

A Special Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mr. Eric Strucko; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Steve Koleszar; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; and Ms. Kate Acuff.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Strategic Planning and Human Resources Leadership; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1 Call Order.

At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Gallaway called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 3.1 Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Agenda Approval

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1 Budget Public Hearing.

Mr. Gallaway opened the public hearing on the proposed funding request.

Mr. River Lewis is a student at Cale Elementary School. He hopes that the Spanish immersion program can continue at Cale Elementary and in future grades.

Ms. Lena Lewis is a parent. She spoke in support of the Spanish immersion program at Cale Elementary School.

Ms. Lisa Jones is the principal of Cale Elementary School. She thanked the Board for their support and asked that they support the following: keep current class size, funding for growth, increasing teacher compensation, translation services, and expanding the world language program in other schools.

Ms. Judy Spielman is an occupational therapist in Albemarle County Schools. She asked that the Board fund the request for an additional occupational therapist.

Ms. Diane Espinoza is a teacher. She asked that the Board provide adequate compensation to teachers.

Ms. Tracy Aglio is a teacher. She asked that the Board provide adequate compensation to teachers.

Mr. Sal Giardano is a teacher. He asked that the Board prioritize and provide adequate compensation to teachers.

Ms. Shirley Palmer is a teacher. She asked that the Board provide adequate compensation to teachers.

Ms. Teresa Murphy is a teacher. She asked that the Board provide adequate compensation to teachers.

Dr. Wally Adishana is a teacher. He asked that the Board approve the Superintendent's funding request. Science teachers need supplies in their classrooms and also need funding for professional development.

Ms. Charlotte Wood is a teacher. She asked that the Board provide adequate compensation for teachers.

Ms. Sharon Hung is a parent. She supports the Superintendent's funding request.

Mr. Vernon Liechti is a teacher. He endorses the Superintendent's funding request. He spoke to the Board about teacher retention in Albemarle County. He noted that a lot of teachers are leaving due to lack of compensation.

Mr. Ruby Perez is a parent. He spoke about his children's experience in Albemarle County Public Schools.

Ms. Denora Hernandez is a parent. She supports the teachers in the division because they do great work and put forth great effort. She asked that the Board provide adequate compensation to teachers.

Ms. Rena Jimanez is a parent. She supports the teachers in the division. She asked that the Board fund the translation services for the school division.

Ms. Catherine Ludwig is a parent. She spoke to the Board in support of expanding the world languages program at the elementary level. She also supports the Superintendent's funding request.

Ms. Stephanie Passman is a teacher. She spoke in support of the Superintendent's funding request.

Ms. Jennifer McCune is the co-president of the Parent Council. She spoke in support of the Superintendent's funding request.

Ms. Kate Barrett is a parent. Budget constraints impact technology, equipping classrooms for technology, staffing, and professional development. She asked that the Board support the Superintendent's funding request.

Ms. Yolanda Perez is a parent representing the Hispanic community. She asked that the Board support funding for translation services because it bridges the communities and allows for parental participation.

Ms. Anne Garrity is a parent. She asked that the Board approve the Superintendent's funding request with regard to professional development funding, teacher compensation, and class size.

Mr. Gallaway closed the public hearing.

Mr. Koleszar encouraged speakers to contact their state legislators to fund public education.

Agenda Item No. 5.2 Work Session

Dr. Gallaway asked for an update on the posting of budget materials online.

Agenda Item No. 6.1 Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mr. Buyaki announced that he will be seeking re-election to the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 7.1 Adjournment.

At 7:42 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Gallaway adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk