

A Special Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; 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. 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 2017/18 Superintendent's Funding Request Worksession and Potential Adoption.

Mr. Zimmermann noted that staff did not have a presentation for the worksession. The meeting was for the Board to discuss any items regarding the budget. He noted that Mr. Tistadt did have an update on the cost implication of a transportation services reclassification.

Mr. Tistadt said that Human Resources estimates the impact at approximately \$215,000. Dr. Acuff noted that is in addition to the funding already in the budget. Mr. Oberg noted that he was in favor of putting the additional funding in the funding request. Mr. Alcaro agreed.

Mr. Alcaro asked for an update on the broadband project. Dr. Moran said that it would be placed on a future agenda.

Dr. Acuff asked if there were any updates from Richmond regarding revenues. Mr. Zimmermann noted that items are being prepared, and staff's analysis indicates that it may be favorable for the school division.

Dr. Acuff then reviewed with the Board the process and timeline for adopting the funding request to send forward to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Oberg offered a **motion** to add an additional \$215,000 to a reserve pending approval of bus driver and transportation employee reclassification. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Oberg noted that the Board should address the request from teachers for a five percent salary increase. He noted that he does not support the increase at this time however, he does feel that the teachers deserve such an increase.

Mr. Paige agreed that the teachers deserve the increase but it is not feasible due to the lack of available funds.

Mr. Koleszar noted that he would support increasing the Board's contribution to health insurance as a way to address compensation if additional funding became available.

Dr. Acuff said that she would like to see the history of the contribution of employees.

Mr. Oberg asked if compensation could increase through better health care coverage.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to know how many employees do not have health insurance coverage through the County.

Dr. Moran noted that if the Board wanted to look at this issue then there should be a plan going into the joint meeting on health insurance scheduled for February 8, 2017. Mr. Oberg noted that he will not attend the joint meeting but would like to have this issue addressed.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to adopt a school board funding request of \$180,848,913 in operating funds and \$18,166,783 in special revenue funds. Dr. Acuff asked if that number included the \$215,000 the Board added earlier in the meeting. **Mr. Alcaro then withdrew his motion.**

Mr. Alcaro then offered a **motion** to adopt a school board funding request of \$181,639.13 in operating funds and \$18,166,783 in special revenue funds. Mr. Paige noted that the first number was not accurate. **Mr. Alcaro withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to adopt a school board funding request of \$181,063,913 in operating funds and \$18,166,783 in special revenue funds. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. Dr. Acuff asked for discussion. Mr. Paige asked if the joint boards decided to address the health insurance suggestion, how would that impact the budget. Mr. Koleszar said that it would be addressed at the final adoption of the budget. Mr. Koleszar noted that he was pleased with the initiative in the budget. Dr. Acuff said that she has received nothing but positive feedback on the proposed initiative. Mr. Oberg noted that he is hopeful that the initiative will work and he trusts that Dr. Haas and his team will make it happen. Mr. Paige agreed. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

AYES: Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Oberg, Mr. Koleszar, Mr. Alcaro, Mr. Paige and Dr. Acuff.

NAYS: Mr. Buyaki.

Motion carried by a 6:1 vote.

Dr. Acuff then asked the Board if they wished to address the health insurance issue at the joint board meeting. Board members agreed that it was worth the discussion. **There was Board consensus for Mr. Tistadt to draft some language for the Board to use asking staff to study and provide additional information.**

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

Mr. Alcaro asked Board members to think about issues that they would like to see included in the Board's funding request presentation to the Board of Supervisors. He will ask again for input at the February 9, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Koleszar noted that he feels it is time for the County and City to start a discussion about consolidating.

Dr. Acuff reminded the Board of the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.

At 7:25 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk