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

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran; Dr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Organizational and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; and Mrs. Christine Thompson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call Order.

Mr. Gallaway called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Approval of Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. FY2014/15 Funding Request Worksession.

Staff provided the Board with information on: 1) class size increases and savings assuming K-3 classrooms are held harmless, 2) class size increases and savings assuming K-5 classrooms are held harmless, 3) class size implications for an increase of .25 students, 4) five year list of efficiencies and budget cuts, 5) cost of athletic programs by sport to include numbers of participants, 6) family support workers funding amount, what schools they work in, and how many students are served, and 7) information on SOQ or state law requirements for pre-school? What are we currently spending out of our own budget to support preschool programs?

Board members asked for additional information on estimated health care costs and estimated salary lapse savings. Staff will ensure that information is provided to the School Board prior to final budget adoption in April.

Board members then discussed what should be included on the list of potential budget reductions sent to the Board of Supervisors and shared with the community.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** remove the following from the list of cuts: Eliminate bus pickup for students within a 1-mile radius of the school. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion carried by the following recorded vote:**

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

Motion carried by at 4:3 vote.

The Board discussed the following:

Family Support Workers: There was discussion that the Board of Supervisors should pay for Family Support Workers that are placed within the school division because it is a function of the Social Services Department. It was suggested that the budget transmittal letter to the Board of Supervisors state that this item should be removed from the school division budget and be placed in the local government budget.

Athletics: There was discussion to revisit earmarking when the budget was to be finalized.

Additional Reduction Considerations: Board members asked for the following items to be included in the tiered list: 1) a one percent increase for teachers and classified and what a two percent would look like, and 2) impact of class size increase of .25, .50, etc.

It was noted that the Board would have the opportunity to review the funding request next week prior to approval.

Board members asked what the VRS forecast looked like in future years. Staff indicated that they would try to get that information.

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Tistadt noted that there will be a Presidential visit on Monday. He suggested that the Board consider a 2-hour early closing to avoid transportation issues.

Mr. Koleszar noted that Elementary Secondary Education Act has passed the House but there has not been much movement in the Senate.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 9:12 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Gallaway adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk