forensics is a series of public speaking challenges in ten different categories and it incorporates each of the four Cs that this board has identified as core skills for lifelong success—creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. Ms. Cunningham is getting ready for her spring musical, *Hello Dolly*, next month, and she brought a few members of her talented Forensics team, seven of whom will compete in the state finals next week. She then introduced the following members of the Forensics team: Morgan Barr, Benedict Burgess, N-Bushie Chambers, Kathy DeLoria, Amory Fischer, Max Ryoo, Elizabeth Thorne, and Austen Weathersby.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that on Saturday, March 2 there were 18 teams from 12 different Albemarle County schools which totals 136 students who participated in the Regional Destination Imagination competition. They have qualified for the state competition at Western Albemarle High School.

Dr. Haun said that on Saturday, March 23 we are hosting the regional spelling bee. The division has 8 students participating in that competition.

Dr. Haun said that yesterday Governor McDonnell announced the 2013 Virginia Index for Performance Awards.

Dr. Haun said that over the last two weeks two of the high schools – Albemarle and Monticello **-** have been through the accreditation process.

Dr. Haun said that SOL writing test window opened this week. All testing will be done on line.

Mr. Giaramita said that it Youth Art Month. There are three Albemarle County Schools art displays at Fashion Square Mall, at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Airport, and on the Charlottesville Downtown Mall.

Mr. Giaramita said that the Piedmont Regional Science Fair took place this past week. There were two best in shows and both were won by students at Albemarle High School. There was a great showing by Albemarle County students at the science fair.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Jane Cornelius is a parent. She thanked the Board for including gender identity and expression in the harassment policy.

Ms. Patti Flynn is a parent and teacher. She thanked the Board for including gender identity and expression in the harassment policy.

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

Mr. Davis said that he and Dr. Haas have been looking at the inclement weather days for the school division. He said that we have missed 9 days and the calendar calls for two make-up days. Staff believes that we need to make up three days which would take us to June 12. **There was Board consensus that June 12 will be the last day of school.**

Mrs. McKeel said that Dr. Moran was at a conference presenting the work of Albemarle County Public Schools.

Mr. Koleszar noted that there is a need in the division for a staff development coordinator. The position could be funded through payments for other divisions to learn from Albemarle County Public Schools.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Bright Stars Annual Report.

Ms. Kelly Shifflett, Program Coordinator for Bright Stars, provided the Board with a review of the Bright Stars Annual Report for the 2011-12 school year.

Board members asked what schools have triple the demand for the program. **This information will be provided to the Board.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Public Hearing and Redistricting Decision.

Mr. Koleszar opened the public hearing on redistricting. Hearing no comment, he closed the public hearing.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to redistrict the following areas: Woodlands/Earlysville Road to Broadus Wood; Northfields/Huntington to Woodbrook; and Squirrel Ridge and Townwood to Greer. In addition, to implement the a grandfather clause for all rising fifth-graders and their siblings to be permitted to stay at Agnor-Hurt for one year only (2013-14), but they must provide their own transportation or use an existing Agnor-Hurt bust stop if capacity allows. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Gallaway said that he asked for a separate vote on the middle school issue because it was not part of the original charge to the committee. Mr. Strucko agreed. Mr. Davis provided information regarding the recommendation for the middle school redistricting. Mrs. Moynihan commended the committee for seeing that a new split feeder pattern would be created because split feeder patterns have created issues in the past. Mr. Buyaki said that the importance of keeping the students together is more important than the process at this time.

Mr. Christopher Smith is a parent and a member of the redistricting committee. He said that the committee looked at all options available. He spoke to the Board about the proposed middle school redistricting.

Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to redistrict Northfield/Huntington students to Jouett in order to prevent a new split feeder pattern at Woodbrook, and to approve a grandfather clause to allow all rising sixth, seventh or eighth graders in the Northfield/Huntington neighborhood are permitted to stay at Burley to complete middle school, but they must provide their own transportation or use an existing Burley bus stop, if capacity allows. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 6:1 vote.

Mr. Koleszar said that the recommendation for Meriwether Lewis is not to redistrict at this time. Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to not redistrict students at Meriwether Lewis at this time. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Budget Update and Discussion. (Heard after the break.)

Mr. Zimmermann provided for consideration a budget update. The update included adjustments to the funding request due to the reduction in the Air Force JROTC program, reducing the dental contribution, a correction to the group life insurance rate, a health insurance adjustment, and an adjustment to state revenue.

Board members noted that the federal government was eliminating the ROTC program due to enrollment. (Mrs. Moynihan left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 7:52 p.m. until 8:04 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. AVID – Jack Jouett Middle School.

Dr. Haun introduced Ms. Kathryn Baylor, principal of Jack Jouett Middle School, and Ms. Ashby Johnson, AVID site coordinator at Jack Jouett Middle School. Ms. Baylor spoke to the Board about Jack Jouett's quest to become an AVID Demonstration School. Ms. Johnson then introduced several students who participate in AVID. The students then talked to the Board about what AVID means to them as an individual student.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Summary of School Board Work Session with LRPAC.

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the summary of the work session with the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Board members reviewed the document and provided further direction to the questions in order to provide a clearer direction to the Long-Range Planning Committee. **There was Board consensus for a revised document to be provided on the next consent agenda for approval.**

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

Mr. Buyaki said that there was a press release about the budget that equates our funding gap with positions. He is concerned that this is happening when the Board has had consensus in the past not to talk about eliminating positions.

(Mr. Strucko and Mrs. McKeel left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., Mr. Buyaki 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 2 for discussion of a student disciplinary matter. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Strucko and Mrs. McKeel absent.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Buyaki 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. Mouly **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 4:0:3 vote.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to suspend student number 1 for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:31 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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