A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 25, 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 6:10 p.m.); Ms. Kate Acuff; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Eric Strucko; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Buyaki.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Ms. Debora Collins, Executive Director of K-12 Education; Dr. Russell Carlock, International and ESOL Program Coordinator; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 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 the performance of a specific employee and possible appointment to the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Koleszar seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Buyaki absent.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:30 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. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 6:0:1vote.

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.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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3.2 For Approval: Learning Resources Selection and Adoption
3.3 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
3.4 The Community Public Charter School FY14/15

3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 Title I Grant FY14/15
3.7 May 2014 (unverified) Financial Report and June 2014 (unaudited) Financial Report
3.8 For Approval: Policy Review and Revision

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Items pulled from the Consent Agenda. None.
Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements. None.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.

Dr. Moran noted that the division did receive information on last year's drop out and on-time graduation rate.

Dr. Moran provided the Board with a book called *Ed Journey*. There are a couple of pages about Albemarle County Public Schools within the book.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Board Strategic Priority/Strategy: World Languages Program.

Ms. Collins and Dr. Carlock provided the Board with an overview of the work session format which is to look at what the Board would like the world languages program to look like in Albemarle County Public Schools. Dr. Carlock provided the Board with a presentation. The presentation included a review of the purpose of the work session, the process which will be used in discussing the purpose of the program, a review of Strategic Objective 3.2 (*Implement a robust, Division-wide PK-12 World Languages Program*.), research on when we should begin teaching languages, characteristics of a robust program, a review of two models of language instruction, and options and costs for the division.

Mr. Strucko asked if the programming and budget include what is needed to keep the programming going in secondary schools.

Mr. Gallaway asked for the definition of full conversational bilingualism. He also asked about the strategy for selecting languages for a robust program. Are all the students who want full immersion at Cale Elementary School getting it?

Ms. Acuff asked for the impact on middle school language programs if certain schools pilot programs and others do not.

Board members broke into two groups to discuss the following questions: 1) what strengths does our community offer that would allow us to build a robust program? 2) What challenges will we face? and 3) what is most important for decision makers to consider as they define a vision for a robust program?

Board members then discussed with staff how to build out a plan and defining a robust world languages program. It was noted that the Board supports an immersion program that teaches in the program rather than teaching the language.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break.

There was a break from 8:15 p.m. to 8:25 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. FY2015/16 Preliminary Budget Discussion.

Mr. Zimmermann, Ms. Gerome and Dr. Haas provided a presentation to start the FY2015/16 budget discussion. The presentation included a review of the unaudited financials for 2013/14, a review of Fund

Balance, challenges of the current year, information of the five year budget development, information on the compensation and benefit recommendations that would be provided to the joint boards, and possible future items for possible budget considerations.

Ms. Acuff asked about the terminology of expansion of professional development. She indicated that she would like for the division to follow through with the green classroom space for the academy at Western Albemarle High School. She asked that when enrollment numbers are provided to the Board is it possible to provide free and reduced numbers for the current year.

Mr. Strucko asked if compensation would be further addressed using fund balance.

Mrs. Moynihan expressed concern about losing funding for Title I as it relates to pre-K. She also asked about future expenses for CATEC as it relates to the strategic plan. She indicated that the athletic budget information should be included in the budget presentation as requested last year.

Mr. Koleszar said that his priority would be for the world languages program and professional development.

Mr. Gallaway noted that he does not want reductions from the previous year to get lost in the discussion of needing to restore to the same level of service. He also asked about the reduction for learning resources from last year and where it falls in the current suggestions.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Mark Echelberger spoke to the Board regarding budget recommendations for the coming year.

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

Mr. Gallaway said that at the PREP board meeting around special educations services as it relates to programming and where savings may be found.

Mr. Koleszar said that he toured Murray High School, Post High School, Burley Middle School, and the Community Public Charter School.

Mr. Koleszar said that there is an underutilized resource in our PTOs and how we communicate as it relates to the budget.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:59 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