

A Special Joint Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board and Charlottesville City School Board was held on November 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 241 of the Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Buyaki, Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly, Mr. Stephen Koleszar, Mrs. Diantha McKeel, Mr. Eric Strucko, Mrs. Pamela Moynihan and Mr. Ned Gallaway.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Edmund Michie, Ms. Colette Blount, Ms. Jennifer McKeever, Ms. Willa Neale, Mr. Juandiego Wade, Ms. Amy Laufer, and Ms. Leah Puryear.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Rosa Atkins, Superintendent; Ms. Leslie Thacker, Clerk of the Charlottesville City School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order

At 5:01 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, Chairman of the Albemarle County School Board, and Mr. Edmund Michie of the Charlottesville City School Board called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Public Education Fund Discussion.

Public Education Fund staff members Lisa Ross Moorefield, Alden English, and Terry Fairchild presented information related to a potential realignment of the joint Public Education Fund that included: the organizational history, philanthropy highlights, community outreach, current structure, proposed structure for a new public education foundation, and national benchmarking and how other public education foundations are structured.

The joint boards discussed the potential funding of a director position and whether that position should be supported by fundraising efforts. Following that discussion, Board members asked or noted the following: 1) who selects what initiative money is given for?, 2) if a donor has not preference for whether funds go to the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County then would it go to a joint program?; 3) the idea of soliciting donations from alumni would be a good starting point; and 4) how long would it take to raise \$250,000 to begin?

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Matters Not Listed on the Agenda.

Dr. Moran addressed both Boards with comments that there is collaboration to develop a virtual school partnership between Charlottesville City Schools and Albemarle County Schools. Dr. Moran added that the General Assembly is requiring that students who seek an advanced diploma must first complete a virtual course and stressed the importance of making such courses available to all students as some students switch to an advanced diploma later in their high school career. The Commonwealth of Virginia has approximately thirty virtual school programs approved by the Virginia Department of Education in place, some given by public schools and some by private corporations. There is an expectation for proposed legislation to allow students to enroll wherever they wish and that the associated state and local funding will follow. Dr. Moran stressed that the quality of such programs is critical and should be an area of focus.

Dr. Atkins addressed both Boards with comments related to the areas vital to success including professional development, the importance of developing robust high quality coursework while providing opportunities for face to face time and problem based learning. Dr. Atkins also stressed the importance of a

blended learning environment and added that the proposed partnership would include CCS and ACPS teachers developing curriculum and there will potentially be some blending as students would possible have classes with teachers from both school divisions. Dr. Atkins noted that the SOQs provide flexibility in the amount of seat time required, while GPAs would be the same, and that a virtual course would look much the same as a regular course.

Dr. Atkins also distributed a report on the potential costs of such a program.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 6:04 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar recessed the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk