A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mr. Ned Gallaway; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: Ms. Kate Acuff.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matt Haas, Assistant Superintendent for Organizational and Human Resource Leadership; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Mrs. Mouly 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 and appointment of a specific employee and the discipline of a specific employee. Mr. Buyaki seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan absent.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Koleszar 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. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 6:0:1vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:40 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. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko absent.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Donations and Reimbursements to the School Division 2nd Quarter
3.3 Reappropriation to Paul G. McIntire Fund FY14/15
3.4 The Community Public Charter School FY14/15
3.5 English Literacy/Civics Education Grant FY14/15
3.6 Minutes
3.7 Personnel Action

3.8 Families in Crisis Grant FY14/15
3.9 Investing in Innovation Grant
3.10 KOVAR Grant
3.11 For Action: Policy Review and Revisions

Mrs. Moynihan asked for a separate vote on the minutes. Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Strucko absent.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a motion to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes. Mrs. Mouly seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan abstaining.

Mr. Buyaki offered a motion to approve the June 2, 2014 minutes. Mrs. Mouly seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Dr. Moran said that February is a very special month in our school year because of the opportunities it offers for us to honor our school division's four values of: Young People, Community, Respect, and Excellence. In all of our schools, we are including all students in projects and programs that commemorate Black History Month and celebrate the enormous contributions African Americans have made to our nation and to human progress all over the globe. Next Wednesday, for instance, Albemarle High School will be conducting a very special event in their media center.

Dr. Moran said that February also is School Board Appreciation Month. There are so many contributions that each of you make, individually and as a group, to our more than 13,000 students and their families. Later this evening, for instance, you will vote on a budget for the next school year. Beyond the programmatic support you provide is the counsel and guidance you offer to our students as captured in the four values you established for the school division. This evening, we have some of your beneficiaries with us to tell us about the difference you are making in their lives.

Scottsville: The first special guests are from Scottsville Elementary School, which has raised nearly $50,000 through a Math-a-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital since they began the program.

Jouett and Sutherland: One of the distinctive advantages of our division has been your support for protecting our music, art, drama and PE programs through some difficult budget seasons.

Murray: The General Assembly recently approved legislation that could lead in a few years to an expansion in the number of charter schools in our state. We have two of those schools in our division and they have been leaders in showcasing different approaches to project-based learning. At Murray, for instance, students have the opportunity to apply to the school for small grants to carry out unique learning projects of their own design. This program is fully funded by the state. Three students who are involved in such projects were in attendance at the meeting. Noah Walker is developing his own YouTube Channel; Lachlan Earles is rebuilding a motorcycle engine and Tristan Johnson is working with a local pianist on his music skills.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Mrs. Mouly noted that she attended the All-District Band concert and it was phenomenal.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Keryi Lopez-Godoy spoke to the Board about maintaining the interpretation services within the school division.

Ms. Maria Godoy spoke to the Board about the importance of interpretation services within the school division.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Items No. 8.1. Adopt FY2015/16 School Board's Funding Request.

Mr. Zimmermann and Mr. Tistadt provided the Board with an overview of the funding request. The presentation included an overview of what is included in the current recommendation, a review of expense adjustments, and an overview of compensation options.

Mr. Strucko asked if the additional $690,000 for teacher compensation included the state match. Is there still an option to provide a bonus for the first part of the year?

Dr. Gallaway asked for the impact and/or difference of the bonus office versus the three-quarter year compensation increase.

Mr. Koleszar asked how much was in the current fund balance.

Mr. Strucko noted that he would like to add $20,000 for the world languages program and using fund balance for an additional quarter of compensation.

Mrs. Moynihan asked what would happen if the Board of Supervisors decides not to provide funding for a compensation increase.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to express to the Board of Supervisors that the School Board hopes with commonality that we would be able to do employee raises as of July 1and to adjust the School Board budget by the $1.3 million to reflect that change. Mr. Buyaki said that he could not support the motion because he does not know the funding. Mr. Strucko said that the motion is basically to make the pay increase for the entire year. Mr. Koleszar said that it is a funding request and we value our employees. Board members were unclear on whether Mr. Koleszar had made an actual motion. Mr. Koleszar then offered a **motion** to include in the funding request a full year compensation increase. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. Mr. Strucko then said that he could not support the motion that he seconded because it would identify uses of the Board Reserves without knowing actual revenues at this time. Mr. Koleszar said that he would suggest using $690,000 in the budget to offset some of the cost. Mrs. Moynihan said that it should be included in the letter not in the budget. Mr. Koleszar said that he feels so strongly about the issue that he would like to include it in the actual funding request. Dr. Gallaway said that at the meeting with the Board of Supervisors in December the School Board directed the Superintendent to build a funding request with a compensation increase starting at the beginning of the fiscal year. He supports a full year raise. He likes staff's recommendation to use some fund balance to offset the cost. Mrs. Moynihan said that we cannot just keep adding to the shortfall to make a point about the need for adequate compensation. Mr. Strucko said that we should include with the funding request a blue print to balance the budget. **Roll was called, and the motion failed by the following recorded vote:**

AYE: Mr. Strucko, Mr. Koleszar, and Mr. Gallaway.
NAY: Mrs. Mouly, Mr. Buyaki, and Mrs. Moynihan.
ABSENT: Ms. Acuff.

Motion failed with a tie vote.

Mr. Blair said that since there is a tie vote, he suggests that the Board waive its rules on this motion in the sense that it would fail because it would typically come back at the next meeting of the entire board for another vote.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to waive policy to not have this motion come back for a vote of the entire board. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** that the School Board adopt a request of $167,267,740 to include the World Language planning. Mr. Koleszar said that he felt it was too preliminary to make such a motion. Mr. Zimmermann noted that the amount requested already includes the funding for the World Language planning. **Mr. Strucko withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Buyaki asked about the central office reductions as a balancing tool and the impact on central office functions. He also expressed concern about the World Languages planning being limited to very specific languages.

Mrs. Moynihan expressed concern about using fund balance for salary increases.

Dr. Gallaway suggested that fund balance could be used for building level needs that were impacted by the operational reductions.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to recommend a funding request of $167, 247,740. Mr. Blair noted that the Board's desires for inclusions in the funding request should be made prior to the final recommendation. **Mr. Strucko withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to increase the use of fund balance by $690,000 in the funding request. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. Mrs. Mouly feels that the motion is unnecessary. Mr. Buyaki said that we risk having the $690,000 provided by the Board of Supervisors in the funding request. Mr. Strucko asked if Mr. Tistadt was comfortable with the remaining fund balance if this motion passes. Mr. Tistadt said yes. **Roll was called, and the motion carried by the following recorded vote:**

AYE: Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Koleszar, Mr. Strucko, Mrs. Mouly, and Dr. Gallaway.
NAY: Mr. Buyaki.
ABSENT: Ms. Acuff.

Motion carried by a 5:1:1 vote.

Mr. Strucko offered a **motion** to adopt a request of 167,247,740 in operating funds and 16,192,692 in special revenue funds. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

AYE: Mr. Strucko, Mr. Koleszar, Mrs. Mouly, Dr. Gallaway, and Mrs. Moynihan.
NAY: Mr. Buyaki.
ABSENT: Ms. Acuff.

Motion carried by a 5:1:1 vote.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Break

A break was not taken during the meeting.

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

Dr. Gallaway asked that the meeting to present the School Division funding request on February 26, 2015 as a special meeting of the School Board so that all members can attend.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:14 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Gallaway adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk