A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on November 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matt Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Organizational and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Chad Ratliff, Assistant Director of Instruction; Ms. Nicole Storm, Legislative and Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Christina Pitsenberger, Director of Child Nutrition; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Planner/Project Manager; Mrs. Debora Collins, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education; Mrs. Michele Castner, Principal of Agnor-Hurt Elementary School; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:45 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 to discuss and consider the performance of five specific employees; and the discipline of one specific employee. 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. Strucko **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Gallaway offered a **motion** to terminate employee number 1. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously**.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Koleszar, Chairman, called the meeting back 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.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions

3.3 The Community Public Charter School State Support Grant FY13/14
3.4 Computer Equipment Replacement Fund
3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 Additional Holiday Leave for 12-month Employees
3.7 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.8 ACSA Monticello High School Waterline Easement

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion. Mr. Gallaway noted that on Policy IA, the emphasis is now on our goals and vision for the County in alignment with the State standards. **The motion passed.**

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2013. Mr. Buyaki seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mr. Gallaway abstaining.

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013. Mrs. Moynihan seconded the motion. Mr. Gallaway said that he would like the minutes revised where it discusses his comments about Policy IKF. He would like for the language to reflect that he would like the emphasis more on Albemarle County Schools. Mrs. McKeel accepted the amendment to change the minutes. The motion passed with Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Buyaki abstaining.

Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 joint meeting. Mr. Buyaki seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan abstaining.

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Mrs. McKeel offered a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2013. Mr. Buyaki seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran noted that Monday was Veteran’s Day. She then recognized Mrs. Moynihan and Mr. Tistadt for their service.

Making Connections Conference

Dr. Moran said that this is the 11th year we have offered *Making Connections*, which each year brings together several hundreds of our teachers to share innovative classroom strategies and best practices. We had over 200 presentations at Monticello High School this month with the majority of these presentations led by our own teachers. Topics included: engineering design in our elementary schools, how to increase Title 1 parental engagement with our schools, the use of multicultural text to build community, colleges that favor Albemarle County Public School students, case studies that support flipped classrooms, and our International Portal.

She added that this week, our portal made its first connection when Barbara Carrswell at Agnor-Hurt and her students spoke with a park ranger at the Knife River, Indian Village National Historic Site in North Dakota. The discussion was part of the class studies on Native Americans.

Dr. Moran then introduced Ms. Becky Fisher, who leads the *Making Connections* program. Ms. Fisher then shared some of her reflections on this year’s event with the board.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haas said that he visited that he visited the Virginia School University Partnership Student Leadership Conference. There were close to 400 students in attendance at the conference. All of our high schools had students in attendance at the conference.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Fred Smyth said that he supports staff's recommendation 1 regarding ranking. He said that ranking should be stopped immediately.

Ms. Dawn McCoy asked that the Board eliminate student ranking.

Dr. Lori Balaban asked that the Board to eliminate student ranking.

Mr. David Balaban spoke in favor of eliminating class rank.

Mr. David Blaine spoke against eliminating class rank.

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

Dr. Moran said that staff was made aware of a discussion about preschool at the last Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. Collins shared with the Board information on preschool programming within the County.

Dr. Haun said that he would like for Ms. Kindler to provide the Board with an update on how the new Enterprise Center set-up is working. He asked if the Board would like to meet at the facility for a tour. **There was Board consensus to have a tour of the facility after the beginning of the year.**

Agenda Item No. 7.2. School and Department Strategic Brief.

Mr. Scheivert provided the Board with an overview of the Department of Accountability, Research and Technology's goal for 2013-2014. He also reviewed with the Board current challenges and current successes for the department.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Agnor-Hurt Addition/Renovation Schematic Design.

Ms. Schmitt, Ms. Collins, Ms. Castner, and Mr. Matt Waguespack from SHW Group provided the Board with an overview of the proposed addition/renovation schematic design for Agnor-Hurt Elementary School. The presentation included information on the design imperatives, a review of the existing site, a review of the proposed site plan, a review of the building strategy and an overview of the exterior view.

Following the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) how many additional students will be accommodated with the renovation and addition, 2) how will the open area be used on a daily basis, 3) how many additional square feet are being added, 4) where are the six classrooms located, 5) how will the classrooms be secured since it is a flexible space, and 5) is the outdoor area too close to the parking lot.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the schematic design for the Agnor-Hurt Elementary School Addition/Renovation project and provide authorization to proceed to the Design Development phase. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Comprehensive High School Program of Studies.

Mr. Ratliff provided the Board with an overview of the addition, deletions or revisions to the Comprehensive High School Program of Studies.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the Comprehensive High School Program of Studies. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Class Rank: Dr. Haun provided the Board with a review of staff's recommendation regarding the reporting of class rank. Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** that Albemarle County Public Schools no longer report decile rank beginning with the 2014 – 2015 school year. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. Mr. Buyaki said that he would like for juniors this year to report their rank next year on their transcripts. Staff said that it is not recommended to do that for students. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to stop reporting class rank in the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. Mrs. McKeel noted that counselors expressed concern about mixed reporting. **Roll was called, and the motion failed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Strucko.
NAYS: Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Koleszar, Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, and Mr. Gallaway.

Motion failed by a 1:6 vote.

Mr. Buyaki and Mr. Strucko said that they would like staff to review the grade point average calculations. Mr. Koleszar said that staff should be focused on instruction not the calculation. Staff said that such a task would take at least 6 months to complete. It was also asked what the expected outcome from such an endeavor would be and how is it strategic. Mrs. Moynihan and Mrs. Mouly said that they would not support staff spending time on this request. Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** that the school division reformulate the GPA calculations to a fair and balanced methodology for implementation for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. Mr. Blair said that there are State regulations that do apply to GPA calculations. **Roll was called, and the motion failed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Strucko, Mr. Gallaway, and Mr. Buyaki.
NAYS: Mrs. Mouly, Mrs. McKeel, Mr. Koleszar and Mrs. Moynihan.

Motion failed by a 3:4 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. FY2014/2015 Funding Request Direction.

Dr. Moran asked if the Board had any further direction in terms of direction for building the funding request.

Board members asked the following: 1) if the Board of Supervisors had not taken action on the school division fund balance where would it be, 2) did the division exceed revenue this year, and 3) what does lapse factor look like currently.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break

There was a break from 8:43 p.m. until 8:50 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Health Advisory Summary of Activities Since April 2013 and Child Nutrition Report.

Dr. Lori Balaban, chair of the School Health Advisory Committee, reviewed the report of activities and recommendations from the School Health Advisory Board. Ms. Pitsenberger then provided an overview of the Child Nutrition Report.

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) are there any chronic conditions that are surprising for the County, 2) how is the increase in free and reduced students financially impact the Child Nutrition Program, 3) why are free and reduced numbers increasing, 4) where does the division stand in terms of local foods and products, and 5) are there grants that the division is missing out on for the Child Nutrition Program because the division does not have a grant writer.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Legislative Packet.

Ms. Storm provided the Board with a review of the proposed legislative packet.

Board members asked how Delegate Bell feels about the composite index bill and how it will fair this year.

Agenda Item No. 8.7. VSBA Policies and Resolutions for VSBA Delegate Assembly.

There was Board consensus to support the proposed revisions and additions to the VSBA Policies and Resolutions.

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

Mr. Buyaki invited all Board members to Stony Point Elementary School on Saturday for the Maker Faire from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Mr. Strucko said that he has received a few phone calls concerning student performance and the recent test scores that may threaten accreditation. He asked what interventions could assist with student performance.

Mr. Strucko said that the Board received an email regarding the Yancey Elementary School Work Group and the resignation of the chair. He asked staff for additional information. Dr. Moran said that Dr. Hairston is working to reconcile some of the issues that were noted. The committee feels that the report should move forward in December as planned.

Mr. Gallaway said that he has been holding community meetings. At the last meeting there was a suggestion to incorporate parent feedback into the Teacher Performance Appraisal.

Mr. Gallaway thanked everyone who helped him in understanding the information regarding class rank reporting.

Dr. Moran said that the CATEC Board will be meeting at the VSBA Annual Convention on Wednesday, November 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whaling Company in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Mr. Koleszar said that at the CATEC pre-agenda meeting there was discussion about the possibility of a joint meeting between the Charlottesville City School Board and the Albemarle County School Board around CATEC.

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 9:32 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Koleszar adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk