A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Executive Director; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Nicole Storm, Legislative and Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Planner/Project Manager for Building Services; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting – if needed. None.
Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Gallaway, 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.

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that the Division will be on a two hour delay for schools opening tomorrow. Mr. Strucko said that he has heard many complaints about the Division being closed for so many days and asked if staff could consider alternatives for those who cannot have a bus pick them up at the regular bus stop. Dr. Moran said that staff could provide information if the Board wished.

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

Mr. Gallaway said that the VSBA Board Development activity for January 24, 2014 has been canceled.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Agnor-Hurt Elementary School Addition/Renovation Design Development.

Mr. Tistadt and Ms. Schmitt along with Mr. Matt Waguespack and Mr. Camilo Bearman from SHW Group provided the Board with an overview of the Agnor-Hurt Elementary School Addition/Renovation Design Development. The presentation included a review of the timeline for the project, an overview of the current design, and a review of the proposed additions and renovations.

After the presentation, Board members then asked the following questions: 1) how much additional space is being added to the school, 2) how quiet will the space be, 3) are no individual classrooms being built, 4) will a particular grade be placed in the new space, and 5) how does this addition address the need for additional classroom space.

Ms. Acuff offered a **motion** to approve the design development for the Agnor-Hurt Elementary School Addition/Renovation project and provide authorization to proceed with construction documents. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break.

A break was taken during the budget work session agenda item from 7:59 p.m. until 8:10 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Budget Work Session.

Dr. Moran provided the Board with an overview of how staff sees the budget work sessions working as the Board reviews the funding request.

Mr. Zimmermann provided the Board with an overview of the funding request. The presentation included a review of revenues, use of fund balance, drivers in developing the funding request, compensation recommendations, increases associated with the Virginia Retirement System, and changes to the budget calendar.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) did the five percent raise given last year impact the retirement rate, 2) what was the Board's desired percentage for fund balance, and 3) when did the mandated VRS contribution requirement adopted by the state?

Mr. Scheivert then provided the Board with information on the funding request for the Department of Accountability, Research and Technology. The funds covered in the presentation included 2115 and 2118.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) how is the $1 million transfer accounted for, 2) what is the replacement cycle for computers, 3) why is the transfer put into a self-sustaining fund, and 4) what is the starting pay grade for the technology education specialists that the department is looking to hire.

Dr. Haun, Dr. Haas, and Ms. Gerome then provided information on the funding requests of the instructional departments and Human Resources. The funds covered in the presentation included 2100, 2102, 2103, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2116, 2117, 2411, 2412, 2420, 2430, and 2556.

After the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) can a line be included in the budget that includes the pay scale for new positions, 2) does the budget book include a list of FTEs that are being added this year including the fund and the cost, 3) how is the amount for each FTE accounted for within the budget, 4) it was suggested that hiring be done at the lowest salary for the paygrade, 5) what languages are being piloted in the elementary school and what would the division expand to, 6) can more information be provided about the athletic budget expenses and is it possible to increase ticket prices or the athletic participation fees, 7) where do the funds come from to purchase uniforms, 8) can more information be provided on the $45,000 for the paperless evaluation system and why that would be a recurring cost, 9) who completes the evaluations at the high school level, 10) what did the student assistant program manager do to justify putting them into the budget, 11) how are the 2.5 FTEs for Special Education spread out, and 12) can staff provide more information on the lab school initiative.

Board members then provided clarification on questions that the Board submitted in advance of the meeting. In addition, Board members asked for a list of funds being covered in advance of the work session.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Ms. Storm provided the Board with an update on legislative activity that may follow the Board's priorities. Is the student health bill for students that would be for groups using our buildings, and what is the student data bill introduced by Delegate Bell?

Dr. Moran said that the Board received a letter regarding the Board of Education requiring teachers to seek parental permission prior to discussing a controversial issue in the classroom. She noted that the Board has a policy on this topic. The Board asked that Ms. Storm prepare a letter stating that the division has a policy on this issue.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:54 p.m., Mr. Gallaway, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk