A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on May 8, 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; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; and Mr. Jason Buyaki (arrived at 5:34 p.m.).

ABSENT: Mr. Eric Strucko and 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. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:30 p.m., Ms. Acuff 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 subsection 7 to discuss and consider consultation with legal counsel to provide legal advice on specific matters related to an investigation. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion**, and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki absent**.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

Ms. Acuff 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 vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 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. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.5. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item. No. 2.1. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Gallaway said that the Revision to Middle School Career and Technical Education Curriculum was added to the agenda after it was published. He asked that the Board consider moving the item to the first order of business under School Division Business (8.1). Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda as amended. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 The Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) Grant
3.3 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.4 Personnel Action

3.5 The (Unverified) January 2014, (Unverified) February 2014 and (Unverified) March 2014 Year-to-Date Financial Report, Operating Expense Report, and Self-Sustaining Funds Report

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran recognized Sean Means. Earlier this month, she had the privilege of attending a ceremony at Monticello High School for a very special young man. He is the first recipient of a Ron Brown scholarship from Central Virginia and this year, he was the only scholar selected from the Commonwealth. Each year, more than 5,000 students from across the country apply to be Ron Brown scholars and less than one-half of one percent of these applicants are accepted. Sean is among this highly select group. Sean is the quintessential renaissance man—he has a 4.6 GPA; he's on the debate team and is competing in the national championship later this month in Chicago; He interns with a local law firm; He was accepted at UVA, Yale, Brown and at Stanford, where he will attend school in the fall; He played on Monticello's varsity football team and would like to play for Stanford and he is a mentor to students at the school. He will be joining a class of scholars that since the program's inception in 1996 has a college graduation rate of 100 percent and a community service participation rate of 100 percent. She then asked him, his principal, Dr. Jesse Turner and Monticello's gifted resource teacher, John Baran, to come to the podium to share some thoughts about this award and his future plans.

Dr. Haun recognized Latishia Wilson and Devan Ellison. This is National Teacher Appreciation Week and the final two spotlights are on teachers. He then introduced Latishia Wilson, who has been a special education teacher in the division and is now the assistant principal at Stone-Robinson and Devan Ellison, who is a third grade teacher at the school. We often hear about the difference our teachers make in the lives of our students and not just in the classroom. What makes this profession so valued is the dedication of teachers to their students, a service that cannot be adequately captured in a traditional job description. He then asked Latishia and Devan to share a story with the Board about how teachers see their role and is illustrative of what happens in our schools every day.

Mr. Doug Granger, assistant principal at Agnor-Hurt, Doug is the president of the UVA Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Now in its 107^{th} year, Phi Delta Kappa is the professional honor society for educators founded upon the principles of research, leadership and service. The UVA chapter serves Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene and Nelson counties and the city of Charlottesville school divisions. On June 4^{th}, the chapter will be holding their awards dinner at the Greencroft Club. He then shared some information about this year's recipients.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements. (Heard prior to the Spotlight on Education)

Dr. Haas said that our current teaching staff is 1,241. When the renewal list comes to the Board for approval there will be 1,087 for re-appointment. There are currently 31 retirements.

Dr. Haas recognized Mr. Dave Cushman, principal at Baker-Butler Elementary, for his service to the school division. He will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Dr. Moran shared with the Board a story of where she gave a classroom a math question to solve, and the responses that she received.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Will Moran and Tristen Carr, students at Monticello High School, shared with the Board their citizen action project on the idea of a fourth high school in Albemarle County. They feel that adding a high school at this time would not be a financially sound decision. The Board should consider the idea of offering on-line courses as an option.

Ariana Jones is a student at Monticello High School. She shared with the Board her group's citizen action project on ways to help with the budget deficit. They feel that class sizes should not be increased and teaching positions should not be eliminated. They also suggested that each school raise money for the individual school.

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

Mr. Gallaway said that QuickStart Tennis approached staff about putting in three courts as a donation at Crozet Elementary School. The Board needs to grant permission for the program to build the courts and then the Board would need to accept the donation. In addition, the Board would need to fund the project management fees. Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to have time to think about the request. Mrs. Moynihan asked how much participation does the Parks and Recreation in maintaining the courts. Mr. Tistadt said that he spoke with Parks and Recreation and they will assume maintenance of the courts once completed. Mrs. Moynihan said that she is supportive of the project. **There was Board consensus for information about this project to be placed on the May 22, 2014 consent agenda for approval. In the meantime, staff should communicate with the donor that they should begin working on the timeline and logistics of the project.**

Mrs. Moynihan about the attempt to get the family support workers funded by the Board of Supervisors became in the media an attempt to do away with two preschool classes. Dr. Moran said that in 2006/2007 when the Board was approached with a funding gap with a recommendation for the School Division to fund the family support workers. Once the money moves to local government it becomes theirs to use as appropriate, and it seems that at some point the money was repurposed for classrooms.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Revision to Middle School Career and Technical Education Curriculum.

Mr. Ratliff provided a presentation on the proposed revision to the Middle School Career and Technical Education Curriculum. The presentation included a review of the process, an overview of the three pillars – engineering and mechatronics; coding and programming; digital media technologies, and an overview of the implementation timeline for the new curriculum.

Following the presentation, Board members asked: 1) in the schools where the curriculum is being piloted, what are the enrollment numbers for these courses, 2) are there problems for students in scheduling these classes for those who participate in band, and 3) what is the gender breakdown for enrollment.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Jouett – AVID Program. (Heard prior to 8.1)

Ms. Baylor provided the Board with an overview of the work that is taking place at Jack Jouett Middle School around the AVID program. Students in the AVID program at Jack Jouett provided the Board with thoughts on how the program has helped them.

Ms. Acuff asked how long the AVID program has been at Jack Jouett. Ms. Baylor said that this is the fifth year.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Make-up Days within the School Calendar for the 2014-15 School Year. (Heard after the break)

Dr. Haas provided a brief overview of the proposed calendar for the school division. Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the calendar for 2014-15. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break.

There was a break from 8:17 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Strategic Plan Status.

Dr. Haas provided a presentation on the impact of budget decisions on the School Division's strategic plan. The presentation also included information on what items one-time monies could be used on if additional money was provided by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Gallaway said that he had a discussion with the Board of Supervisors about what one time monies would be used for if provided. The question now, is the Board interested in seeking out one-time monies from the Board of Supervisors. If so, then the Board will need to agree on a list of items that the money would be used towards. He noted that he is not really interested in providing a list of items for them to scrutinize prior to deciding on allocating one-time money to the division.

Mr. Koleszar said that he feels that it would be appropriate to seek one-time money, and a list of the type of items the money could be used for be provided the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Acuff is in favor of telling a "story" of the impact of the funding and reductions.

There was Board consensus to ask for one-time money and to provide the list of items that one—time money may be used to fund minus the 5% operational funds.

Potential One-Time Funding Options

Item	Amount
Professional Development	$300,000
Design 2015	$250,000*
Learning Resources	$150,000
Paperless Evaluation	$45,000
Interpreter Services	$50,000
Safe Schools	$190,000
5% Operational Funds	$467,067
Total	$1,452,067

* Partially funded for $125K using recurring funds

Mr. Koleszar suggested that the Board write the Board of Supervisors a letter requesting the joint meeting take place sooner than later to begin discussion between the two Boards. **There was Board consensus for Mr. Gallaway to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors with the above noted request.**

Agenda Item No. 8.6. Board Retreat Discussion.

Dr. Haas asked the Board how they would like the agenda planned for the retreat in June.

Mr. Gallaway said that one area of discussion would be for Mr. Blair to provide a presentation on parliamentary procedure.

Mr. Buyaki said that he would like to have a discussion about the Virginia Retirement System, school choice within the County, and using the Burley Middle School facility as a magnet school.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to make sure that there is adequate time to do the annual review of the School Board, the review of the Superintendent and then the review of the School Board/Superintendent Priorities. These are the things that have to be done.

Dr. Moran said that there could be a section on the "doing business" side of things and then there could be a part on the strategic plan side of the work.

Mr. Gallaway noted that more information would be provided at the May work session. In addition, staff had requested that the date be moved from June 2 to after school closes. Board members noted that this meeting has been on the calendar since January, and feel it is too late to change the date.

Agenda Item No. 8.7. School Board Salary Discussion/Proposal.

Mr. Buyaki said that he does not favor a salary increase for the Board. Mr. Koleszar and Mrs. Moynihan support a one percent increase in salary. Ms. Acuff and Mr. Gallaway said they support following the historical process and more discussion can take place at the meeting when it comes to the Board for adoption.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to advertise for public hearing a School Board member salary for 2014-15 at $6,214 with a chairman stipend of $1,800 per year and a vice-chairman stipend of $35 per meeting chaired. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki voting no.**

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.
Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:44 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