

A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 14, 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 (arrived at 6:11 p.m.); Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. David Oberg (arrived at 6:17 p.m.); and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Debbie Collins, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Lindsay Snoddy, Assistant Director of Environmental Management; Dr. Patrick McLaughlin, Strategic Planning Officer; Dr. Clare Keiser, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Educator Quality; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk to the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Dr. Acuff called the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board to order.

Mr. Alcaro then 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 the promotion of a member of the executive staff. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan and Mr. Oberg absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

At 6:33 p.m., 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. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:35 p.m., Dr. Acuff, Chairman, called the meeting back 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.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3.2 Boys & Girls Club Space Rental at Jouett
- 3.3 Minutes
- 3.4 Religious Exemption
- 3.5 Religious Exemption

- 3.6 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.7 Religious Exemption
- 3.8 Religious Exemption
- 3.9 Religious Exemption
- 3.10 Personnel Action
- 3.11 Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program – Greer
- 3.12 Title I, Part A, 1003 (a) School Improvement Grant Funds
- 3.13 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Mr. Paige said that he would like to see the vouchers for Item 3.12. **The motion passed.**

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Mr. Oberg said that at our Board meeting on Tuesday of this week, we had the opportunity to meet with the state legislators who represent Albemarle County in Richmond. Historically, we have used these meetings to talk about the issues in education that have the greatest long-term importance not only for our school divisions but also for school divisions throughout Virginia. A good portion of our discussion this year focused on *Profile of a Virginia Graduate*, the new state initiative to increase the preparation of high school graduates for success in college and careers. The changes this will bring to the curriculum will not directly affect students until a year from now. One point we made this week, though, was that our school division could be a model for the state in how we design and deliver these enriched high school learning experiences. That is because we already are piloting programs that do just that and tonight, we are going to recognize the students in one such program. This summer, we piloted our “Project Pool,” which is highlighted in the current issue of *Charlottesville Family’s Bloom* magazine. We had 17 students engaged in meaningful activities that supported needs at the Curry School, Front Porch, which a local business, and at Henley, Red Hill and Stony Point schools. As Michael Craddock, who supervised the program has said, the goal of the program was not to make it possible for students to check off a box on an internship, but rather to demonstrate to organizations in our community that our students are valuable resources in solving real world problems. For example, our students were deeply engaged in redesigning learning spaces, developing summer school program content and in crafting marketing plans.

He then asked Michael to join the Board at the podium to tell us a little bit more about the pilot program and its potential for expansion as well as to introduce some of this summer’s student participants.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Haas acknowledged Dr. Huneycutt’s AP Government students who were attending the meeting.

Dr. Haas then introduced Mike Craddock who is working as a lead coach and assistant administrator at Murray High and Community Public Charter Schools, Chad Ratliff as the Murray High and Community Public Charter principal, Ayana Mitchell who is the administrative intern at Scottsville Elementary, and Leslie Wells who is the administrative intern at Brownsville Elementary.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Christine Thomas expressed her disappointment and sadness at the Board’s decision to close B.F. Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Mary McIntyre said that there has been concern expressed by multiple parents about making Woodbrook Elementary School a multi-age school. She asked if multi-age classrooms are best for all children. She also noted that parents are feeling tired of being redistricted or part of the process every three to five years.

Mr. Julian Waters said that parents are concerned about the constant redistricting that the division goes through.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board/Superintendent Business. None.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Energy Performance Contract and Financing Approval (LED Lighting).

Ms. Snoddy said that at the July 13th Board meeting, staff presented an update on the possibility of using an energy performance contract to update LED lighting and water fixtures throughout our school facilities. The County Finance Department, through Davenport & Company LLC, issued a Request for Proposals for financing rates and received proposals on August 1, 2017. The Board voted to move forward with preliminary financing documents at the August 10, 2017 Board meeting. The Board resolution accepting the financing package is presented. The draft Energy Services Agreement is included for permission to execute the final version.

Following the receipt of financing proposals, Davenport advised, at the August 10, 2017 meeting, to proceed with financing through Back of America and issuing through the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority to finance the 2017 Energy Performance Contract. The Board voted to proceed with preparation of financing documents.

Mr. Oberg said that the language in the second full paragraph concerns him.

Mr. Alcaro asked about the interest rate range for the proposal.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to pass the School Board Resolution related to the financing package and grant permission to execute the Energy Services Agreement with Ameresco when finalized. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Benjamin F. Yancey Elementary School Facility Resolution.

Dr. Acuff said that with the closure of Yancey Elementary at the end of the 2016/17 school year, the School Board must now decide what they want to do with the building and the property. They have three options to consider: 1. Keep the building, 2. Sell the building and property, or 3. Convey the title to the County of Albemarle

If the Board elects options 2 or 3, the process shall be governed by state statute § 22.1-129. Surplus property; sale, exchange or lease of real and personal property. The Board discussed these options at the August 24th School Board Work Session and requested a resolution be drafted to declare the school surplus property, and thus convey the title to the County of Albemarle. Such resolution is included in as an enclosure.

Mr. Paige said that when the Board received the transition committee had three recommendations, and he was expecting to see a memorandum of understanding with the proposed resolution.

Dr. Acuff said that we can pass the resolution, but the ownership does not transfer until it is recorded.

Mr. Paige asked what we could do to make sure that the three recommendations are in the memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Oberg said that why doesn't the Board get the memorandum of understanding before passing the resolution if we are going to direct staff to record the resolution. He has reservation with approving the resolution with no memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Alcaro said that there was a meeting with the Board of Supervisors scheduled for September 13 that was canceled. The Board of Supervisors did not want to meet and move forward until the School Board had approved the resolution.

Mr. Buyaki said that if the point about opening the school again should not be included in the memorandum of understanding because the School Board does not support having the school open.

Mrs. Moynihan said that the School Board would need to vote on the memorandum of understanding before the Board approves a resolution. She would not want it to be misinterpreted that the issue of opening would be reviewed each year.

Dr. Acuff said that the recommendations are from a committee. It does not mean that the Board necessarily supports the recommendations.

Mrs. Moynihan said that she does not want anything in the memorandum of understanding that ties the hands of the Board to the building.

Mr. Oberg said that he would support the Board's ability to "reclaim" the building if the Board found a need for the building. If the resolution is passed, then the Board does not have a right to the building.

Mrs. Moynihan said that it would be best to turn it over to the County because the School Board could then have access potentially for usage of parts of the building if an educational need arose.

Mr. Koleszar said that the transition committee asked that the transfer be expedited so that the county could start using the building. Do we trust the Board of Supervisors to have the best interest of the Esmont community when deciding on uses? He is confident that the Board of Supervisors will use the building appropriately.

Mr. Paige said that he would appreciate the memorandum of understanding prior to adopting the resolution.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** adopt the resolution. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Paige and Mr. Oberg voting no.**

Mrs. Moynihan suggested that a letter be drafted in order to share the recommendations of the transition committee and suggestions on what the Board would like to see happen.

Mrs. Farley asked if the resolution was to be filed immediately. Board members said yes, there was no motion to hold it.

There was Board consensus for Dr. Acuff to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Strategic Priority Recommendation for 2017-2019.

Dr. McLaughlin said that every important journey begins with a destination in mind, and starts with a clear view of the horizon ahead. The Horizon 2020 strategic plan for Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) is designed to unleash each student's potential and equip them for success both now and in the future. To do this, we aim to foster deep learning experiences that develop essential competencies like communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. We seek to inspire the natural curiosity of our students, not through compliance and testing, but by cultivating engaging learning environments, hands-on learning experiences, and real-world learning opportunities. These are important to our larger community and us.

As we reflect on our strategic direction, we imagine what the world will be like when our entering kindergarten students graduate and what skills they will need to thrive in the future. For Albemarle County Public Schools, our destination is a place where every graduate leaves our schools prepared for a lifetime of learning in a rapidly changing world. Successful navigation of the route requires unity of purpose among those making the journey and dedication to following an established plan. The Albemarle County Public Schools Strategic Plan guides us toward the horizon.

At its August 24 meeting, the school board provided feedback on emerging themes that should be used in the development of our new priorities. Based upon that feedback, staff is proposing the attached priorities to be adopted by the board for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Funding for 2017-2019 priorities has already been either directed in the 2017-18 budget, will be redirected from available funds, or will need to be identified as part of the 2018-2019 funding proposal.

Mr. Alcaro noted that he liked the language of the proposed priority.

Mr. Koleszar expressed concern that the priority gets muddy and would feel better if the one priority was turned into three priorities.

Dr. Acuff suggested that the language “while in school” be reworded or clarified.

There was Board consensus for the priority be revised into three priorities and brought back to the Board at the next meeting for approval.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Enrollment Update.

Mr. Tistadt n enrollment report based on the tenth day of school, September 6, 2017. As compared to September 30, 2016, we have enrolled 116 more students. That is 37 more students than what was projected. Final enrollment numbers will be determined on September 30.

Dr. Acuff asked if the numbers provided were compared to the ten-day enrollment from last year.

Mr. Paige said that he did not see the necessity of having Yancey Elementary included on the documents.

Mr. Koleszar expressed concern about the number of 6th graders enrolled at the Community Public Charter School.

Mr. Buyaki said that there might be paradigm shift in the division that there may not be a need for the Community Public Charter School.

Mr. Buyaki asked about the enrollment for the Center for Learning and Growth. He also asked if the division factors those students when calculating capacity.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Redistricting Study Update.

Mr. Tistadt and Ms. Keiser said that on June 8, 2017, the School Board directed the Superintendent to convene a redistricting advisory committee and conduct a study to address the overcrowding in our urban ring elementary schools. Since that time, the Superintendent solicited application and has appointed member to serve on the committee. This committee will first meet on September 18.

The Board received the report for information.

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

Ms. Collins said that at the schools where there was an enrollment increase, additional staffing has been placed at those schools.

Mr. Koleszar said that he is concerned about the comments on the multi-age issue at Woodbrook Elementary.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

At 8:28 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 promotion of a member of the executive staff . Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., 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. Paige **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

AYE: Mr. Buyaki, Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Oberg, Dr. Acuff, Mr. Paige, Mr. Alcaro, and Mr. Koleszar
NAY: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:03 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk