A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Josh Davis, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Chad Ratliff, Assistant Director of Instruction; Mr. Greg Kamptner, Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Gallaway 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 discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment as principals and discussion of performance of administrators. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:34 p.m. Mr. Koleszar, Chairman, 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. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 Payments to Building Services
3.3 Reimbursements to Albemarle High School
3.4 Donations to Henley Middle School and Stony Point Elementary School
3.5 Payment to Stone Robinson for 4 Preschool Mainstream Students
3.6 Donations to Albemarle High School, Meriwether Lewis Elementary School, and Walton Middle School
3.7 Personnel Action
3.8 June 2012 Audited Financial Report

3.9 (Unverified) November 2012 and (Unverified) December 2012 Year-to-Date Financial Report, Operating Expense Report, and Self-Sustaining Funds Report
3.10 For Information: 2013-2014 Middle School Program Guide
3.11 Summary of Board Discussion with Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC)
3.12 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes and the nondiscrimination policies for students and employees. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the March 8, 2012, April 12, 2012, and December 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the March 13, 2013 closed meeting minutes. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mrs. McKeel and Mrs. Moynihan abstaining**.

Agenda Item No. 4.2. Nondiscrimination and Harassment Policies for Students and Employees for Information.

Mrs. Mouly asked that action on this agenda item be postponed until all staff and board members are able to attend. She proposed the second meeting in April as that date, and that the policy be on the regular agenda so that further discussion can take place. **There was Board consensus for this to take place.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mr. Scheivert said that Design 2015 is moving along and over the past two weeks over 250 educators have participated in professional development to strengthen and promote the next level of instruction. The second round of professional development will begin after Spring Break.

Dr. Moran noted that she attended the Chamber of Commerce's Commonwealth Business Breakfast.

Mr. Davis said that staff has looked through the applications for the Yancey Community Committee and applicants will be contacted to ensure that they are still willing to serve on the committee. A list of committee members will be provided to the Board once all of the membership is confirmed.

Mr. Davis said that Dr. Haas provided the Board with information on make-up days. If we miss another day this year, we will have to make it up. We have missed a total of 10 days this year.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.

Dr. Moran said that this is the last year for Mr. Dave Francis as the principal of Western Albemarle High School. He has been working with staff on developing an academy at Western Albemarle. He has sent out a community survey soliciting feedback on some ideas for the focus of the academy.

Dr. Moran said that the Strategic Plan survey has been out for several days and it has had a great response.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Pathways to Earning an Associate's Degree Concurrent with a High School Diploma; Dual Enrollment Contract.

Mr. Ratliff provided the Board with an overview of the work the division has been doing to create a program to earn an Associate's Degree concurrent with a high school diploma as a result of HB1184.

After the presentation, Board members asked the following questions: 1) is the degree an associates of arts or an associates of science, 2) will there need to be additional professional development in order for teachers to teach the classes, 3) if a student gets an associate's degree concurrent with a high school diploma guaranteed placement at a university, 4) are there any logistical challenges such as transportation that students will have to face, 5) do all credits from Piedmont Virginia Community College transfer into 4 year colleges, and 6) what other advantages will Piedmont gain from the regional school division agreements.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break

There was a break from 7:27 p.m. until 7:36 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Use of Portable Classrooms.

Mr. Davis provided the Board with a presentation on the use of portable classrooms within the division. The presentation included information on the following: 1) how many do we have, 2) how they are used, 3) how many do we need, 4) is there a plan to phase them out, 4) a review of some current use in the division, and 5) a proposal for a policy statement regarding the use of portable classrooms.

After the presentation, Board members asked the following questions: 1) what is the cost of moving the trailers that are not needed, 2) is there enough space within Western Albemarle to handle all classes without using the trailers that are currently at the school, 3) does the current capacity formula take into account the need for smaller breakout spaces for teacher use, 4) there is a safety issue with the use of trailers for classrooms, 5) how old does a trailer get before it becomes not acceptable for use, 6) is there any place that trailers can be stored if they are no longer needed at a school, 7) the draft policy language be referred to trailers rather than portable classrooms, 8) has the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee provided input on the proposed policy language, 9) will the policy provide clearer direction to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee, 10) at what point does capacity trigger discussion among the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee about overcrowding, and 11) it was suggested that the last paragraph of the proposed policy language be eliminated.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Mr. Buyaki thanked the music teachers for their work with students for the 5th grade honors choir.

Mr. Koleszar said that he attended the Festival of the Book. He attended a session by an author who wrote about her bullying experience in high school.

Mrs. McKeel shared some notes with Board members from students at Agnor-Hurt Elementary School.

Mr. Koleszar said that when VSBA looks at policy revisions, he would like for Albemarle County to put in a request for alternative assessments in some areas rather than SOL testing.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

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

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Chairman

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Clerk