

A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on May 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Eric Strucko; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:00 p.m.); Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:09 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 for the following purposes: 1. Discuss the resignation of two specific employees; 2. Discuss the appointment of an Assistant Director of Instruction for Intervention; and 3. Discuss the appointment of two individuals as principals. - Subsection 7 for the following purposes: 1. Consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation. - Subsection 4 for the following purposes: 1. To discuss and consider a parent's petition to be on school property, the discussion of which must occur in closed session for the protection of individuals in personal matters not related to public business. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:31 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. Gallaway **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** that parent number 1 as discussed in tonight's closed session be permitted to enter Brownsville Elementary School and school grounds on the conditions agreed to by the School Board. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly abstaining.**

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to hire employee number 1 and employee number 2 as recommended by staff. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Commendations. (held prior to Closed Meeting Certification)

At 5:50 p.m., the Board recognized the following individuals and/or groups:

1. A total of 16 students from Albemarle County Public Schools were chosen for the All-State Chorus. The All-State concert was held April 26-28 at E.C. Glass High.

Monticello High School Alto: **Lucy Miller**

Western Albemarle High School Alto: **Sarah Jane Cushing**

Albemarle High School Sopranos: **Tara Kay Skeen, Carol Dougherty, Peyton James, and Martha Roszak**

Monticello High School Soprano: **Emily Gardner**

Monticello High School Tenor: **Steven Mangano**

Alternates chosen were: **Ian Grimshaw** and **Anna Webster** of Western Albemarle High School; **Annie Keller** of Albemarle High School; and **Zeus Smith** and **Jamie Crizer** of Monticello High School.

2. Two fifth graders won the 7th Annual Albemarle County Spelling Bee and moved on with six other Albemarle County students to the regional competition. This year's contest was the longest ever in the division, reaching 18 rounds before the officials decided to call it a tie. The winners were **Ahmad Hasan-Aamir** from Cale Elementary School and **Gauri Prakash** from Meriwether Lewis Elementary School.

Other students who were eligible to move on to the regional competition held on March 17 at Monticello High School included: **Ayna Le** from Crozet Elementary, **Sean Patrick Floyd** from Agnor-Hurt Elementary, **Audrey Parks** from Burley Middle School, **Tea Rinonos** from Jack Jouett Middle School, **Nellie Waring** from Walton Middle School, and **Selena Feng** from Henley Middle School.

3. Five Albemarle High School students were selected for All State Orchestra and Band, the highest level of achievement for student musicians in Virginia. The five selections are the most ever for Albemarle High School. Those selected include: **Frank Wu**, **Sarah Fredrick**, **Irene Lee**, **Allison Moore** and **Emily Kuhn**.

4. The Monticello High School Wind Ensemble received straight Superior ratings at the District 13 Band Assessment hosted by Charlottesville High School on March 3. The band performed grade VI music, the highest level of difficulty in Virginia, and received Superior ratings from all three judges for its prepared music performance. The band also earned a Superior rating in sight-reading, which required the group to study and perform a new, unpublished piece of grade VI music in seven minutes.

5. Albemarle County students earned a near-perfect 12 first place finishes in the 31st annual Piedmont Regional Science Fair. Students from two Albemarle County high schools and four middle schools submitted 52 projects across 17 categories. In the senior division, Albemarle County students finished first in 12 out of the 14 categories. The winners included:

Best in Show: **Matt Smith** and **Jacob Perry** of Albemarle High School who collaborated on a research project that examined low cost methods for making water safe to drink. This project earned three other honors – the Change the World Award, the Battelle Innovation Award, and the NOAA Pulse of the Planet Award.

Other first place winners include:

- ☐ **Sydney Giacalone**, who studied optical illusions and how such variables as age and education affect impressions
- ☐ **Caitlin Dutta**, who evaluated the effect of certain chemicals within cells to determine if they could be used to cure muscle disorders
- ☐ **Chris Seto**, who looked at nonconventional ways to protect computer systems from virus attacks
- ☐ **Elizabeth Hillstrom**, who project examined how soap can be produced in households in developing world countries
- ☐ **Ben Merrell**, who focused on how the use of structural dimpling on aircraft can improve efficient energy use
- ☐ **Mario Sukkar**, who examined the viability of portable water desalination systems powered by the sun
- ☐ **Mary and David Kwiatkowski**, who studied how the heart reacts to cardiovascular exercise on different surfaces
- ☐ **HeeSeok Joo**, who is evaluating the potential wave function wells as a way to understand particle physics
- ☐ **Alex Perez-Reyes**, who evaluated the viability of algae as an alternative domestic energy source to crude oil
- ☐ **Logan Ford and Avi Lieberman**, who showed how the design used for the children's toy, Shrinky Dinks, could be adapted to separate bacterial mixtures as a way to clean polluted groundwater.

Eight middle school students earned recognition for research projects across a broad range of categories. Two projects received special awards. **Lillian Xu** of Henley Middle School placed first in Cellular and Molecular Biology with her research into how to increase the production of embryonic stem cell lines from mice. She also received the VaBIO award for best project and the Broadcom MASTERS award. **Seth Liyanage** from Sutherland Middle School earned the Army Engineering Award for his project that replicated the motion of the basilisk lizard, which has the ability to walk on the surface of the water for brief distances.

The following six students also placed at the fair:

- ☐ **Do Yeop Kim** from Sutherland Middle School in Biochemistry
- ☐ **Wesley Daugherty** from Sutherland Middle School in Materials and Bioengineering
- ☐ **Braxton Sisler** from Walton Middle School in Energy and Transportation
- ☐ **James Mahoney** from Henley Middle School in Microbiology
- ☐ **Arghya Shetty** from Jack Jouett Middle School in Microbiology
- ☐ **Ben McIntire** from Henley Middle School in Plant Sciences

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Call to Order.

At 6:31 p.m. Mr. Koleszar, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.5. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.6. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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- 3.2 Payments for Mainstream Students in Pre-K at Stone Robinson
- 3.3 Donation to Hollymead Elementary School
- 3.4 Reimbursements to Albemarle High School Budget
- 3.5 Reimbursement to Burley Middle School Budget
- 3.6 Donation to Sutherland Middle School
- 3.7 Donation to Walton Middle School
- 3.8 Title III Grant
- 3.9 Mentor Teacher Program Grant
- 3.10 Reimbursement to Jack Jouett for Field Trips
- 3.11 Virginia Education Association Grant – Meriwether Lewis
- 3.12 Nest Realty Group – Greer
- 3.13 Target Field Trip Grant – Meriwether Lewis
- 3.14 Target Field Trip Grant – Baker-Butler
- 3.15 Virginia Education Association Grant – Red Hill
- 3.16 Donations to Henley Middle School
- 3.17 Personnel Action
- 3.18 Petty Cash Resolution

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes from 2010. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes - 2010

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of September 23, 2010. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki and Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the minutes of October 28, 2010. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Buyaki and Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mr. Davis said that local government staff has started revising the Comprehensive Plan. Staff has been reviewing and will be bringing some recommendations to the School Board for review to suggest to local government for inclusion.

Dr. Haun said that Mr. Scheivert is not in attendance. He is attending the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council Awards dinner where three Albemarle County teachers are nominated for the Red Apple Award.

Mr. Koleszar said that Dr. Moran is on vacation.

Dr. Haun provided the Board with an update on where the division was with SOL testing.

Dr. Haun said that last week the division had a visit from the Department of Education to evaluate the division's special education services. A written report will be provided to staff.

Mrs. McKeel said that the CATEC graduation was a success.

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

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Workforce Engagement: A Closer Look at KPI 3.11d (Q3 Strategic Plan Update).

Dr. Haas provided a Strategic Plan update. The update covered the highlights of the Quarter 3 progress towards meeting key performance indicators, an overview of the results of the employee engagement survey, and a sample key performance indicator evaluation that the School Board will use for its evaluation of priorities. The Board also held two breakout sessions to discuss workforce engagement.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) how the transportation department translates work hours without an accident into days, and 2) on 5.1.1a and 5.1.1.b, what are the results of the evaluations.

After the breakout sessions, Board members reported on the discussions that the groups had on workforce engagement.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Monticello High School students, Kali Gille, Mariah Williams, Dwight Johnson, and Taylor Harpman, presented their CAP project on early college and whether funding should be provided for students to participate.

Monticello High School students, Jandell Jones and Paige Cosgrove, presented their CAP project on bullying – specifically bullying outside of school.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that CFA would like to extend their rental agreement for a couple of days. Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the extension to the CFA rental agreement for a couple of days. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:11p.m., Mr. Koleszar, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk