

A Special Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mr. Eric Strucko (arrived at 6:36 p.m.); Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Steve Koleszar; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:34 p.m.); and Ms. Kate Acuff.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Strategic Planning and Human Resources Leadership; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1 Call Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Gallaway called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 3.1 Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Agenda Approval

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko and Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1 Budget Public Hearing.

Mr. Gallaway opened the public hearing on the proposed funding request.

Dr. Jesse Turner, Jr. is principal at Monticello High School. He spoke about the impact of staffing reductions on students.

Dr. John Werner is principal at Western Albemarle High School. He spoke in support of the funding request as presented by Dr. Moran. He spoke about staffing of the new academy being planned at Western Albemarle.

Ms. Lisa Molinaro is principal at Woodbrook Elementary School. She asked that the Board support Dr. Moran's proposed budget. The important thing to remember is that we need to provide the best education for every student that walks through the door of an Albemarle County school.

Ms. Lisa Jones is principal of Cale Elementary School. She asked the Board to be courageous and support the Superintendent's budget so that she can have the tools needed to meet student learning needs. She also shared her support for the World Languages initiative.

Ms. Carrie Taylor is a teacher at Western Albemarle High School. She supports the Superintendent's Funding Request. She also does not want to see class size increases. She wants to see funding for current class sizes, support for innovative instruction, support for World Languages in elementary schools, and support for professional development.

Ms. Kelley Tobler is a parent at Cale Elementary School. She asked that the Board support the Superintendent's Funding Request. She encouraged the Board to continue funding for the elementary world language program. She asked the Board to keep class sizes the same.

Ms. Ingrid Chalita is parent at Cale Elementary School. Her family values education. She asked that the Board support a world language program in the elementary schools.

Ms. Anne Geraty is a teacher at Meriwether Lewis Elementary School and president of the Albemarle Education Association. Teachers give students a great deal each day. Class size is important to keep low. She asked the Board to support the Superintendent's Funding Request.

Mr. Robert Walters asked that the Board remember Ivy Creek and the PREP program when discussing the budget.

Ms. Maria Jimenez Sanchez is a parent. Her daughter participates in the bilingual program at Cale Elementary School. It is important to continue bilingual program as well as the translation and interpretation services at the school. She provided the Board with a petition of over 100 signatures supporting the bilingual program.

Mr. David Rogers is the principal of Sutherland Middle School. He asked that the Board support innovation efforts across the division.

Mr. Mike Basile is a parent. Parents are part of the reason students are successful in Albemarle County. He said that forced technology in homes takes away power from the parents.

Ms. Deborah Donnelly is a parent. She asked that the Board support teachers by providing a salary increase. She asked the Board to support the Superintendent's Funding Request.

Ms. Monica Pawinski is the PATSO president at Albemarle High School. She urged the Board to find ways to fund the Superintendent's Funding Request.

Ms. Catherine Lochner is a parent. She asked that the Board restore funding for professional development, maintaining classroom sizes, and to keep pushing for limitations on SOL testing at the elementary level. She also advocated for special education students.

Ms. Lauren Ryan is a parent. She asked that the Board support the Superintendent's Funding Request.

Ms. Jessie Clark is a parent. She supports the Superintendent's Funding Request and the elementary world languages program.

Ms. DJ Stoeberl is a parent. She supports the Superintendent's Funding Request. She supports small class sizes, supporting compensation for teachers, and the elementary world language program.

(There was a break from 7:26 p.m. until 7:39 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 5.2 Work Session

Mr. Gallaway noted that the Board would need to decide at the next budget work session whether to send forward the Superintendent's Funding Request as presented or to send forward with alterations.

Dr. Moran provided the Board with a presentation on potential tiered reductions. The reductions included: Tier 1 – First Level Reductions Proposed (\$2.4M); Tier 2 – Second Level Reductions Proposed (\$1.3M); and Tier 3 – Third Level Reductions Proposed (\$3.3M).

Board members then noted or asked the following: 1) can the Board receive the athletic budgets for the division, 2) have any additional studies been done that shows the impact of class size on students, 3) it was noted that some Board members would not support the walking to school radius for students and professional

development, 4) it was suggested that a list be provided to the Board of Supervisors showing potential reductions but without the tiers, and 5) does operational fund reductions cut into the line items for each budget.

Agenda Item No. 6.1 Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Strucko asked for the Board to consider an inclement weather transportation plan due to the multiple day closings impact on parents. Dr. Moran noted that Mr. Tistadt has been meeting with the Virginia Department of Transportation and making improvements to communication.

Agenda Item No. 7.1 Adjournment.

At 8:52 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Gallaway adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk