

A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Room 320, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. Dave Oberg; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mr. Graham Paige; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Jonno Alcaro; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent (arrived at 6:33 p.m.); Dr. Matt Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Vincent Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Debbie Collins, Executive Director of Student Learning; Ms. Angela Stokes, Lead Coach; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt; Assistant Director of Facilities Planning; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. John Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting – if needed. None.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification. None.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Dr. Acuff, 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.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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- 3.2 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
- 3.3 Personnel Action
- 3.4 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda. None.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements. None.

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

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Customizing for Individual Learning Needs.

Ms. Collins and Ms. Stokes said that by definition, customized learning seeks to gear students' learning experiences in content and instruction towards their unique interests and past learning experiences (Hattie, 2009). By individualizing a student's learning experience, we customize his/her learning plan in a way that makes standards and competencies attainable. In this work session, key terminologies, key processes, and case studies were presented to demonstrate that the development and implementation of customized learning (pedagogy, structures, processes, and tools) take time, but are well worth it to each and every student. The presentation included the purpose of customized learning work session and two goals of the work session – developing a common definition of terms related to customizing instruction and deepening the understanding of the RTI process through case study experiences. Following an overview, the Board members broke into work groups with

staff members to look at case studies. The Board spent about thirty minutes in the work groups then returned to the meeting room at 7:33 p.m. to provide information on what each group discussed in the case study.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Break. (The Board did not take a break as scheduled.)

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Albemarle High School and Greer Elementary Overcrowding Updates.

Mr. Letteri and Ms. Schmitt noted that Albemarle High School & Greer Elementary School are the division's two most overcrowded schools. In April 2015, the Board directed the Superintendent to convene a redistricting advisory committee. That committee finished their work in October 2015. Ultimately, the Board voted to not redistrict any students out of either school. Without the immediate relief, the schools must manage the capacity issues in other ways. Staff presented an update on both short and long-term remedies for each school. The presentation on Albemarle High School included a review of current enrollment, trend data on enrollment along with forecasted enrollment, an overview of the areas of the County that feed into Albemarle High School, an overview of issues resulting from overcrowding at the school, a recommendation for a short term solution that included lease of a modular classroom facility for five years (8 classrooms), and suggestions for long-term solutions to address the overcrowding which included an addition at Albemarle High School and a new school. The presentation on Greer Elementary School included a review of current enrollment, trend data on enrollment along with forecasted enrollment, an overview of some the issues resulting from overcrowding at the school, suggestions for short-term solutions, and suggestions for long-term solutions. The short-term solutions included relocating the Head Start classroom, relocating the Child Nutrition Department from the school site, and interior renovations. The long-term solution suggestions included building additional seats either through a large addition at Woodbrook Elementary School, small additions at Greer, Agnor-Hurt and/or Woodbrook Elementary Schools or building a new school.

Dr. Acuff noted that a vote to not redistrict Albemarle High School does not mean a vote to increase enrollment at Albemarle High School.

Mr. Oberg expressed concern that the addition of a modular unit may increase tardiness of students. He also asked when the modular unit would be available for use.

Mr. Alcaro asked if the set-up fee for the modular unit included the water and electric set-up costs.

Mr. Buyaki asked about how increasing class size at Greer Elementary would impact the capacity of the school. He also asked about the number of additional buses at Woodbrook Elementary if an addition was built there.

Mr. Oberg asked about the distance and/or time of a shuttle if the Head Start classroom was relocated.

Mrs. Moynihan noted that with the growth in the northern part of the County, new schools need to be considered.

Mr. Alcaro noted that based on the enrollment projections, it appears that the overcrowding issue is going to get worse.

This item was presented to the Board for information. Additional discussion will take place at future board meetings.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Eugene Hueschel spoke about the proposed revisions to Policies BFE and CHD.

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

Mr. Buyaki noted that he visited Greer Elementary and Albemarle High Schools last week. He noted that at Greer there were creative solutions being used to address current capacity issues. He also noted that it was interesting to see the work taking place at Albemarle High School in the Team 19 space.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., Dr. Acuff, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk