

A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on November 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 p.m.); and Mr. Jason Buyaki (arrived at 5:45 p.m.).

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Sheila Hoopman, Capital Program Project Manager; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Christine Thompson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 5:30 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 3 to discuss and consider the disposition of school property owned by the School Board about which another party has an interest in acquiring, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and subsection 8 to discuss and consider consultation with legal counsel for the School Board regarding specific legal matters related to contract ratification. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Oberg absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

At 6:30 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, 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 6:30 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.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3.2 Minutes
- 3.3 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.4 FY17/18 The Community Public Charter School
- 3.5 Personnel Action

- 3.6 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
- 3.7 School Security Equipment Grant
- 3.8 Ivy Creek Lease
- 3.9 Resolution Conditional Ratification of Contract

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda less item 3.9. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve agenda item 3.9, Resolution Conductional Ratification of Contract. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Mr. Alcaro said that tonight we have the privilege of recognizing three outstanding students from Western Albemarle and Monticello High Schools. Together with several of their peers, these three students are leaders of initiatives to promote physical, mental and emotional wellness in our high schools. Last Friday at Western, there was an event titled, “Why I Run” and the *run* part was fairly obvious—participants ran about two kilometers to promote physical fitness. But the *why* part was even more important and our guests this evening will talk more about that - Claire Aminuddin, a sophomore at Western; Alex Moreno, who is a senior at Western, and, Lucas Johnson, a senior from Monticello High School.

During the summer, Claire was one of four Western students who served as delegates to the Youth, Alcohol and Drugs Prevention Project at Longwood University, and they returned to Western to form the school’s Wellness Ambassadors Club. The club is working with the Charlottesville Albemarle Coalition for Healthy Youth to encourage honest conversations among their peers regarding substance abuse, promote healthy decision-making among students and to create activities that will save lives. Claire, Alex and Lucas have been taking these ideas a step further by collaborating on proposals that would enhance our student mental health policies. He then asked the guests to share some of their thoughts about those policies and the impact of their work on all young people throughout our county.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Acuff said that she and Mr. Paige won re-election. She also noted that Katrina Callsen would be joining the Board in January, replacing Mrs. Moynihan.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Laura Strauss is a parent at Agnor-Hurt. She spoke to the Board about the redistricting study for Agnor-Hurt Elementary.

Mr. Julian Waters spoke to the Board about teacher compensation and concerns about the Niche market. He then thanked the Board again for their support during the election.

Ms. April Wang is an Agnor-Hurt parent. She asked that the Board remove Agnor-Hurt from the redistricting conversation.

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

Dr. Moran said that the Making Connections Conference took place earlier this week. Ms. Collins provided a brief overview of the professional development that took place during the conference.

Mr. Tistadt said that he was notified of advocacy signs attached to school buildings during the election. He asked the Board for direction on how to address this matter for future elections. The Board suggested that he draft some policy language for review.

Mr. Tistadt said that the modernization project agenda items were listed for information/action. He noted that he sent the Board an email requesting that the process be used for future projects. The Board said that they would discuss this request further but the majority of the Board was not comfortable with the suggested change, but could consider an exception to practice.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. WAHS Science Lab Addition & Classroom Modernization – Design Development.

Ms. Hoopman introduced Mr. Ken Thacker of VMDO Architects who presented the design development for the Western Albemarle High School Science Addition and Classroom Modernization project for the School Board's review. The project includes a 10,000 sq. ft. addition to accommodate the full implementation of the Environmental Studies Academy and anticipated enrollment growth in the Western Feeder Pattern. It will also include modernization of current science classrooms as well as classrooms located in the A-wing of the building. The goal is to promote co-teaching opportunities along with interdisciplinary classes with the sciences, engineering, technology, art and other core subjects. The project will also meet the design imperatives of contemporary learning spaces: transparency, sustainability, flexibility, mobility interactivity, making everywhere, problem-project based learning, choice and comfort and access to the outside. The final design will be completed in February, 2018. Construction will be phased and will begin in June. We are working with school administration to schedule construction phasing to minimize impact to school operations. The project will be completed by Mid-August of 2019. Funding for this project is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

(Mr. Buyaki left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

Mr. Paige asked if the architects had met again with teachers to address some of their concerns. He also asked about the difference between high intensity labs and medium intensity labs.

Dr. Acuff asked about the changes to the Commons.

Mrs. Moynihan asked about noise with the open classrooms and what is used to help minimize the noise.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the design development and authorize proceeding to construction drawing for the Western Albemarle Science Lab Addition and Classroom Modernization. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki absent.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. 2018/2019 Modernization Projects – Design Development.

Ms. Hoopman presented for the Board's consideration the design development for the following projects for the School Board's review and approval on December 14th.

- Albemarle High School: Science and Classroom Modernization
- Murray High School: Security Entrance and Re-purposing of Front Office Space
- Burley Middle School: Science and Classroom Modernization
- Henley Middle School: Security Addition, Media Center Modernization, Science and Classroom Modernization
- Sutherland Middle School: Media Center, Science and Classroom Modernization

The goal for the modernization projects is to promote co-teaching opportunities along with interdisciplinary classes with science and other core subjects and electives. They will also meet the design imperatives of contemporary learning spaces: transparency, sustainability, flexibility, mobility, interactivity, making everywhere, problem-project based learning, choice and comfort and access to the outside. Additionally, a new controlled security entrance with space for waiting, reception, workroom and office associate workstations will be created at Henley MS and Murray HS to direct visitors to the main entrance and the existing office spaces will be re-purposed. The final designs will be completed in February, 2018. Construction will be phased and will begin in June. The projects are expected to be completed by Mid-August of 2018.

At 7:58 p.m., the fire alarm sounded in the Albemarle County Office Building. The meeting recessed to the front of the building.

At 8:10 p.m., Dr. Acuff called the meeting back to order outside.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the design development phase and authorize moving to the construction document phase of the modernization projects presented. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Buyaki absent.**

Agenda Item No. 8.3. State of the Division.

Due to the evacuation of the building, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Break. None.

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Department of Human Resources Annual Report and Teacher Compensation Strategy Discussion.

Due to the evacuation of the building, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. FY2018/2019 Budget Input.

Due to the evacuation of the building, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent. None.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 8:27 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk