A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on April 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 5:39 p.m.); Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Eric Strucko (arrived at 6:30 p.m.); and Mr. Ned Gallaway.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. Kevin Kirst, Director of Student Services; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Planner/Project Manager; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; 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 and consider the performance and possible retirement of specific teachers, to discuss the performance of specific administrative employees, namely Vice Principals, and to discuss the appointment of an ESOL Coordinator. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Strucko absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:30 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 votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to approve the retirement of employee number 1 and the resignation of employee number 2. Mr. Buyaki seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko abstaining.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

At 6:30 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.

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

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3.2 Donation to Murray High School
3.3 Donation to Cale Elementary School
3.4 Release from Compulsory Attendance
3.5 Release from Compulsory Attendance
3.6 Reimbursement to Albemarle High School
3.7 Donation of Books to all Albemarle County Elementary Schools
3.8 Donation to Burley Middle School
3.9 Reimbursement to Western Albemarle High School
3.10 Refund to Cale Elementary School
3.11 Reimbursement to Albemarle High School
3.12 Personnel Action
3.13 Reimbursement to V.L. Murray
3.14 Release from Compulsory Attendance
3.15 Release from Compulsory Attendance
3.16 Minutes – 2012

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran recognized bus driver, David Steppe. Mr. Steppe saved the life of student, Jackson Campbell, who was choking while riding the bus to school.

Dr. Moran recognized the students and Mr. John Hunter who have been working with the World Peace Game. They shared their experiences with the Game and their visit to the Pentagon.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haun introduced lead coach, Jennifer Sublette, and deputy director of the Piedmont Housing Alliance, Karen Reifenberger. Ms. Reifenberger said that the Piedmont Housing Alliance has provided books to all elementary schools, *The Fair Housing Five and the Haunted House*.

Dr. Haas said that the Board of Supervisors approved their 2013 – 2017 Strategic Plan with a goal to provide excellent educational opportunities for all community members. He and Ms. Anderson are serving on a team to work on this goal.

Dr. Haas said that we are in the process for the Monticello High School principal position. There are 19 applicants; it is a good pool of candidates. Interviews will begin on April 23rd. A recommendation will come to the Board for approval in early May.

Mr. Scheivert said that the division recently completed the pilot on-line writing SOLs. On May 14, SOL testing will begin.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Ginny Echelbereger is a parent. She said that the addition at Albemarle High School was not developed for MESA, it was developed to address the needs of those students attending the school. She also spoke about the Building Capacity Methodology and does not feel that it has been thought through thoroughly enough.

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

Dr. Moran said that she attended the Albemarle High School Jazz Band Concert.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Special Education Annual Plan

Mr. Kirst provided the Board with an overview of the proposed special education annual plan.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) are there any concerns that the Board should be aware of, 2) that Albemarle County special education employees spend time working with students outside of Albemarle County Public Schools students including private school students, how much time is spent working with those students, 3) staff provides special education services to the jail as well, and 4) in terms of one year to the next was there a change in the testing that may have contributed to the decline in test scores.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Building Capacity Methodology.

Ms. Schmidt provided the Board with an overview of the proposed changes to the building capacity methodology. The presentation included the proposed methodology, the proposed formula for the classroom multiplier, multiplier calculations based on five year staff data, proposed new capacities for school facilities, and a proposed policy revision based on the revised building capacity methodology.

Board members asked questions about the following: 1) the need for further explanation on the use of “2” as the denominator in the formula; 2) the class size used in the formula is fixed; 3) the proposal shows how diverse our schools are within the County; 4) where in the calculation does it suggest what the school was built for in terms of capacity and how that is taken into account; 5) the formula change does increase the capacity of Albemarle High School and the Board has taken a position on the size of Albemarle High School in the past; and 6) how do principals feel about the capacity formula.

There was Board consensus to place this item on the May business meeting for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee Direction

Mr. Letteri reviewed the answers provided by the Board during the last work session in providing direction to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee.

Board members noted or asked: 1) how will a change in the capacity formula impact the work being done by the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee; 2) in question 2, there was Board consensus to take out the reference to MESA; and 3) the need to address removing trailers from school sites and housing students within the bricks and mortar.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 8:31 p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. FY12/13 Budget Update.

Dr. Haas provided an update on the budget. The presentation included current funding gap with updated local transfer amounts, school bus replacement funding, information on moving bus replacement into the CIP for future years, VRS employee contribution including employee and employer costs, considerations for reduction, an updated budget recommendation to address the funding gap, and information on fund balance.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) by moving bus replacement to the CIP, would it compete only with School Division projects or with local government projects as well; 2) is there a time period associated with the VRS employee contribution; 3) is the Board of Supervisors going through with the bonus pool out of fund balance; and 4) the need to protect media specialist and counselor list that are on the potential reduction list.

Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** to reduce the salary increase from 2% to 1% for both teachers and classified thus saving $350,007. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway voting no.**

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to protect the 17FTEs used for reducing class load in grades 4 -12. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

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

Mr. Gallaway said that Representative Hurt will be visiting Agnor-Hurt Elementary School on April 13.

Mrs. McKeel said that the retreat is scheduled for June 4^{th}.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:23 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk