A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. Jonno Alcaro; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan (arrived at 6:35p.m.); Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mr. Graham Paige; and Mr. Dave Oberg.

ABSENT: None.

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. Rosalyn Schmitt, Assistant Director of Facilities Planning; Mr. John Mastrandea, Fiscal Services Project Manager; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call Order.

Dr. Acuff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Prioritization.

Mr. Tistadt and Ms. Schmitt provided the Board with a review of the CIP request. On September 10, 2015 the School Board approved their FY17-21 five year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) request. Since that time, two key events have occurred: 1) the School Board voted to not redistrict any students from Albemarle High School or Greer Elementary, and 2) the Oversight Committee submitted their recommendation to the County Executive. In light of these two items, the Board will need to re-evaluate the School Division's CIP request, and prioritize projects due to limited CIP funds and a potential bond referendum. Staff provided a revised CIP request to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Koleszar asked why the cost for modernizing a science lab was $100,000 versus the cost for a regular classroom.

Mr. Alcaro asked if the Board would be able to view the CIP again if a bond referendum is moving forward.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the revised CIP priority request to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion**, and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Dr. Acuff asked how the Board would like to address the CIP gap funding request. **There was Board consensus that the Board would wait until a later date to discuss and approve any request regarding CIP gap funding.**

Agenda Item No. 2.2. Approve Rate Increase for FY 2016/17 School Lunch.

Dr. Acuff noted that the request for a school lunch rate increase was provided at the February 2, 2016 work session.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to increase the school lunch rate by $0.10. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed**.

Mr. Oberg noted that this increase was federally mandated.

Agenda Item No. 2.3. Adopt the FY 2016/17 School Board Funding Request.

Mr. Zimmermann noted that the Board was provided with answers to previously asked questions. He asked that the Board further define extracurricular for data gathering information.

Mrs. Moynihan noted that she asked for information on the funding that is put in to Virginia High School League activities. She noted that she wanted information on activities like Destination Imagination, Robotics, History Day, etc. Is the division equitably sponsoring activities?

Mr. Oberg said that he would like to add $40,000 into the budget to support funding for extracurricular activities in instruction.

Mr. Buyaki spoke about the funds spent on bottled water and food within the division.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adopt the Superintendent's funding request as the School Board's funding request. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Dr. Acuff asked for discussion.

Mr. Buyaki is disturbed that there appears to be a $20,000 increase in purchase of water and food/snacks for meetings. He does not feel that the budget shows fiscal constraint. He offered an **amendment** to hold the following line items: Food/Meals for Meetings, Student Snacks/Meals, Bottled Water, Food Supplies and Catering to the FY2015/2016 appropriated amounts and to dedicate 50 percent of those amounts to funds to support non-VHSL extracurricular programs and to reduce the overall budget by $20,800.42. Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion. **The amendment failed with Mr. Buyaki voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Oberg abstaining.**

Mr. Oberg offered an **amendment** to increase the funding request by $40,000 with an allocation to extracurricular activities at the discretion of the Department of Instruction. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Mrs. Moynihan asked where the $40,000 would come from. Mr. Oberg said that he realizes this item may need to be cut when the Board is balancing the final budget. **The motion passed with Mr. Buyaki voting no.**

Mr. Buyaki offered an **amendment** to fund the 6.0 FTEs for the Community Public Charter School and to remove the principal interns from the budget. Dr. Acuff noted that the staffing is based on enrollment and this year the enrollment does not support 6.0 FTEs. Dr. Haas said that CPCS has capped their enrollment below 60. Mr. Alcaro asked when the MOU expires. Mr. Oberg noted that CPCS is staffed better than the other schools. He noted that he is not inclined to support this motion. **Mr. Buyaki withdrew the amendment.**

Mr. Buyaki offered an **amendment** to remove principal interns from the funding request. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the amendment. Mr. Paige asked for clarification on the positions. Mr. Buyaki said that we have a strong staff and this is a burden that the division does not need to be taken on. Mrs. Moynihan agreed with Mr. Buyaki. **The amendment failed with Mr. Oberg, Mr. Buyaki and Mrs. Moynihan voting in favor and Dr. Acuff, Mr. Alcaro, Mr. Koleszar and Mr. Paige voting against the amendment.**

Mr. Buyaki offered an **amendment** to increase class size by 1 student. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the amendment. Mrs. Moynihan asked how much would be saved if this motion passed. Mr. Mastrandea said that it would save about $3.6 M. Dr. Acuff asked if the Board has ever increased by 1 student across the board. Mr. Zimmermann said no. Mrs. Moynihan feels that this is an item that should be left until the budget needs to be finalized. **The motion failed with Mr. Buyaki voting in favor.**

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to remove the Strategic Communications Officer and the Legislative/Public Affairs Officer positions. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion. Mr. Buyaki said that the school division needs to make small choices now, rather than big choices in the future. He feels that these are nonessential positions to the core work of the division. Mrs. Moynihan asked how much would be saved by this reduction. Mr. Oberg said that there are consequences to such a reduction – unemployment claim, severance decisions, etc. Mr. Buyaki asked how many grants have been written and approved by the Legislative/Public Affairs Officer. He has a difficult time accepting grants from a federal government that is in debt. Mrs. Moynihan asked for information on the impact of such a reduction for future reference. Dr. Acuff said that she does not support the motion. Mrs. Moynihan said that it is a valid point, but she needs additional information. **The motion failed with Mr. Buyaki voting in favor.**

Mr. Buyaki asked about the professional development and why the information provided was $46,000 more than the requested $500,000.

Mr. Buyaki asked what the total value from each paygrade 18 – 28 for classified staff including the total number of staff at each level.

Mr. Koleszar asked about the staffing formula and whether staffing for severely handicap students was included in the regular education staffing.

The original motion as amended (totaling $174,163,445) passed with Mr. Buyaki abstaining.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to have a funding request of $17,946,303 in special revenue funds. Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 8:32p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Chairman

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Clerk