

A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 23, 2018 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; Ms. Katrina Callsen; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mr. Graham Paige; and Mr. Dave Oberg.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Assistant Director of Fiscal Services; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Director of Budget and Planning; Ms. Lorna Gerome, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Claudine Cloutier, Compensation and Benefits Manager; Ms. Cyndi Wells, Lead Coach for ESOL and World Languages; Mr. Kevin Kirst, Director of Special Education and Student Services; Mr. Jim Foley, Director of Transportation; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. Ira Socol, Executive Director of Technology and Innovation; Mr. Jamie Foreman, Director of Learning Technology; 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. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 2.1. FY 2018/19 Superintendent's Funding Request Work Session.

Dr. Haas opened the work session with an overview of the schedule of topics for the budget work sessions.

Mr. Zimmermann highlighted the budget process for the Board. The presentation included an overview of the budget process, an overview of revenue data, data on per pupil state revenues, an overview of the Superintendent's proposal for expenses, school-based staffing per 100 students, non-school-based staffing per 100 students, a listing of transfers within the budget, an overview of the current funding gap, and an overview of the budget development timeline.

Mr. Alcaro asked how often the State recalculates the composite index.

Ms. Gerome and Ms. Cloutier highlighted points for consideration regarding compensation and benefits. Topics of discussion included salary increases for teachers and classified staff and an overview of benefits including the impact of changes on part-time employees.

Dr. Acuff asked about the deductible for the high plan.

Mr. Koleszar asked about the employee contribution for individuals who are on the high deductible plan.

Ms. Schmitt highlighted for the Board points of consideration regarding enrollment growth. The presentation included an overview of enrollment growth with the division from 2013/14 to projected enrollment in 2022/23 in addition to the cost of enrollment growth for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Kirst provided for the Board's consideration information on the Special Education budget. The presentation included a breakdown of the total number of students served by special education, a comparison of CSA special education private day costs, and an overview of the proposed changes to the Special Education budget for next fiscal year.

Mr. Alcaro asked if the number of special education students being served by the division was an estimate or actual.

Ms. Wells provided for the Board's consideration information on the English as a Second or Other Language budget. The presentation included information on the number of English Learners served by the division, the number of English Learners that receive direct services, data on the number of newcomers to the division in the last year, information on the expansion of world language immersion/FLES program to middle schools, and an overview of the proposed changes to the ESOL budget for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Acuff asked if staff knew if all students in the elementary programs wanted to continue the language at the middle school level.

Mr. Koleszar asked if other elementary schools are interested in starting a world language program and if so if there planning money in the budget.

Mr. Paige asked how many elementary schools have submitted an application for an elementary world language program, and which schools applied.

Mr. Foley provided for the Board's consideration an overview of the proposed budget for the Transportation Department. He noted that the budget included a proposal for satellite academy transportation. He also noted that driver retention is an issue.

Mr. Koleszar suggested that CATEC could offer a CDL class to assist with recruiting drivers. Mr. Oberg agreed with the suggestion.

Ms. Gerome provided for the Board's consideration an overview of the budget for the Department of Human Resources.

The Board did not have any questions on the Human Resources proposed budget.

Mr. Letteri provided for the Board's consideration an overview of the budget for the Building Services Department.

Mr. Buyaki asked if the additional funding for custodial staff could be broken down further like two FTEs are going to Woodbrook. He also asked what is covered in the line item for maintenance and supplies.

There was a break from 8:00 p.m. until 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Socol and Mr. Foreman provided for the Board's consideration an overview of the proposed budget for the Department of Learning, Engineering, Access and Design (LEAD).

Mr. Alcaro asked about the current footprint for internet access for students.

Mr. Paige asked how access would be provided to individuals who are in the shadow of the mountains such as those in Covesville and Howardsville.

Mr. Koleszar said that it would be nice to have a consistent reporting pattern on how the division is doing in reaching all students with internet access. Mr. Paige said that it would be good to have the information by the localities within the county.

Ms. Schmitt then provided an overview of the topics that will be covered at the upcoming work sessions.

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

Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to see funding in the budget for a survey of graduates to get input after they have been out for a couple of years. He also asked that with the growing teacher shortage, does the Board need to include funding in the budget for a “grow your own” teacher initiative.

Mr. Paige asked if staff was working on anything regarding the issue of Lee-Jackson Day being included on the calendar.

Dr. Acuff said that she would support the idea of a post high school survey of graduates.

Agenda Item No. 3.2. Transportation for Grandfathered Students (Redistricting) (Heard Before Other Business)

Mr. Foley said that on January 11, the School Board approved redistricting students from Greer and Agnor-Hurt to Woodbrook as well students from Burley to Jouett. As a part of that decision, they included a grandfather clause for Rising 4th, 7th and 8th graders and their siblings to remain at their current school. Tonight, staff is seeking clarification on the language and time frame of the clause. In addition, per the Board's request, staff provided an analysis of the cost of transportation for these grandfathered students. Proposed clarified language:

- All rising fifth graders and their siblings are permitted to remain at Greer or Agnor-Hurt for one more year.
- All rising seventh and eighth graders and their siblings are permitted to remain at Burley for the completion of middle school.
- Sixth grade siblings in the 2018/19 school year will be allowed to attend and complete middle school at Burley. No subsequent siblings will be eligible.

This item will come to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 8:50 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk