

A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on February 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Jonno Alcaro; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Graham Paige; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. David Oberg (arrived at 6:40 p.m.); and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Assistant Director of Facilities Planning; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk to the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting. 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. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Oberg absent.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3.2 Driver Education Fees
- 3.3 E-rate Program Funds
- 3.4 Appropriate Bus Replacement Fund Balance
- 3.5 Minutes
- 3.6 Personnel Action
- 3.7 For Action: Policy Review and Revisions

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Mr. Koleszar said that the Board is approving driver education fees and there is funding to allow those who are not able to afford to pay for the program to still take it. **The motion passed with Mr. Oberg absent.**

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Mr. Alcaro said that this evening, we have some very special guests with us and I would like to begin my directing everyone's attention to the screen right above us. By way of introduction to tonight's recognition, I would like to show a news clip from Newsplex that aired a few weeks ago about the Albemarle County school bus fire. The comment by Luke Robbins in that report, that this truly was a life-changing experience for all who were involved, certainly was undeniable and it had an impact upon all of us. The School Board expresses its deep respect and admiration for the passengers on that bus; your actions personified the highest standards of bravery and are a model of excellence for all of us. He then asked Mr. Matthew Pearman, Athletic Director at Monticello High School, the coaches and the students who were on the bus to come to the podium. Mr. Alcaro then read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on Friday, January 13, while on a trip to Bridgewater College, a fire began in the engine compartment of a Monticello High School activity bus, and,

WHEREAS, there were 27 passengers on the bus -- a driver, three coaches and 23 student athletes representing the Monticello Swim and Dive Team, and,

WHEREAS, the fire quickly spread throughout the bus, placing all passengers at great risk, and,

WHEREAS, students instantly reacted to the risk, immediately calling attention to the fire and promptly moving passengers to the front of the bus, and,

WHEREAS, all on board then acted with equanimity and professionalism under extreme stress and with calm and selfless devotion to the safety of one another in quickly and safely exiting the bus, and,

WHEREAS due to the heroic actions of all who were on board, all passengers were led to safety, and,

WHEREAS the bus driver, C.R. Cardinal, the coaches, Jen Csapo, Greg Remaly and Luke Robbins and the students, whose names are affixed to this Resolution, modeled the highest standards of courage, perseverance and grace under extreme emergency conditions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Albemarle County honors and expresses its deepest admiration and gratitude to all named in this Resolution for the extraordinary and inspirational gift they gave to us through the values, character and leadership they exhibited on January 13, 2017.

Students:

Sam Bickers, Ava Burnsed, Anna Calhoun, Katie Cannell, Zach Daniel, Bracken Eddy, Rachel Fortune, Daniel Fowley, Jordan Franco, Caroline Hallowell, Carly Harris, Molly Igo, Charlie Lange, Julia Landis, Owen Linville, A.J. Mincer, Ty Shuler, Heather Snow, Kayleigh Stebbins, Kendall Walin, Meghan Walin, Keely Wiese, and Erin Young.

The Board also recognized bus driver C.R. Cardinal for his actions to keep students safe.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Moran said that there is another group that should be recognized this evening. He offered the words of our Governor, Governor McAuliffe, who said of this group, "The education of Virginia's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual strength of our Commonwealth is built...."

She was talking about a group that as he said, "play an important role in representative democracy" And that is our School Board. February is School Board Appreciation Month throughout Virginia and I know there is not another board anywhere in our Commonwealth that better fits the theme of this year's celebration---*Lead to Inspire* - than the people on this dais. Ms. Johnston then shared a video with the Board.

She said there are also some guests with us this evening from Stony Point Elementary School, who would like to make some presentations to our Board members. Stephanie Passman, our Gifted Resource Teacher from Stony Point, came to the podium and shared with the Board her thanks and the students provided gifts that they had made to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Cheryl Knight is president of the Albemarle Education Association. She spoke to the Board about teacher compensation.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.

Dr. Moran said that this past week, executive staff has been sitting in on mid-year reviews at schools.

Dr. Moran noted that Rick DuFour passed away. The Division had a great working relationship with him.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Referendum Project Updates.

Ms. Schmitt provided the Board points of consideration related to referendum project updates. In November 2016, Albemarle County voters approved a referendum to issue general obligation bonds to fund school construction projects. She provided an update on these projects. Specifically, design work is underway for the following projects to begin construction this summer: Woodbrook Addition & Modernization, Security Additions at Baker-Butler & Scottsville Elementary and modernization work at Albemarle High School, Western Albemarle High School, Jouett Middle School, and Walton Middle. Funding for these projects are included in the approved Capital Improvement Program.

Dr. Acuff asked Ms. Schmitt to provide the Board with information on the ribbon cutting on the Red Hill modernization project.

Mr. Buyaki asked if staff anticipates any hiccups in the projects.

Mr. Alcaro asked if staff has a feel for how much bids have been coming in over for local government projects.

Mr. Paige asked about whether windows were in the Albemarle project. In addition, he asked about the location of the Western Albemarle addition.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Break

The Board did not take a break.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Future Work Session Topics

Dr. Acuff noted that the Board would need to provide direction on work session topics through at least June. She asked Board members if there were topics that they would like to see at future work sessions.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to discuss what the Board wants our graduates to look like and he would like the Board to discuss how to get information on students two to four years after graduation.

Mr. Paige said that he would like to see more about the programs out of the Department of Community Engagement such as culturally responsive teaching. He would also like information on the robotic clubs, DestiNation Imaginations, and information from the Language Immersion Programs.

Mrs. Moynihan said that she would like more discussion on the world language program and its future at the middle and high school levels.

Mr. Oberg said that he would like a work session on the high school academies such as how it works and where the students go after they graduate.

Mr. Buyaki said that he would like a work session on the academies as well including how to grown the programs and trend data on where the students are going from the academies.

Dr. Acuff said that she would like to see where the students come from and are there any barriers for participation - such as transportation - during a work session on academies.

Dr. Acuff said that in terms of the work session format, there are times the Board does not have enough time to review and discuss topics completely. She would like staff to remember how many topics are covered in one session. Mr. Koleszar said that he would like the Board to receive more information in advance of the work session.

Dr. Acuff said that the Board would need to have numerous session on the High School 2022.

Dr. Moran said that the Board would need to have a work session on middle school programming as well. She suggested that the Board review the list at the next meeting to rank the order.

Mr. Alcaro said that he would like to see work sessions on whether coding could be added as a world language, repercussions of challenges with the changes in the Federal government, the offerings of pathways offered for students, and to discuss with the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee regarding comparisons and efficiencies for high school facilities.

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

Mr. Oberg asked that staff share the link for the School Board Appreciation video.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 7:46 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk