

A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Jason Buyaki; and Mr. Eric Strucko (arrived at 7:10 p.m.).

ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Organizational and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Chris Brown, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call Order.

Mr. Koleszar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Discuss FY 2013/2014 Superintendent's Funding Request.

Ms. Gerome highlighted points for consideration regarding the Human Resources budget. Topics of discussion included an overview of the department's budget, an overview of the engagement of the workforce, a review of strategic recruitment, a review of the total compensation strategy, and an overview of the restructuring within the department over the last year.

After reviewing the information, Board members discussed or asked for additional information on the following: 1) are flu shots offered to spouses of employees, 2) should the substitute teacher pay adjust with the teacher salary scale increase and it should be included in the budget presentation, and 3) are there any positions that are hard to fill and if so is there a recommendation regarding recruiting for them.

Dr. Haun highlighted points for consideration pertaining to the world languages program within the division. Topics for discussion included program development, rationale and planning, and designing the program and its feasibility.

After reviewing the information, Board members discussed or asked for additional information on the following: 1) What is Cale doing in regards to world languages, and 2) that the Board should use a future work session to discuss the world language topic further.

Dr. Haun highlighted points for consideration regarding the special education budget and the reductions in the budget and the impacts on Central Office.

After reviewing the information, Board members discussed or asked for additional information on the following: 1) the need for Central Office staff to take on more responsibilities as a result of reductions in the budget, and 2) the amount of reporting and the time spent on the reporting to the State.

There was a break from 8:05 p.m. until 8:13 p.m.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with information on service call data for the Department of Accountability, Research and Technology. He also provided information on 1:1 technology.

Board members noted that the Board would need to make program choices if it is decided to move toward a 1:1 deployment of technology. In addition, they asked for the cost of going to a 1:1 deployment. **There was Board consensus to hold a work session on 1:1 technology.**

Mr. Zimmermann highlighted points for consideration pertaining to the federal revenue updates, the impact of sequestration on the division, a local revenue update, and an overview of the tiered initiatives in the proposed funding request.

After reviewing the information, Board members discussed or asked for additional information on the following: 1) Have any provisions been made in the budget to deal with the potential for sequestration, and 2) what is the general assembly outlook.

Board members noted that at this point, they are ready to send the funding request forward until more concrete numbers are known from the federal, state and local governments. Some Board members felt that the Board should develop a plan to close the gap in funding if additional funds are not available. It was noted that the Board will need to come back to the budget once the Board of Supervisors approves a tax rate.

There was Board consensus not to hold a work session on February 7, 2013.

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Dr. Moran provided the Board with an update on a partnership with the Lab School and the University of Virginia and Charlottesville City Schools.

Dr. Moran said that we have been selected by MakerEd.org to implement some Maker academies within some of our schools over the summer.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 9:25p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk