A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 27, 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. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Eric Strucko; 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; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:30 p.m., Mrs. Mouly 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 personnel issues related to the appointments, assignments, and transfers of specific employees; and personnel issues related to the appointment of members to the Long Range Planning Committee; subsection 3 to discuss the consideration of the acquisition of real property for a potential school site where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the Albemarle County School Board; and subsection 7 to discuss and consider consultation with legal counsel to provide legal advice on specific matters related to Special Education. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:32 p.m., Mrs. Mouly 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. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** to accept the reduction in force list presented by staff. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mrs. Mouly offered a **motion** to appoint Dr. Michael Irani as the principal of Meriwether Lewis Elementary School. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:32 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. Ms. Acuff **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 Donations and Reimbursements to School Division – 3rd Quarter
3.3 Personnel Action
3.4 Mary Margaret Davis Shelton Horticultural Grant – Cale
3.5 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
3.6 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.7 (Unverified) November 2013 and (Unverified) December 2013 Year-To-Date Financial Report
3.8 Minutes – 2014

Ms. Acuff offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Ms. Mouly congratulated Mr. Gallaway for successfully defending his dissertation for his Doctorate in Education.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. ACPS Inclement Weather Make-Up Days.

Dr. Haas reviewed with the Board the recommendation for make-up days for the 2013-2014 school year and a recommendation for make-up days for the 2014-2015 calendar. It was recommended that the Board designate Thursday, June 12 as the last student school day for the 2013-2014 school year. Students missed 11 days of school due to inclement weather during the 2013-14 school year. By code, the division is required to make up eight of those days: the first five and then every other day after that. We will have made up four of those days by the end of the day on Thursday, June 12. In addition there was a recommendation to add any combination of the following make up days to the school calendar for the 2014-15 school year: January 20, February 16, April 3, June 8, and June 9.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to make June 12, 2014 as the last day of school and to use bank time to make up the days that the division is unable to make up. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Board members noted or asked the following: 1) what is the testing schedule for next school year, and 2) how many days were in the current year calendar for make-up days prior to winter break.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the calendar changes for the 2014/15 school year and to place the revised calendar on the next consent agenda for approval. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. Mr. Gallaway asked for discussion. Mr. Strucko asked if staff considered scaling back the two week winter break. Mr. Buyaki asked if Spring Break was considered for make-up days. Dr. Haas said that the Board could arrange the order of when make-up days would be used. Mr. Buyaki said that he would offer Spring Break – the entire week – as make-up days. Mr. Strucko said that he wants to have a sense of comfort that there are enough make up days within the calendar. Mr. Koleszar said that he would offer a friendly amendment to add April 6 and 7 between April 3 and June 8 on the makeup day order. Mr. Strucko seconded the amended motion. Mr. Buyaki said that he would like to see it extended to April 8. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Koleszar requested that the Transportation Department provide information on the impact of adding five minutes to the end of the school day for elementary schools – in increments up to 30 minutes. Dr. Moran said that this is an issue that if a change is going to be considered, there should be parent and community input. Staff can bring back the facts and then the Board can consider the information provided. **There was Board consensus for this information to be provided.**

Agenda Item No. 7.2. FY 2014/15 Funding Request Information.

Mr. Tistadt and Mr. Zimmermann provided the Board with a presentation on updates to the 2014/2015 funding request. The presentation included technical adjustments to School Board's request, a recap of the reasons for the funding increase request, potential recurring shortfall, list of potential reductions, and the potential of available one-time monies.

Following the presentation, Board members noted or asked about the following: 1) does the health insurance increase reflect the additional $350,000, 2) would the actions taken tonight in regards to reduction in force lower the insurance costs, 3) it was noted that the health insurance numbers are only based on a couple months of data, 4) it was noted that the reduction in lapse factor is not included on the potential reduction list, 5) it was suggested that the Board request use of money in the local government fund balance as one time money, 6) is there a push to talk with the Board of Supervisors about sustainability, 7) class size and if it should be included on the list of potential reductions, 8) the impact of reducing the proposed salary increases, 9) does the athletic budget need to be looked at further, and 10) how are operational budgets prepared.

There was Board consensus to not tier potential reductions any further.

There was Board consensus to not request one-time funds at this time.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Break.

There was a break from 8:43 p.m. until 8:56 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.4. FY 2013/14 Financial Updates.

Mr. Tistadt and Mr. Zimmermann provided the Board with a presentation on the 2013/2014 financial status of the division. The presentation included information on: 1) current year revenue shortfall, 2) lapse factor and fund balance, and 3) current year actions being implemented to address the shortfall.

Following the presentation, a Board member asked for more information on the selective hiring freeze.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Mrs. Moynihan said that she would like to add to the potential reduction list the Family Support Workers because she feels that it should be paid for out of the Social Services budget. Mr. Gallaway noted that the suggestion could be included in the information on the reduction list that will be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Mouly noted that Delegate Steve Landes sent Board members a resolution for the Board to consider regarding the State legislature separating out expanded Medicaid funding from the budget being considered with the idea that rest of the budget would be passed more quickly. Mr. Koleszar said that he does not support the resolution. Mr. Buyaki said that it was his understanding that the Federal Government was going to pay Medicaid expansion for three years. He would support the resolution. Mrs. Moynihan would like more information on the resolution. Mr. Gallaway said the he finds it difficult to separate the issues. **The Board did not take action on the resolution.**

Mr. Gallaway offered a **motion t**o appoint Kelly Gobble to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

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.

Chairman

Clerk