A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on June 13, 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; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; and Mr. Ned Gallaway.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Organization and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. Greg Kamptner, Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Christine Thompson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting

At 5:15 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 annual performance evaluation and salary of the superintendent; and the re-appointment and tenure of a specific administrator. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting

At 6:31 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, Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Gallaway, and Mr. Buyaki.
NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, Chair, 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. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 For Approval: Learning Resources Selection and Adoption
3.3 Authorization to Sign in the Absence of the Superintendent
3.4 Donation to Stone Robinson Elementary School
3.5 Reimbursement to Jack Jouett Middle School
3.6 Petty Cash Resolution
3.7 Reimbursement to Jack Jouett Middle School – Field Trips

3.8 Donation to Henley Middle School
3.9 Donation to Broadus Wood Elementary School
3.10 Religious Exemption
3.11 Minutes
3.12 Donation to Hollymead Elementary School
3.13 Reimbursement to Monticello High School
3.14 Personnel Action
3.15 For Information: Approval of Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs Application
3.16 For Information: Approval of Title I, Part C, Education and Migratory Children Application
3.17 For Information: Approval of Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality Application
3.18 For Information: Approval of Title III, Part A, Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students Application

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Writer's Eye

Dr. Moran said that for 26 years, the Fralin Museum of Art at UVA has sponsored *The Writer's Eye*, a poetry and prose competition for K-12 students throughout Central Virginia. The year there was more than 1,350 entries from three cities and eight school divisions in our region. There were six awards for poetry and prose at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Our students earned five first place awards. In the one competition in which one of our students did not finish first, our students earned second and third place. She introduced four of the champions: Samuel Knotts was a fifth grader at Agnor-Hurt this past year; Kyra Summer Lilley a fifth grader this year at Stone-Robinson; Marie Ungar was a seventh grader at Sutherland Middle School, and Genevieve Lewis just completed her freshman year at Monticello High School. Dr. Moran noted that Kaitlyn Miller already has graduated from Albemarle High School and was unable to attend. The authors then shared their pieces of work with the Board.

Sharon Root

Dr. Moran introduced Sharon Root, who is the coordinator of instruction for federal programs. Sharon manages outreach and support services for migrant families and families in crisis in our county. Sharon then spoke to the Board about the program. She then recognized Guadalajara Restaurant family and

Sharon Wood

Dr. Moran then introduced Ms. Sharon Wood, who manages volunteer and community outreach activities at Stone-Robinson. Sharon recently was recognized as the "Child Advocate of the Year" by Children's Youth and Family Services, a local non-profit approaching its 100th year of operation. This past year, over 5,000 children in our county were supported by the activities of this organization. Sharon is a former member of this board and now serves as a valued member of the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. She has been active on behalf of children for more than 30 years, doing everything from helping students in school to organizing the annual Giving Tree to coaching Little League baseball. In the program for the award ceremony, it was said of Sharon that, "story after story is told about how she personally has helped families and has gone out of her way to help children and families in need. The organization described Sharon as a "child advocate par excellence," and we are very proud that each day, she brings that excellence to our school division and to the Stone-Robinson community.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haas said that the division was recognized on June 3rd by the Governor's Office through the SAVVY program – Substance Abuse is Vital for Virginia Youth. He shared the plaque with the Board.

Dr. Haun said that an email invitation went out to the Board for the CAI institute at Sutherland Middle School.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Wendy Shaver spoke to the Board in support of using cameras on school buses. She witnesses cars passing buses on a regular basis.

Ms. Lisa Cannell spoke to the Board about the environment at Walton Middle School. She said that there needs to be a leadership change in order to see improvements at the school.

Mr. Fred Smyth spoke to the Board about ranking of students for Albemarle County seniors.

Ms. Marianne Fuller spoke to the Board in support of the use of stop arm cameras on school buses.

Ms. Jennifer Burban spoke to the Board in support of the use of stop arm cameras on school buses.

Mr. Jeff Schmidt is a bus driver. He spoke to the Board in support of stop arm cameras on school buses.

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

Dr. Haun said that SOL testing finished in the Spring. Individual reports were sent home with students in report cards. The division will see lower reading and science scores due to the tests changing. Math scores are starting to rebound after the change in the test last year.

Mrs. McKeel asked if there was a way to study the issue of rank and weighted GPA. Dr. Haun said that staff will be reviewing the issue with the Comprehensive High School Program of Studies. Any recommendation regarding the issue would be presented in the fall.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. School Board Salary Public Hearing and Decision.

Mr. Koleszar opened the public hearing. Hearing no input, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the 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. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mr. Buyaki said that he does not support this increase and that has not been any public support for such an increase. Mr. Strucko said that he will not support the motion either as a symbolic gesture of the financial issues that we have had in the past year. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 4:3 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Athletic Directors Update.

Dr. Haas introduced the athletic directors from the three comprehensive high schools, Ms. Deb Tyson – Albemarle, Mr. Steve Heon – Western Albemarle, and Mr. Fitz Barnes – Monticello. They then provided the Board an overview of their programs, participation, facilities, and some budgetary / initiative items for consideration in the future.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) how can the fields be improved because everyone wants to practice on the turf fields, 2) what ordinances are in the way of improving the grass fields, 3) what are the number of applications that the schools receive for field use, and 4) how much will be saved in transportation costs since Albemarle does not have to travel as much.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. 2013 Summer Project Update.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Letteri provided the Board with an update on the summer projects that will be taking place. The presentation included information on an overview of the Building Services Department, information on buildings and grounds, information on custodial work, a list of the summer cleaning that will take place in facilities, information on the environmental management program, an overview of the capital projects, and information on Design 2015.

Board members asked about the progress on purchasing the land for the Yancey project for the septic field.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Architectural Selection for Agnor-Hurt Addition/Renovations.

Mr. Davis provided the Board with an overview of the architectural selection process for the Agnor-Hurt addition and renovation.

Mr. Gallaway offered a **motion** to approve the Selection Committee's recommendation of the selected firm, SHW, for the Agnor-Hurt Elementary School Addition/Renovation project, and authorize staff to begin negotiations with the firm. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee CIP Recommendations.

Mr. Letteri and Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee Chairman, Dean Riddick, provided the Board with a presentation on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee Capital Improvements Program (CIP) recommendations. The presentation included a review of the CIP process, an introduction of the committee members, a review of key influences, and detailed information on the recommendations for the CIP.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) when will the money for the Yancey land purchase become available, 2) are two high school additions being recommended, 3) there is a need to provide further direction on land acquisition for a high school of the future, 4) is the division paying for the costs to change the school campus at Greer due to the Western bypass construction, 5) why is there a potential enrollment issue for Meriwether Lewis and Stony Point Elementary Schools, is it due to removing trailers, 6) was there talk about a front Henley renovation at the front office, 7) the need for the committee to visit schools and see the contemporary learning spaces, 8) a need for a proposal to make sure the Yancey moves forward, and 9) what are the details to the interior renovations to Western Albemarle.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Break.

There was a break from 8:35 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.7. School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.

Mr. Dean provided the Board with a presentation on school bus stop arm cameras. The presentation included a summary of project, local violation statistics, an overview of the current process, bus driver survey results, pilot study results, and recommendations to proceed with pursuing the full program to include issuance of citations and to run a short trial with other vendors to ensure the best solution is pursued.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) the idea that a hacker can get into any system, 2) this will help deter people from running school bus stop signs, and 3) if we can use technology to prevent a child from getting killed it should happen.

Mr. Gallaway offered a **motion** that the school division pursue full adoption of a stop arm camera program. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar asked for discussion. Mr. Gallaway said that he agrees that there not be a warning period before issuing actual fines. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by 5:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.8. . Digital Learning Initiative.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with a review of the digital learning initiative for the school division including a timeline for implementation.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) the need to define collaboration, 2) what does Project RED mean and is it from our division, 3) where will the money come from for this initiative, 4) how is the initiative cost neutral, 5) when will the costs occur, and 6) does the timeline provide for adequate staff development.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to direct staff to move forward with planning an implementation of a 1:1 digital initiative for the 2014-2015 school year. Board members indicated that they did not see the need for a motion and they were unclear as to what the motion would be directing. Mrs. McKeel **withdrew** the motion.

There was Board consensus for staff to continue working on the digital initiative.

Agenda Item No. 8.9. School Board Retreat Follow-Up: Strategic Plan.

This item was deferred until the June 27, 2013 work session.

Agenda Item No. 8.10. Selection of New Auto & Property and Casualty Insurance Provider.

Mr. Zimmermann provided the Board with a recommendation that the school division join the Virginia Association of Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool to provide for the School Board's property and liability insurance coverage for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Board members asked why the current policy increased in costs over the last year, and what is the claim history?

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the resolution to be signed by the Superintendent or designee. Mr. Strucko seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Strucko asked that the Chair and Vice-Chair pay attention to the length of the agenda items being placed on the agenda.

Mr. Gallaway said that the PREP Board held a special meeting and decided to use the VSBA to search for a new executive director.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting – if needed. None.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 10:04 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk