A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on March 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: Ms. Barbara Massie Mouly.

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. Adam Hastings, Director of CATEC; Mr. Jim Foley, Director of Transportation; 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. Buyaki 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 and transfers of specific employees; and subsection 3 to discuss and consider: The acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

Mr. Koleszar 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, Mr. Gallaway, Mrs. Acuff, Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Strucko, and Mr. Buyaki.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

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

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Moment of Silence.
Agenda Item No. 1.5. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 E-rate Program Funds
3.3 Personnel Action
3.4 (Unverified) September 2013 and (Unverified) October 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report
3.5 Minutes – 2014

3.6 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.7 For Action: Policy Review and Revisions

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the Minutes – 2013 and Policy JN. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Minutes – 2013

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the October 15, 2013 joint CATEC Board Meeting minutes. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko, Mrs. Acuff and Mr. Gallaway abstaining.**

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the November 14, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Acuff and Mrs. Moynihan abstaining.**

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of the December 12, 2013 joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the December 12, 2013 business meeting. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Acuff abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 4.2. For Action: Policy JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges/Approval of High School and Middle School Fees.

Mrs. Moynihan noted that raising student parking fees would not impact the budget in a large way. Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve Policy JN. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Spelling Bee: Dr. Moran said that we would like to salute seven champions from our elementary and middle schools. We recently completed our ninth annual Spelling Bee, which was held at Burley Middle School. It took 23 rounds to select the seven students who represented our division in the regional Spelling Bee at Monticello High School. Roshan George, a seventh grader from Sutherland, was our winner for the second year in a row by correctly spelling "aventurine," which is a translucent quartz spangled with other minerals. Ahmad Hasan-Aamir, a Burley seventh grader was our second-place finisher both in our Bee and in the Regional Bee at Monticello. For 71 consecutive rounds, Ahmad was one of only two students left in that competition. Dr. Moran then asked Kristin Williams, who together with Isabel McLean managed the Spelling Bee to recognize our champions.

Ms. Williams recognized Roshan George as our winner and Ahmad Hasan-Aamir for finishing second. Also qualifying for the Regional Bee was: Aoife Arras, a fifth grade student from Cale; Cecelia Dagner, a fifth grader from Brownsville; Jacob Frysinger, who is in the third grade at Broadus Wood; Michael Lee, a fourth grade student from Murray, and Brandon Caramanis, who is in the seventh grade at Walton. Ms. Williams then presented Ahmad with his award for the second place finish and Roshan as the champion.

Battelle: Dr. Moran said that the other celebration this evening honors Battelle. She then introduced Adrian Felts. Adrian leads Charlottesville operations for Battelle and he also has a long list of community leadership credentials beside his name. Not only is he a valued contributor to our county and region as the result of his membership on a broad list of organizations, but Adrian also is a strong advocate for our students and their future. She then provided a quick snapshot of the difference that Adrian and Battelle are making in our classrooms. Just over the past few years, Battelle has provided financial support for: Our Health & Medical Sciences Academy; Chris Bunin's work with Geospatial Technologies; and Coder Dojos. Dr. Moran then acknowledged the latest contribution from Battelle--$20,000 for the manufacturing lab program in our middle schools.

She said that Adrian has done exceptional work for many years on behalf of the Piedmont Regional Science Fair, where yesterday, Albemarle County public school students won an astonishing 93 awards.

Mr. Felts then shared some of his thoughts on the value of industry's partnership with education.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements. None.
Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Mr. Tistadt provided the Board with an overview of the budget reductions for the School Division from 2010 – 2014. He then provided an update on the funding request based on the advertised tax rate increase by the Board of Supervisors. Board members asked when staff would be able to provide the athletic department budgets that were requested on February 6^{th}. Mr. Gallaway noted that there was discussion among the Board of Supervisors about holding a joint meeting with local legislators to discuss budget matters. Dr. Moran said that she doubts that the group will be able to meet. She then suggested that a joint letter be prepared to be sent outlining the budget issues around mandates for education from the state.

Dr. Haun noted that SOL Writing Tests are taking place this week and next week.

Dr. Moran noted that State Superintendent Pat Wright has retired.

Dr. Moran said that Secretary of Education will be speaking at the Chamber Luncheon. If any Board member wants to attend it is important to let Ms. Johnston know.

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

Mr. Dave Cushman, principal of Baker-Butler Elementary School, provided the Board with an overview of Baker Butler's School Improvement Plan. He also reviewed with the Board current challenges and current successes for the school.

After the presentation, Board members asked or noted the following: 1) is the parent to parent network different than the PTO, and 2) does the school have any partnership/relationship with NGIC.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Bright Stars 2013 Annual Report.

Mr. John Freeman, assistant director of social services, provided the Board with an overview of the Bright Stars 2013 Annual Report.

Following the presentation, Board members asked or noted 1) trend data on the continuation of services as students move to middle and high school, 2) how large is the program waiting list, and 3) how are parents identified to participate in the program.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Inclement Weather Plan B School Bus Routes.

Mr. Foley provided the Board with a presentation on implementing a "Plan B" inclement weather plan for school bus routes. The presentation included: 1) the purpose of a "Plan B" bus route, 2) the method of implementing an alternative bus route for inclement weather, 3) a sample of a "Plan B" bus route and the impact on students, 4) a staff recommendation not to implement "Plan B" bus routes, and 5) current actions that are taking place in Transportation to address closing schools in inclement weather.

Following the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) what are potential benefits for implementing a "Plan B", 2) what percentage of the population is special needs for transportation, 3) what percentage of days are halted from opening due to the condition of back, unpaved roads, 4) if an IEP states that there will be door to door transportation, if the student is not able to be picked up would that mean the division is out of compliance, 5) how many students drive to schools, 6) what is the process of making the decision to close schools, 7) what percentage of the roads are secondary or tertiary for bus routes, 8) if a road is passable for cars can the division say that bus service will not be provided for certain routes, and 9) can a make-up day be held for special education students that require transportation within the IEP.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. ACPS Inclement Weather Make-up Report. (Heard after the break).

Dr. Haas provided the Board with information on current inclement weather days within the division and a plan for making up those missed days.

There was Board consensus to continue to follow the current make up schedule for the current year.

It was requested that the makeup days for next year be reevaluated at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 8:28 p.m. until 8:37 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Technology Integration Pilot Update.

Mr. Jim Asher, principal of Burley Middle School, Ms. Alison Dwier-Selden, principal of Walton Middle School, and Ms. Kathryn Baylor, principal and Mr. Peter Henning, assistant principal of Jack Jouett Middle School provided the Board with information on how they are integrating technology in each school.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. CATEC Strategic Plan.

Mr. Hastings provided the Board with a presentation on the CATEC Strategic Plan. The presentation included a review of the previous model used by CATEC, the process for developing the new model, what the new model looks like, a review of the new brand for the school and the next steps for implementing the new strategic plan.

Following the presentation, Board members noted or asked the following: 1) how is CATEC addressing entrepreneurship, 2) why was more information about the institutional model not included in the presentation, 3) what are employers saying the local need is within the community, and 4) are students training on cars that would make them ready to work on a car when they work into a shop.

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

Mr. Koleszar asked what strategies are being put in place financially to end the year on a positive note. Mr. Strucko asked for monthly reports on the financial status of the division.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:55 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