

A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Ms. Ellen Osborne; Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. Jonno Alcaro; Ms. Katrina Callsen; Ms. Judy Le; Mr. Graham Paige; and Mr. Dave Oberg.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Matthew Haas, Superintendent; Ms. Debora Collins, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Maya Kumazawa, Director of Planning and Budget; Mr. Ross Holden, School Board Attorney; and Ms. Christine Thompson, Assistant to the Superintendent.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call Order.

Mr. Alcaro, Chair, 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. 2.1. FY 2020/21 Superintendent's Budget Development Work Session #4.

Ms. Schmitt and Ms. Kumazawa provided for the Board's consideration information on the development of the School Board's budget. The presentation included an overview of revenue and expenditure changes since Dr. Haas presented the funding request, balancing scenarios in the areas of compensation, FLES staffing, Fund Balance, and other options, and changes in revenue for Special Revenue Funds.

Ms. Le asked what the percentage increase was for the proposed over the current year.

Mr. Alcaro said that the Board has received a lot of messages about a higher request for teacher compensation. Teacher compensation is front and center for when the final budget is approved in April.

Ms. Callsen offered a **motion** that the Albemarle County School Board adopt a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 School Board Funding Request \$209,300,439 for school fund expenditures and \$17,357,902 for special revenue fund expenditures. Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion. Mr. Alcaro asked for discussion. Mr. Paige asked how an additional \$190,000 would impact teacher compensation. Ms. Schmitt said that for each 0.5 percent increase for teachers is \$424,000. Ms. Le asked if the \$190,000 cover the EDEP minimum wage increase. Ms. Kumazawa said that it would be close. Ms. Le then asked if that would get all of our employees to a minimum wage of \$15 per hour. Ms. Kumazawa said yes. Ms. Schmitt said that a decision on where the \$190,000 would be used does not need to be decided until April. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Ms. Callsen, Dr. Acuff, Ms. Le, Mr. Oberg, Ms. Osborne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Alcaro.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Ms. Schmitt said that the Board need to provide direction on where to place the additional \$190,000. Mr. Alcaro said that compensation is an option.

Mr. Oberg offered a **motion** to amend the proposed budget to place the additional \$190,000 into compensation. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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

Dr. Haas thanked Board members for attending the NSBA Equity Symposium over the weekend in Washington, D.C. He and Dr. Hairston presented on the Division's work on anti-racism.

Dr. Haas said that he will be the mystery reader for Kindergartners at Cale Elementary School in the morning.

Dr. Haas said that he has nominations from the high school principals for the Student Representative on the School Board. He will provide the nominations to Mr. Alcaro.

Dr. Acuff reminded staff that the Board of Supervisors does not want the Division to send over the hard copy of the funding request multiple times as in the past.

Mr. Oberg thanked staff for their work on the Funding Request.

Mr. Alcaro said that the professional development time for the Board will start at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Mr. Alcaro said that next Wednesday night is the annual Spelling Bee. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Mr. Alcaro said that the Board received an announcement about Winter Songs on February 29, 2020. He encouraged the Board to attend that event.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 6:52 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Alcaro adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk