A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Dr. Ned Gallaway; Ms. Kate Acuff; Mr. Eric Strucko; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; 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, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. 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/resignation of a specific employee and subsection 29 to discuss and consider award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds where discussion in open session would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 6:34 p.m., Ms. Acuff 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. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to accept the resignation of employee number 1. Ms. Acuff **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly and Mr. Buyaki absent**.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:34 p.m. Dr. 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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3.3 Economically Dislocated Workers Fund

3.4 The Community Public Charter School FY14/15
3.5 Personnel Action
3.6 Club Yancey Revenue
3.7 Minutes
3.8 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
3.9 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar noted that he had questions about a couple of the policy revisions. On Policy JFCC, where it talks about student behavior being required, he would like to change that to students are expected. Then there is a paragraph about principal responsibility and bus driver responsibility and he would like the two paragraphs switched. Then on Policy KP he is confused about the participation part. Dr. Haas noted that the changes were made and will be brought back for approval at the next meeting. **The motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that she attended the spelling bee. She then shared information about the outcome of the spelling bee.

Dr. Haas shared information about make-up days for inclement weather.

Mr. Tistadt noted that the school division would be operating on a two-hour delay on February 27, 2015 due to refreezing of the roads. A reassessment of the roads will be done in the morning.

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

Dr. Moran noted that February is School Board Appreciation Month. She provided the Board with certificates for years of service as well as VSBA Academy recognition certificates.

Dr. Gallaway said that early in the day he and Ms. Acuff presented the funding request went well.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dean Riddick, chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and other members of the Committee presented the Board with questions for discussion. The questions were presented in order to provide guidance for the upcoming work of the Committee. A summary of the questions and answers follows:

1. ***You have endorsed the Learning Space Modernization project in your most recent CIP request. How vested are you in this project? Recognizing that this project may be competing for funding not only with only capital projects but also perhaps funding needs in the operating budget, where do you see it ranking in priority?***

Board's Direction: This project is and should continue to be a high priority. With constrained resources, it will always compete with other capital needs including those that increase capacity. The concept is strong, but more specificity would be beneficial to the long-term success of the project.

2. ***As the role of technology in our classrooms is increasing, we would like to investigate the impact on the built environment. Specifically, we would like to investigate the potential impact of hybrid or blended classes (virtual and in-person) on our building capacities. Is this something that you are interested in, and would it warrant our time & effort? Are we the right committee to evaluate this?***

Board's Direction*:* This is a topic the board is interested in, but it is unlikely to occur at a large scale in the near future. When thinking long term, the committee should be thoughtful of the impact on capacities and spaces if students are spending less time in the buildings. The committee should also think about how other current unique space utilizations (i.e. Agnor-Hurt multi-age classroom, Henley gym, etc.) impact how we calculate capacity.

3. ***In the past, a "high school of the future" has been discussed. What is the status of this concept?***

Board's Direction*:* While initially conceived as a new, physical building, the notion is now embedded within the learning model of our existing high schools. A staff team is exploring the concept and is supported by a state grant. The LRPAC should collaborate with this team and other related committees to explore any facility needs for initiatives of this concept.

4. ***We understand that you have postponed your decision on the scope of a redistricting committee. We would like to stress again our recommendation for a comprehensive study to address not only over capacity issues but underutilization as well. How do you envision the outcome of a redistricting committee next fall to influence our work this spring? What assumptions should our recommendation be based on?***

Board Direction*:* The board will discuss the redistricting proposal at a future meeting. In the meantime, in lieu of commissioning a comprehensive redistricting study by a separate redistricting committee, the board directs the LRPAC to conduct a theoretical examination of potential redistricting scenarios that would address issues such as overcapacity, feeder patterns, underutilization, & building conditions. The LRPAC should consider and share with the board any solutions to capacity issues at all the schools that could be solved via redistricting, capital projects or other creative solutions.

5. ***Should long term facility recommendations accommodate existing Pre-K programs? What about future programs for unmet needs? If yes, understand that at some schools utilizing classrooms for Pre-K programs results in overcrowding which in turn may result in capital money for additions or redistricting recommendations. Are these actions that the Board is willing to consider to accommodate the pre-k programs?***

Board Direction*:* Yes, facility plans should accommodate pre-k programs and plan for expansion of the programs. The benefit of pre-k is recognized by both this Board and the Board of Supervisors.

6. ***Our questions have covered areas that we have thought about as a committee, but are there other areas that you would like us to work on at this time?***

Board Direction*:* The Board would like the LRPAC to discuss what types of projects or specific projects would be considered for a bond referendum.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break.

There was a break from 8:00 p.m. until 8:14 p.m.

Following the break, Ms. Acuff offered a **motion** to approve entering a non-binding letter of intent with Secure Futures. Mr. Strucko **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Strucko left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. For Action: Proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar

Dr. Haas provided a brief summary of additional information gathered regarding make-up day placement on the calendar.

Mr. Koleszar asked that staff look at the calendar more in depth for the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adopt the 2015-16 calendar as presented. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Agenda Item No. 7.4. Discussion of Revisions to Policies BBA & CBA: Board and Superintendent Evaluation.

Dr. Haas, Ms. Gerome, Mr. Gray and Mr. Koleszar provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Policies BBA and CBA. The presentation included the rationale for making the revisions, the process used to get to the proposed changes, and the process that will be used to enact the changes.

Mr. Koleszar suggested that this policy add a "third leg" on student achievement.

Dr. Gallaway said that he likes the idea of using the Ed Leader 21 rubric in evaluating the Board and the Superintendent.

This item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that Kathy Ralston, Director of Social Services, will be retiring. He asked that the Board develop a resolution of appreciation thanking her for her service to the children and families of Albemarle County.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m., Dr. Gallaway, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk