A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Eric Strucko (arrived at 5:38 p.m.); Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: Mr. Gallaway.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Bonnie Pendleton, Assistant Director of Assessment and Research; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Claudine Cloutier, Benefits Administrator; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

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 and consider the performance of two specific employees; and subsection 7 to receive legal counsel about the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko and Mr. Gallaway absent**.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:41 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 vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, Chairman, 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 Reimbursements to the ARC, Henley Middle, and Western Albemarle High School – FY 2013-14
3.3 Payment to Building Services – FY 2013-14
3.4 Minutes – 2013
3.5 Religious Exemption
3.6 Religious Exemption

3.7 For Approval: Learning Resources Selection and Adoption
3.8 Religious Exemption
3.9 For Action: Policy Review and Revisions
3.10 Re-Appropriation of Shannon Foundation Grant Funds – FY 12-13
3.11 Re-Appropriation of Drivers Education – State Farm Grant – FY 12-13
3.12 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.13 Battelle Foundation – CoderDojo FY 12-13
3.14 Project Graduation Summer Academy Grant FY 12-13
3.15 Golden Apple Grants FY 12-13
3.16 Northrop Grumman STEM Grants FY 12-13
3.17 Personnel Action
3.18 Camp-Younts Foundation Grant FY 12-13
3.19 ExxonMobil Grants FY 12-13
3.20 Wal-Mart Grant FY 12-13
3.21 Math Cubed Program Grants FY 12-13
3.22 Community Action on Obesity Taskforce Grant FY 12-13
3.23 Virginia Education Association FY 12-13
3.24 VCA Touring Grant FY 12-13
3.25 OEI Resolution

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Policy JFC. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Policy JFC: Mr. Koleszar asked if the revisions to Policy JFC were reviewed with the County Student Council. Dr. Haas said no because the changes are legal changes, however, there is a Student Code of Conduct that will be shared with the Council prior to coming to the Board. Mrs. McKeel then offered a **motion** to approve the changes to Policy JFC. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Crozet Book Brigade

Dr. Moran said that this evening, we have teachers and students who made local history last month as the new Crozet Library opened its doors and its collection. Gwedette Crummie, our principal at Crozet, wrote in her blog how meaningful it was to see her students join the community on a walk from the old to the new library, helping to transfer knowledge in the process. They were part of a community "Book Brigade," a Crozet tradition when it is time for a new library to open, thus expanding library services to residents. This project was part of our *Design 2015* program and it reinforced our division's values—excellence, young people, community and respect. The catalysts were our third graders. Teachers Abby Claytor, Paula Dunsmore and Atlanta Hutchins along with students Nate Chatterson and Natalie Smith shared their experience in working with the Crozet Book Brigade.

Club Yancey

Dr. Moran said that the board recently heard from the citizens advisory committee that is studying how to enhance community services in the southern part of the county. This evening we will highlight a program that continues to do great work in that area. Ms. Kim Mclaughlin, who leads our Club Yancey program, is here to deliver some good news with the help of two of program participants – Virginia Wilkes and Ketia Anderson - and one of her parent volunteers – Lucian Jackson. They then shared information about Club Yancey.

Scott Williams

Dr. Moran said that the final recognition is of Scott Williams, physical education teacher at Meriwether Lewis. Later this fall, Scott will receive an award from his statewide professional association as its "Elementary School Physical Educator of the Year." To be considered for this honor, a candidate must be a positive role model for children and must epitomize health, fitness, sportsmanship and sensitivity to the needs of all students. A teacher of the year also must demonstrate exceptional use of teaching methodologies and create innovative learning experiences for students. His principal, Kim Cousins, has said of Scott: "What makes him stand out as a teacher leader is that he brings a vision for uniting students, teachers, parents and the local community in making health and fitness a natural part of a child's education. Scott works diligently to help students of all backgrounds and experiences succeed in making healthy life choices." Excellent health is so important to the quality of learning and life for all citizens.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haun provided the Board with an update on where staff was in looking at the issue of class rank. There is still some work that needs to be done and a recommendation will be brought to the Board at a meeting in the near future.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Dr. Lori Balaban spoke to the Board about class rank. She asked that the Board change the policy of reporting class rank for this year.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that he likes the change that has been made to the Division Compass employee newsletter.

Mrs. McKeel said that it has come to her attention that there is a lack of seats in the western feeder pattern for autistic children. There are children being sent to Stone Robinson now because of the lack of space. She asked what it would take to create more seats. Dr. Haun said that he will look into the issue and provide the Board with an update.

Dr. Haun provided the Board with an update on 10-day enrollment. Board members expressed concern about the increase in enrollment at Albemarle High School. Board members also asked if there were schools still being held harmless in regards to staffing when enrollment is reduced.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. DART Update on Initiatives.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with a presentation on the work of the Department of Accountability, Research, and Technology. The presentation included a review of digital learning pilots, instructional goals, planning for 2014-2015, and an update on infrastructure.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) what type of machines are students receiving, and 2) what does it mean that the division is partnering with local government.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) Update.

Ms. Pendleton shared with the Board information on annual measurable objectives and the criteria that the State will use to determine if a school meets AMO. The information on the division will be shared later once the State releases the data.

Board members noted how difficult the new criteria would be to explain. It will be difficult for the community at large to understand. It was suggested that the presentation be shared with the local legislators. Dr. Moran noted that the School Board should have a position statement on this issue.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Break

There was a break from 8:23 p.m. until 8:29 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Upcoming Benefit Issues.

Ms. Gerome and Ms. Cloutier provided the Board with an update on changes to the Virginia Retirement System.

(Mr. Strucko left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.)

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) what is included in both plans, 2) what is the benefit in the short-term disability and the long-term disability, 3) what is the difference between the two plans, and 4) when would the change go into place.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Proposed 2013-14 Board Work Session Schedule by Strategic Focus Area: Horizon 2020 – "Unleashing Each Student's Potential"

Dr. Haas said that the Board has already seen the proposal schedule for work sessions. It is being provided to the Board one more time for input.

It was suggested that the Long-Range Planning Committee come to the Board earlier in the year.

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

Dr. Moran asked if there was any further direction to staff regarding the reporting of decile ranking on transcripts. Board members noted that they would like further feedback from schools, feedback from the County Student Council, feedback from the school communities, and then bring it back to the Board in October for review. It was also noted that this will be out of process and the request is to change an approved Program of Studies outside of the process.

Dr. Moran reminded the Board that they approved the OEI resolution on the consent agenda. It will be provided to the Virginia School Boards Association.

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 9:04 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk