

A Special Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on May 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., Albemarle County Office Building, Room 235, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. David Oberg and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

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

**Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order.**

At 2:02 p.m., Dr. Acuff, Chairman, called the meeting to back to order.

**Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Agenda Item No. 2.1. Capital Appropriation Request.**

Ms. Schmitt said that a more competitive construction market is causing many bids to come in over budget. If this occurs with projects, the School Division has scheduled for this summer, it may be necessary to shift funding to cover these increased costs. In the case of Woodbrook Elementary School, it may require that the School Board request an increase in the appropriation for that specific project. Staff recommends that the source of this increase be year two modernization funding, albeit it is hoped that the Board of Supervisors will ultimately agree to restore those funds.

To ensure that these projects begin on time, any actions required of the School Board and the Board of Supervisors need to occur during the meetings today.

The School Board may need two actions:

1. The School Board requests that the Board of Supervisors increase the appropriation of the Woodbrook project by \$1,488,062 and decrease in the appropriation to the modernization project by a commensurate amount.
2. The School Board requests that the Board of Supervisors consider at their earliest opportunity to increase the bond referendum projects' total appropriations to cover any current appropriations that have had to be used to cover bids that exceeded budget amounts. The School Board makes note that the interest costs for the general obligation bonds are lower than budgeted and that these reduced costs could be used to incur additional debt to cover projects that are over budget.

Mr. Buyaki asked about the fitness room at Woodbrook Elementary, and what equipment will be in the room. In addition, he asked about the window placement for the room and the points of access.

Mr. Paige asked for the total of the additives.

Dr. Acuff expressed concern about scaling back on modernization projects and the need to meet the commitment made.

Mr. Koleszar asked that even with the cost cutting in the plan, was the need for smaller work areas addressed.

Mr. Alcaro asked that when decisions were being made about reductions in the design did it decrease the design efficiencies.

Mr. Buyaki asked staff if they had concerns about other projects coming in over the budgeted amount. In addition, he asked how did staff "get it wrong" in terms of pricing out the project.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** that the School Board request that the Board of Supervisors increase the appropriation of the Woodbrook project by \$1,488,062 and make a decrease in the appropriation to the modernization project by a commensurate amount. In addition, The School Board requests that the Board of Supervisors consider at their earliest opportunity to increase the bond referendum projects' total appropriations to cover any current appropriations that have had to be used to cover bids that exceeded budget amounts. The School Board makes note that the interest costs for the general obligation bonds are lower than budgeted and that these reduced costs could be used to incur additional debt to cover projects that are over budget. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki voting no.**

**Agenda Item No. 3.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.** None.

**Agenda Item No. 4.1. Adjournment.**

At 2:27 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff recessed the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board until the 2:30 p.m. meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

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Chairman

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Clerk