

A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on August 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Dr. Bernard Hairston, Executive Director of Community Engagement; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting – if needed.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting – if needed.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:31 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. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3.2 Crisis Plan Certifications: Information
- 3.3 Religious Exemption
- 3.4 Algebra Readiness FY12-13
- 3.5 For Action: Policy Review and Revisions
- 3.6 Donation to V.L. Murray Elementary School: FY2012-13
- 3.7 Reimbursement to Albemarle High, Western Albemarle High, and Payment to Building Services FY 2012-13
- 3.8 Donation to Stony Point Elementary School – FY 2012-13
- 3.9 Minutes – 2013
- 3.10 Religious Exemption
- 3.11 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revision – Policy EBB
- 3.12 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.13 Minutes – 2012
- 3.14 Draft FY2014/15 Budget Calendar
- 3.15 For Approval: Learning Resources Selection and Adoption
- 3.16 JABG Grant – SS/HS FY12-13
- 3.17 For Information: Learning Resources Selection and Adoption
- 3.18 Personnel Action
- 3.19 Club Yancey Donations FY 12-13
- 3.20 CACF – Bama Works Grants FY 12-13
- 3.21 CACF – Community Endowment Grant FY 12-13
- 3.22 CACF – Future Fund Grant FY 12-13
- 3.23 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.24 Club Yancey Revenues FY 12-13

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the March 13, 2013 special meeting minutes. Mr. Gallaway **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Culture to Culture Trip

Dr. Moran said that this past year, children from our Hispanic community comprised about 50 percent of our kindergarten class at Cale and our enrollment projections show that this percentage will continue to increase. This summer, as part of a first time culture to culture program, nine of our teachers from Cale and 16 other teachers and students spent two weeks in Guatemala. They visited a remote location in that country, CASA XELA (CHELA), which is located some 7,500 feet above sea level. Our teachers and students learned firsthand about the local culture and customs, participated in many community activities and spoke a great deal of Spanish—in fact, they only spoke Spanish in these interactions—and they maintained a very informative and entertaining blog. In addition to our nine teachers from Cale, we had two teachers from Greer and one from Jouett on the trip as well as students from all three of our comprehensive high schools. As the Board knows, we have had some exploratory discussions this year about the educational value of adding a World Languages Program in our elementary schools. Cale, under DeeDee Jones' leadership, has had great success in piloting a Spanish language and culture program for its kindergarten students. The teachers who participated in the trip then shared with the Board their experience.

Crystal Virginia Brooks

Dr. Moran said that we recently completed our strategic plan for the division, *Horizon 2020*, in which we re-committed ourselves to a vision that all learners will believe in their power to embrace learning, to excel and to own their future. These are powerful words and never more so than when we see these words come to life in a student. This year, we had just over 950 students graduate from our high schools. While we celebrate every one of these students, we wanted to bring your attention this evening to an unusual story. It is a story that I think illustrates the importance and value and relevance of our vision with far more meaning and impact than can be described in words. Dr. Haun then introduced Crystal Brooks, a young lady who enrolled in the ACPS' night school class and earned the credits she needed to earn a diploma several years after she left high school. Ms. Brooks was then provided with her high school diploma.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haas said that the coaches workshop will be taking place on August 13, 2013 at Western Albemarle High School. Board members are invited to attend.

Dr. Haas said that Monticello High School is a fully accredited school through Advanced Ed.

Dr. Haun said that all of the secondary schools will publish schedules starting tomorrow. Schedules will be available through Parent Portal.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with an update on the work that the Department of Accountability, Research and Technology has been doing to get schools ready for the first day.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Dr. Moran noted that as teachers are working throughout the summer to prepare for students to return to school.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Yancey Work Group Interim Report.

Dr. Hairston and work group co-chairs Tim Lewis and Frances Feggans provided the Board with an interim report of the work of the Yancey Work Group. The presentation include background information, an overview of the work group's charge, an overview of the three phase approach to meeting the charge, and an overview of the next steps.

Board members thanked the group for their work on the charge provided to them by the School Board and the Board of Supervisors.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Break.

There was a break from 8:04 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. College Work and Readiness Assessment (CWRA) 2013 Summary. (Heard prior to the break)

Dr. Haas provided the Board with a presentation with College Work and Readiness Assessment data. The presentation include background and an overview of CWRA, a project timeline, the plan used for 2012-2013, an overview of the data, and a review of outputs/outcomes.

Following the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) how are the high schools chosen to participate in the CWRA, 2) is the same cohort used, 3) do they talk about the required standardize testing may get in the way of performance on this test, and 4) it was suggested that this information be provided to legislators through a brief.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Summer Activity Update.

Dr. Haun provided the Board with an update on the activities that are taking place during the summer in Albemarle County Public Schools.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Summer Support Services Update

Mr. Tistadt provided the Board with an update on the summer support services work. The presentation covered the work happening in the Building Services Department, Child Nutrition Department, Fiscal Services, and Transportation.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions – Policies GDA and IIBE.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with a review of the proposed changes for the Acceptable Use of Technology for students and staff.

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

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

Mrs. McKeel said that she serves on the Legislative Committee, and she would like to step down from that position. Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to take on that position. Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to appoint Mr. Koleszar to the legislative committee. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mrs. McKeel said that there is a CATEC Center Board on August 20, 2013.

Mr. Gallaway said that tomorrow is the closing day for applications for the PREP Executive Director position.

Dr. Moran said that Norm Augustine will be visiting Albemarle County Public Schools on September 9. He is an advocate for STEM education. A lunch will be planned. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting – if needed. None.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 8:57 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk