A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on April 24, 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 (arrived at 7:05 p.m.); Ms. Kate Acuff; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan (via telephone from New York, New York); Mr. 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; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Mr. John Gray, Human Resources Manager; Ms. Clare Keiser, Assistant Director for Educator Quality; Ms. Mitsuko Clemmons-Nazeer, Human Resources Manager; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Leanne Knox, Safety and Wellness Coordinator; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Christine Thompson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 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.

Mr. Gallaway said that Mrs. Moynihan was not able to attend the meeting in person however she requested to participate remotely. Mrs. Moynihan then joined the meeting via the telephone. Mrs. Moynihan said that she is unable to attend the meeting in person because she is out of town on family business. Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to allow Mrs. Moynihan to participate in the meeting remotely. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda noting that an item on the School Division calendar was added for information. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 Special Education Annual Plan (2014-2015)
3.3 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.4 Carl D. Perkins Local Plan for Career and Technical Education
3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
3.7 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.8 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.9 Minutes

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. Mr. Gallaway noted that Policy CMA is being proposed as a new policy. **The motion passed with Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Haun said that AP exams will take place the first two weeks of May. These testing dates are set by the State. SOL testing will begin the third week of May.

Dr. Haas shared information about the We Notice Recognitions that took place prior to the Board meeting. There were 703 recognitions.

Mr. Tistadt said that the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee has been meeting. The meetings are taking place in schools so that members can walk facilities.

Mr. Scheivert said that Codordojo registration opened yesterday for the summer. The intermediate and advanced classes are filling quickly.

Dr. Moran said that the Division is also rolling out a summer Fine Arts Academy. The program will be fee based.

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

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Tom Murphy, Mr. Taylor Flowers, Ms. Roxanne Flores, Ms. Samantha C., and Mr. Jose Rome, students at Monticello High School, presented their citizen action project on Pre-K to the Board. They believe that removing funding for the Bright Stars Program would put a lot of children at risk. They asked the Board to continue to support the program.

Another group of Monticello High School students presented the Board with their citizen action project on increasing class size and the impact on budget. They realized that the decision is a hard one to make. The group feels increasing class size is not something that should be done, however, at times is necessary. They encouraged the Board to continue looking for alternative ways to secure funding so class increases become a continuing problem.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. FY 2014/2015 School Board's Adopted Budget.

Mr. Zimmermann provided a review of the budget development process and a review of the reductions that the School Board made to the proposed budget at the April 17, 2014 meeting. He noted that the proposed budget is balanced based on the reductions made by the Board.

Mr. Strucko asked if there was any further communication from the Board of Supervisors on actions that they may take to free up funding. Mr. Gallaway said that he had a discussion with Chair Dittmar, and he feels that there will be a discussion among the Board of Supervisors at the next meeting. If one-time funds were to become available, the Board, at that time, could discuss how to use the additional funds.

Mr. Strucko asked about the deadline for teacher contracts and scheduling deadlines. Dr. Haas provided an overview of the timeline.

Ms. Acuff asked if there was a discussion about the salary increase change. Mr. Gallaway said not directly, however, he does feel that they will do the same thing.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adopt an amended operational budget totaling $160,437,310 and a self-sustaining budget totaling $16, 052,319 for a total of $176,489,629 for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion. Mr. Gallaway asked for discussion. Mr. Strucko said that is not in favor of class size and feels there are reductions of approximately $600,000 in other areas. He will not vote in favor of the motion. Mr. Gallaway said that he is pleased with the process used at the last meeting to close the funding gap. He will vote in favor of the budget with the hope that some items can be adjusted if the Board of Supervisors provides additional one-time money. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

Motion carried by a 5:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Make-Up Days within the School Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Mr. Koleszar said that based of feedback, he feels the make-up days of April 6 and 7 should be removed. Once removed, the calendar can be placed on the next consent agenda for approval. Mr. Buyaki agreed. **There was Board consensus for this change to be made.**

Mr. Buyaki said that he would like for staff to explore adding additional time across the door, and to provide scenarios for the Board to consider. **There was Board consensus for staff to look at creative solutions for make-up days.**

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment (Heard after Other Business).

Mr. Mike Basille feels that the budget process has been misleading and deceiving to the public. He feels that there have not been adequate answers to questions from the public.

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

Mr. Gallaway said that it seems there is interest of the Board of Supervisors to move forward with joint board work. Both Chairs are hopeful that the work can begin quickly.

He noted that he has asked the Board of Supervisors for two items: 1) an accounting and use of reserve funds, and 2) a clarification of capital improvement projects and the process around CIP when extra money may come up. Noting that he had received information on one of the items, Board members requested that the information be sent to the entire Board as it is received then followed up with another email containing all the information. Mr. Gallaway asked if there were other items needed by the Board. Ms. Acuff asked about the goals of the joint meetings. Mr. Gallaway said that he and Ms. Dittmar hope that the boards come out of these meetings with some sustainable ideas for funding sources. Mr. Strucko said that there needs to be a discussion about the process and pressures of developing the School Division budget.

Mr. Koleszar noted that the May CATEC joint board meeting was canceled.

Mr. Koleszar suggested that the Board invest in another efficiency study on the Building Services Department to see if there are any areas to save significant money.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 7:56 p.m., Mr. Gallaway, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk