

A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. Jason Buyaki; Mr. Graham Paige; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Jonno Alcaro; and Ms. Katrina Callsen.

ABSENT: Mr. David Oberg.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Director of Planning and Budget; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Debora Collins, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Nick Smith, SEAD Team Leader; Ms. Alison Dwier-Selden, Lead Coach for Professional Development; Dr. Bernard Hairston, Executive Director of Community Engagement; Mr. Jim Asher, Principal of Burley Middle School; Ms. Kathryn Baylor, Principal of Jack Jouett Middle School; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Alcaro 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: (a) Prospective appointments to the Long Range Planning Committee; and - subsection 3 to discuss and consider: (b) Disposition of publically-held property, namely leasing property to a private organization, the discussion of which in open session would be disadvantageous to the bargaining or negotiating position of the School Board. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

Mr. Alcaro 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: Dr. Acuff, Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Paige, Mr. Koleszar, Mr. Callsen, and Mr. Alcaro.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Oberg.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mr. Buyaki offered a **motion** to appoint Steve Janes as the Rivanna Magisterial District representative on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Ms. Callsen offered a **motion** to appoint Bruce Dotson as the Rio Magisterial District representative on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to appoint Gail Lovette as the At-Large Magisterial District representative on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Dr. Acuff offered a **motion** to reappoint Tammie Moses as the Jack Jouett Magisterial District representative on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Dr. Acuff, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

Mr. Alcaro 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 Computer Equipment Replacement Fund
- 3.3 Learning Resource Selection and Adoption

Mr. Alcaro 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.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mr. Alcaro read a resolution recognizing the week of January 22, 2018 through January 26, 2018 as Virginia Principals Appreciation Week.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 6.2. Board Member Reports.

Mr. Koleszar said that he attended the VSBA Capital Conference. He provided a brief overview of the budget. His concern is funding for K-12 education.

Mr. Paige said that he attended the VSBA Capital Conference. He noted that in his discussions with legislators he emphasized the need for funding for teacher salaries in the state's budget.

Mr. Alcaro said that he attended the VSBA Capital Conference. He provided an overview of some of the information presented regarding funding for education.

Ms. Callsen noted that she attended the VSBA New School Board Member Conference.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Transportation for Grandfathered Students (Redistricting).

Mr. Tistadt 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.

The cost to provide transportation to all eligible students is estimated to be \$4,120 in year one.

The Board was asked to approve the clarified language of the grandfather clause identified above, and to approve funding to provide transportation to all eligible students.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the clarified language for the grandfather clause and to approve funding to provide transportation for eligible students. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Buyaki asked that the Board be provided a follow-up report on how many students took advantage of the grandfathering.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. FY 2017/2018 Superintendent's Funding Request Work Session.

Dr. Haas provided for the Board's consideration an update on last year's SEAD initiative. The goal of the SEAD initiative is to end the predictive value of race, class, gender, and special capacities on student achievement by working collaboratively with families and communities to ensure each individual student's success as measured by ACPS dashboard indicators.

Dr. Smith provided for the Board's consideration information on the qualities of a SEAD schools, how the desired outcomes will be achieved, and what evidence will be used to determine meeting the goal. He also reviewed with the Board the professional development that is taking place, a review of the 2016-2017 equity dashboard, and preliminary data on attendance.

Dr. Acuff asked about the planning for the opening of the Woodbrook Elementary addition.

Mr. Paige asked if there was a timeline for sharing information with other schools within the division regarding

Ms. Dwier-Selden provided the Board's consideration information on micro-credentialing and professional development. The information included information on what micro credentialing is and how it is being rolled out in the division, professional development that has taken place this current school year with the number of participants from the division, and an overview of upcoming professional development.

Mr. Alcaro asked if there was a flow chart for the micro-credentials that showed the core requirements.

Mr. Koleszar asked if there was a process being developed to make sure teachers are continuing to demonstrate the work of the micro-credential after it is received.

Dr. Acuff asked for more information on the ACPS Writing Project.

Ms. Collins provided for the Board's consideration information on the budgets for instructional departments.

Dr. Hairston provided for the Board's consideration information on the division's Equity Education Specialists.

Mr. Alcaro asked if the request was to add one full-time equity education specialist in addition to the two part-time positions we currently have or is it just to add the one position alone.

Dr. Acuff asked if the equity education specialists work with the SEAD teams.

Mr. Paige said that it seems as if we need more staffing for equity education specialists.

Mr. Asher and Ms. Baylor provided for the Board's consideration information on the Short-Term Education Program that they have implemented in their schools.

Mr. Koleszar asked if there was a plan to expand this program to additional schools in the current year.

Mr. Buyaki said that he would like to see data on how many students end up in the program more than once and if it is because of the same infraction or something else.

Mr. Koleszar asked why the other middle schools were not implementing the same program.

Mr. Alcaro asked how much staff was involved in making the program work. He also asked about the hours that the students attend school.

Dr. Haas provided for the Board's consideration information on advancing the division's strategic priorities. Information included a review of the division's priorities and information on the Freshman Seminar.

Mr. Buyaki asked staff to provide further breakdown of the 5.02 FTEs proposed for Freshman Seminar.

Ms. Collins provided for the Board's consideration information on the High School 2022/Instructional Coaches.

The Board did not have any questions regarding the information presented.

Ms. Collins provided for the Board's consideration information on Class Fees. Information included a request to provide necessary funding to fully offset any academic fee currently assessed to students. The changes did not include athletic participation fees or parking fees.

Mr. Koleszar asked if Driver's Education was included.

Dr. Haas provided for the Board's consideration information on a Pilot High School Center. The information included a request to provide funding to lease space and employ a teacher lead for year 1 of the Pilot Center, and a request to provide necessary funding to employ a coordinator to develop, implement and monitor career and workforce readiness opportunities for students.

Mr. Koleszar asked if a space for the pilot center was identified yet.

Ms. Callsen asked if the pilot program would grow in the coming years.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. Break.

The Board did not take a break.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Lara Harrison is a parent. She asked that the Board issue an apology for including Lee-Jackson Day in the school division printed calendar.

Ms. Aubrey Israel Hampton is a county resident. She spoke to the Board about including Lee-Jackson Day in the school division calendar. She asked that the Board issue an apology including the holiday in the calendar.

Mr. Julian Waters is a county resident. He addressed some of the data that was provided in the equity data provided to the Board. He spoke about the absenteeism data. He also encouraged that the division invest in a division-wide pre-k program.

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 9:10 p.m., Dr. Acuff, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk