

A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Ms. Kate Acuff; Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan (arrived at 6:37 p.m.); Mr. Jason Buyaki; and Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly.

ABSENT: Mr. Eric Strucko.

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

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call Order.

Mr. Gallaway called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 2.1. FY2015/16 Budget Worksession.

Dr. Moran framed the work session.

Mr. Scheivert highlighted points for consideration regarding the Department of Accountability, Research and Technology budget. Topics of discussion included an overview of the department and services provided, information on budget efficiencies that have been implemented, an overview of resource allocation within the department, and an overview of the department operational spending accounts including the major expenses in each account.

Ms. Acuff asked how ESOL students do when working with the technology.

Mrs. Mouly asked why the numbers for salary and benefits was different in the budget book and the presentation. She also asked about the fiber optic cabling and the budget impact.

Mr. Koleszar asked if the different levels of access for students at home have an impact on the ability to do the work.

Mrs. Moynihan asked for more information on Illuminate. She also asked why all teachers are not using the software.

Dr. Gallaway asked what the impact would be on the classroom if technology went away.

Mr. Zimmermann provided information to the Board about full time equivalents and how it is used for staffing and benefits.

Dr. Haas introduced Dr. Jesse Turner, principal of Monticello High School; Ms. Kathryn Baylor, principal of Jack Jouett Middle School; Ms. India Haun, principal of Brownsville Elementary School; and Mrs.

Michele Castner, principal of Agnor-Hurt Elementary School, who then provided the Board with information on the staffing process at each school.

Mrs. Mouly asked what a day as an RTI specialist looked like at a school.

Dr. Gallaway asked about allocation of FTEs for special education and ESOL. He also asked if information could be collected from each principal about the impact of a class size increase on the school.

There was a break from 8:51 p.m. until 9:02 p.m.

Ms. Gerome provided the Board with points for consideration around the compensation strategy and the direction regarding pay increases. In addition she provided the information on the Academic Leadership Stipends.

Mr. Buyaki asked for historical data on medical benefits back to the year 2000 including employee premiums, the annual board contribution and any plan changes.

Mr. Zimmermann ended with a review of the proposed agendas for the upcoming budget work sessions leading to the adoption of a funding request.

Mr. Koleszar asked if Food Services would be included in the special revenue funds.

Mr. Zimmermann provided the Board with answers to the questions that were provided by email to staff.

Mr. Buyaki asked if the athletic information could be provided to the Board electronically and to include the total amount of student athletic fees by sport. Staff noted that the data was only collected by school, not by sport.

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Mrs. Mouly noted that Mr. Peter Wurzer, White Hall magisterial district appointee to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee, has stepped down from the committee. She has asked that the position be advertised.

Mr. Koleszar noted that he was in Richmond for the VSBA Lobbying Day. He said that the SOL reform seems to be moving along. He then shared with the Board information provided at the conference regarding the State's budget and funding for education.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 9:47 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Gallaway adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk