A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 8, 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; and Mr. Ned Gallaway (arrived at 6:30 p.m.).

ABSENT: Mrs. McKeel and Mr. Strucko.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; 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 5:54 p.m., Mr. Buyaki 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 the resignation of a specific employee of the School Board; and to discuss the performance of principals within the Albemarle County School Division; and subsection 7 to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the educational broadband services license and an agreement related thereto; and to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, namely the recent Republic Franklin decision. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mrs. McKeel and Mr. Gallaway absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Buyaki 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. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 4:0:1:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order

At 6:31 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. Moynihan offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to accept the resignation of employee number 1. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Reimburse AHS Budget for Choral Expenses
3.3 (Unverified) October 2011, (Unverified) November 2011 and (Unverified) December 2011 Financial Reports
3.4 Reimburse Jack Jouett Middle School for Field Trips
3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 Personnel Action
3.7 Policy Review and Revision
3.8 Minutes - 2012

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes – 2011

Mrs. Moynihan 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 Veronica Swift O'Brian a student at Albemarle High School. She sang in the Grammy Award before and after program. She then shared a song with the School Board.

Dr. Moran recognized Logan Ratzlaff for his work on raising money to fund wells in Africa. He received the Spirit of Community Award from Prudential.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haun informed the Board of the inclement weather make-up day that would be used was Monday, April 9.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Greg Kelly spoke to the Board about the work that the Office of Community Engagement does with community organizations.

Ms. Gloria Rockhold spoke about the work of the Office of Community Engagement. She spoke about how the office solicits volunteers to work in schools. She shared with the Board the number of volunteer hours in the School Division last year.

Mr. Scott Guggenheimer is with the African American Teaching Fellows. He expressed appreciation for the work that that Office of Community Engagement does with his organization.

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

Mr. Davis shared with the Board information on the School Division's fund balance and what it would look like if the Board was to decide to allocate a portion of fund balance to be designated to the CIP. Board members asked if the funds would be designated for schools in the CIP. Mr. Davis said that it would go into the general pot.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Update on SOLs: A Focus on Math

Dr. Haun and Mr. Dommer provided the Board with an overview and activity around the new math assessments being implemented by the Virginia Department of Education this year. The assessments include technology-enhanced items that require students to demonstrate critical-thinking and problem solving skills. The items will comprise 10 - 15 percent of the test. These new items will only be field-test items in grades 3 - 5 and will not impact students' scores.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) will the cut score be lowered and how will it impact students, 2) how will the change in assessments impact No Child Left Behind and adequate yearly progress, and 3) are there more standards in math than any other subjects.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Elementary Redistricting.

Mr. Davis provided the Board with an overview of the Superintendent's recommendations on redistricting as presented at an earlier meeting. He also provided an update on future development in the northern area of the County. Mr. Kevin Kirst, Director of Special Education, provided information on how services will be transferred for special needs students.

Board members asked questions about the following: 1) is there adequate space to move the special education students into Baker-Butler, 2) in the transition plan is there a plan to deal with emotional and social aspects of moving a special education student, and 3) will teachers move with the students.

Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation for redistricting Option A for Hollymead Elementary. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. AVID – Jack Jouett Middle School

Ms. Kathryn Baylor, principal of Jack Jouett Middle School, shared with the Board the work that Jack Jouett is doing regarding the implementation of the AVID program at the school. She informed the Board that Jack Jouett would be applying to be an AVID demonstration site.

Board members asked: 1) is there was certain professional development needed for teachers to learn to teach in order to be a demonstration site?; 2) what students are served by the AVID program?; and 3) how do students not in the AVID program pick up the skills gained by AVID students?

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 8:30 p.m. until 8:41 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Safe Schools/Healthy Students Update.

Ms. June Jenkins, Project Director for Safe Schools/Healthy Students, provided the Board with an overview of the work taking place around the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.

After the presentation, Board members asked if there is any sense that high school students are influenced by college students in our community.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. 2012 – 2013 Middle School Program Guide.

Mr. Ratliff provided the Board with an overview of the proposed 2012-2013 Middle School Program Guide.

Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to approve the middle school program guide. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.7. FY12/13 Budget Update.

Dr. Moran and Mr. Davis provided the Board with a budget update. The presentation included considerations to address the current funding gap, considerations for reduction, the bottom line, potential solutions and potential considerations for Tier 1 reductions.

After the presentation, the Board members noted or asked the following: 1) Does the funding request already include an assumption of use of some fund balance, 2) what is the funding for the RTI (response to intervention) to be used for, and 3) what is covered in the proposed funding for growth.

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.
Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:32 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk