A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on October 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mrs. Diantha McKeel (arrived at 6:35 p.m.); Mr. Eric Strucko; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:38 p.m.); Mr. Jason Buyaki; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Charlie Price, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning and Organizational Improvement; Ms. Nicole Storm, Legislative and Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Christine Thompson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting – if needed. None.
Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification. None.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 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. Agenda.

Mr. Gallaway offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. McKeel and Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 School Security Equipment Grant
3.3 Minutes – 2013
3.4 For Information: Policy Review and Revisions
3.5 Personnel Action

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. Mr. Gallaway asked that if on Policy GBAC was the deletion of mental health covered somewhere else in the policy and for Policy IA and IAD why not more language in IA around the Framework for Quality Learning. **The motion passed with Mrs. McKeel and Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements. None.
Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Strategic Budget Planning Work Session.

Dr. Moran provided the Board with an overview of the work that would be taking place during the strategic planning work session. The presentation included a review of the meeting objectives, a review of what goes into building the budget (operational, strategic, and research and development), a review of what is currently known and what is unknown in terms of building the budget, and a review of the budget calendar.

There was Board consensus for the Superintendent to build a needs based funding request while keeping in mind that resources are limited.

Mr. Zimmermann then provided the Board with a review of the calculation formula for the local composite index and projected recurring costs of maintaining current standards.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) the composite index is reviewed and revised every two years and it could impact the amount of state revenue the division will receive, 2) a request to include the number of FTEs with the number of students, and 3) during the last budget we reduced teachers at schools with high free and reduced lunch populations with the intent to look at the formula, how is that coming along.

Dr. Haas and Ms. Price provided the Board with an overview what Board members are being asked to do. Board members then marked their priorities within the Strategic Plan. Board members then took time to mark priorities.

After Board members completed the activity, the Board discussed where there were groupings of priority by Board members. It was noted that staff development is in many areas, and staff should consider looking at what is effective staff development and how to allow for more time for staff development. There was also discussion around resources for modernization of facilities and how does the division work to get more money for capital projects.

There was Board consensus for staff to look at previous reductions and bring information back to the Board on how these could be added back into the budget – if needed.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break.

There was a break from 8:13 p.m. until 8:21 p.m.

Agenda item No. 7.3. Legislative Packet.

Ms. Storm provided a review of the proposed legislative positions for 2014. The positions include:

1) Assessments - Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) supports a rigorous curriculum accompanied by a meaningful system of accountability. We support balanced assessments that measure the development of lifelong learning skills, such as critical and creative thinking and problem solving, through measures of student achievement and authentic measures of student growth not provided by the current assessment system. We also support the following measures: Expanded access to expedited retakes.

- Decreasing the number of SOL tests required at the elementary and middle school levels.
- Increased flexibility for local school divisions to establish testing windows.
- The use of statistically valid sampling techniques.
- Waivers to high performing school divisions to implement performance-based assessments.

2) Virginia Retirement System: ACPS supports a consistent approach to Virginia Retirement System funding that includes the restoration of funds to maintain long-term solvency. This will allow localities to develop budgets and benefit plans without constant revisions due to the frequency of changes to the required local contribution.

3) Standards of Quality: ACPS supports an increase in funding for the Standards of Quality (SOQ) to offset years of reductions to reflect the true cost of meeting such requirements. The true cost will incorporate the continual changes and updates to the Standards of Accreditation and the Standards of Learning. Rebenchmarking for the 2014-2016 biennium should be fully funded to incorporate best practices in data collection and methodology.

4) Flexibility: We support legislation that increases flexibility for local school divisions. Increasing flexibility allows school divisions to improve effectiveness and efficiency and to reflect the needs of their local communities.

Additional Legislative Positions

1) Efforts We Support:

We support a JLARC study on the issue of participation by non-public school students in VHSL activities.

We support adjusting Albemarle's composite index to recognize its annual revenue sharing agreement payment to the City of Charlottesville.

(NEW) We support bills to repeal the creation of the Opportunity Education Institution, as well as bills to limit the funding available and the authority of the OEI.

2) Efforts We Oppose

We oppose efforts to impose mandates on local school divisions without full funding methods provided.

We oppose efforts to require funding to "follow the student" in situations in which the home school division offers a virtual school program, but the student elects to enroll in a program in a different division. Funding, curriculum, and student access to virtual schools should be the decision of the local school board in compliance with the Standards of Accreditation.

We oppose any restrictions on the local school board authority to develop student disciplinary policies.

Board members asked or noted the following: 1) there is a need for a JLARC study on VRS in order to set rules that remain, 2) can legislators be shown the impact of VRS changes to the division over the last five years, and 3) what is OEI.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Mr. Koleszar commended Ms. Johnston for her work on getting the minutes transcribed.

Mrs. McKeel asked for an update on the A-F grading of schools by the State. Dr. Haun said that the roll out should be happening within the next month. Mrs. McKeel asked how the Division would roll the information out to the community. Dr. Haun said that the Board of Education needs to approve the criteria and process.

Mr. Gallaway asked that the Board start live streaming the work sessions as well as the business meetings. **There was Board consensus for this to happen with the next work session.**

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk