A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on May 9, 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; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; and Mr. Ned Gallaway.

ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Planning; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Kevin Kirst, Director of Special Services; Ms. Melissa Anderson, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning; Mr. William Dean, Assistant Director of Transportation; Mr. Chad Ratliff, Assistant Director of Instruction; Mr. Greg Kamptner, Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order

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

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

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. Consent Agenda

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3.2 Preschool Mainstream Payments to Stone Robinson Elementary School
3.3 Reimbursement to Albemarle High School
3.4 Donation to Stone Robinson Elementary School
3.5 CFA Food Services Addendum 2013
3.6 Career and Technical Education Annual Plan
3.7 For Information: Learning Resources Selection and Adoption
3.8 Personnel Action
3.9 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions

Mr. Buyaki pulled from the consent agenda the Harassment Policy for Students and Employees. Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as amended. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Harassment Policy for Students and Employees.

Mr. Buyaki expressed concern about the enumerated classes within the policy and recommended that the Board link to the Civil Rights Act. Mrs. McKeel said that she is comfortable with the policy as presented. Mrs. McKeel then offered a **motion** that the Board approve the harassment policy for students and employees, Policy JFHA. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 5:1:1 vote.

Mr. Koleszar said that Mrs. Mouly is not able to attend the meeting tonight. She has a work obligation that does not allow for her attendance at the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran said that this is teacher appreciation week and we just celebrated one of the highlight events of the year, Better Living Furniture's Golden Apple Awards. Our teachers are such superb and dedicated professionals but they often have one drawback, at least some of us may see it that way. They shun the spotlight. One of our teachers, Anne Straume, who teaches the third grade at Meriwether Lewis, will be the subject of a story on The Newsplex tomorrow at noon, talking about innovation and creating excitement through such projects as the school's Lego Wall. She then recognized the following teachers:

1. Rob Dent the gifted resource teacher at Jack Jouett. He recently spent time getting to know students, observing classroom instruction, and learning about new teaching methods in Kazakhstan. Rob competed for acceptance in a Global Classroom Experience Program sponsored by the U.S. State Department and joined some 80 other teachers from all over the country in visiting educational systems in other nations. Rob taught himself Russian in a matter of weeks in order to make the trip. He then shared some thoughts on his experience and how it will benefit our students.

   Dr. Moran then added that Rob is one of the teachers who will be leading the new manufacturing laboratory program at Jack Jouett this fall. This is an exciting new program for students in conjunction with the University of Virginia and with Charlottesville City Schools. The focus will be on hands-on advanced design and production skills, which are the key to our nation's ability to again become a world center of manufacturing excellence.

2. Scovie Martin, a history teacher at Western Albemarle High School. Scovie is Western's AP U.S. History teacher, a position he has held for some 20 years. Among his most significant programs every year is his Decades Project. Scovie also this year is the recipient of the DAR Regional History Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. McKeel then presented Scovie with the DAR Regional History Teacher of the Year Award.

3. Roger Pryor, an educator from Australia who has been visiting the division. He shared with the Board his observations from his visits within the division.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haas said that prior to the next meeting the County Student Council will host the We Notice recognition ceremony. There have been over 500 nominations submitted to date and over 200 RSVPs for the ceremony.

Dr. Haas said that Newsweek just came out with their listing of America's best high schools. All three of our comprehensive high schools appear on the list. This is the first time in a while that all three high schools appeared on the list.

Dr. Haas introduced Dr. John Werner, the new principal of Western Albemarle High School. Dr. Werner then thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in the division.

Mr. Davis said that the Board of Supervisors has a different formatting for their financial reports. The Board of Supervisors has directed Mr. Foley to include school information in their quarterly financial reports. Mr. Davis and Mr. Zimmermann said that they are working with local government to make this happen.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Jim Stern spoke to the Board about issues that are taking place at Walton Middle School.

Ms. Megan Eady is a parent. She spoke to the Board about issues at Walton Middle School and requested that the Board fix the problems at the school.

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

Dr. Haas provided the Board with an overview of the meeting that took place at Walton earlier in the week. He said that parents asked questions about safety and communication concerns from the administration. An action plan is being developed in order to address the concerns that were expressed at the meeting. Dr. Moran said that the school is not unsafe. It has incidents as those that happen at other schools. Based on the data Walton does not look different than any other middle school in the division in terms of discipline incidents. Mr. Strucko said that the division needs to be responsive to the concerns of the parents. Mr. Buyaki said that communication is a key issue, and he appreciates the parents bringing this concern to the attention of staff. Parents want to know when emergency vehicles respond to a school. Mrs. Moynihan said that she would like to know more about these issues as she only heard of the problems on the news. Mr. Koleszar said that the data for the school is similar to the other middle schools in the division. Dr. Moran said that if a principal receives a report of abuse of alcohol and drug use, then he/she will investigate using the set protocol and addressed properly. Mr. Buyaki suggested that a hotline be set-up where students can text in or call in to turn in incidents.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report.

Mr. Kirst introduced Ms. Catherine Lochner the chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee. She provided the Board with an overview of the Special Education Committee annual report. She focused on four areas – reading remediation, credit accommodations of Standard Diploma for students with disabilities, early childhood special education and the parent resource center.

Following the review, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) it was suggested that staff provide the Board with a list of budget initiatives that come from the recommendations of the committee, 2) do space issues for special education classes get on the radar of the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee, and 3) is the RTI staffing issue the same as what the Board has dealt with the in the funding request.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Stop Arm Camera Update.

Mr. Dean provided the Board with a review of the stop arm camera pilot that was taking place within the division on several buses. The presentation included information on the number of violations captured and a recommendation for future use of cameras on school bus stop arm cameras.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) there is a need for a public campaign about school bus safety, 2) it is important to note that the program is not about money but about the safety of our children, 3) does the fundamental system remain the same for all companies, 4) how does staff review the tape for violations, 5) board members favored the proposal to place stop arm cameras on buses, 6) could staff develop an education plan for the community on why this is being done, 7) can the system be hacked into and what information about students is stored in the system, and 8) is this legal in Virginia.

There was Board consensus to place this item on the agenda for the first meeting in June but staff can continue the work on looking for additional vendors to ensure that the division is getting the best program.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Virginia College/University Partnership Laboratory School Application Planning Grant.

Mr. Ratliff provided the Board with a presentation on the Virginia College/University Partnership Laboratory School Application Planning Grant.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break. (Taken prior to Agenda Item No. 8.3.)

There was a break from 8:27 p.m. until 8:35 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Division Strategic Plan – Q3 Update.

Ms. Anderson provided the Board with the quarter 3 update on the division strategic plan.

The Board received the report for information.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. School Board Salary Discussion/Proposal.

Mr. Koleszar said that this is part of policy that must be done each year.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to take to public hearing at the June business meeting a salary for School Board members for 2013-2014 of $6152 with a chairman stipend of $1,800 per year and a vice-chairman stipend of $35 per meeting chaired. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki voting no.**

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

Mr. Koleszar said that on May 23, 2013 the School Board will do the evaluation of the Board as a Collective Body and the evaluation of the Priorities.

Mrs. McKeel reminded the Board of the CATEC joint Board meeting on May 21, 2013.

Mrs. Moynihan announced her intention to run again for the Rio Magisterial District School Board seat.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting – if needed.

At 9:14 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 1 to discuss and consider the performance, salary and other contract terms of a specific administrative employee and the performance of an employee of PREP; subsection 2 to discuss and consider a disciplinary matter concerning a specific student; and subsection 19 to discuss a plan related to the security of all Albemarle County Public Schools. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 10:08 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. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:02 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