

A Budget Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

**PRESENT:** Ms. Ellen Osborne; Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. Jonno Alcaro; Ms. Katrina Callsen; Ms. Judy Le; Mr. Graham Paige; and Mr. Dave Oberg.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Matthew Haas, Superintendent; Ms. Debora Collins, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Maya Kumazawa, Director of Planning and Budget; Ms. Michele Castner, Director of Elementary Education and ESOL; Mr. Ross Holden, School Board Attorney; and Ms. Christine Thompson, Assistant to the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Alcaro, Chair, 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. 2.1. FY 2020/21 Superintendent's Budget Development Work Session #2.**

Ms. Schmitt, Ms. Kumazawa, Mr. Kirst, and Mrs. Castner provided for the Board's consideration information on the development of the School Board's budget. The presentation included information on enrollment projections, general growth, special education growth, and ESOL growth.

Mr. Alcaro asked if there was another presumption other than people moving in that would lead to the 105 percent in the Kindergarten enrollment.

Ms. Callsen asked if the County did any type of projections for population growth. Does the Division ever compare projections with the County?

Mr. Paige asked if staff worked with the Planning Commission on where things are being planned when making our projections.

Dr. Acuff asked if staff can see where the big increase in Kindergartners came from in the County.

Ms. Callsen asked if Weldon Cooper was still doing the projections for the Division.

Mr. Alcaro said that he could see where there would be variance in projections at the high schools because there are so many variables such as transfers from private schools.

Mr. Alcaro asked about the decrease in FTEs at Greer Elementary.

Ms. Callsen said that there is a reduction in special education costs due to the restructure, what is the restructure?

Mr. Paige said that on page B-18 under recovered costs for PREP in 2018-19 it shows \$42,000 but for this year it shows \$0. Why is it \$0?

Mr. Alcaro asked if Albemarle County was the only county starting to bring special education services in-house in terms of the nine school divisions within PREP?

Mr. Alcaro asked what the WIDA test measures.

Dr. Acuff asked how are high school ESOL students handled if there is limited English proficiency.

Dr. Acuff asked if non-ESOL teachers receive any professional development in English Language Learners.

Dr. Acuff asked how students interact with the ESOL students.

Mr. Alcaro said that the Building Bridges Through Bread program at CATEC is heavily attended by ESOL families.

Dr. Acuff asked if we are defining newcomers as English Language Learners only.

Ms. Callsen asked how we staff ESOL teachers at the Centers and the Academies.

Ms. Callsen asked what salary the compensation was based on for the recommended 16 bus drivers being added.

Ms. Callsen asked for the per pupil expenditure per school.

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

Dr. Haas provided the Board with a copy of the Virginia Associations of School Superintendent's Blueprint for Achieving Equity.

**Closed Meeting**

At 7:44 p.m., Mr. Paige 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 for the discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. Dr. Acuff **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

**Closed Meeting Certification**

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Paige 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. Dr. Acuff **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

**AYES:** Mr. Alcaro, Ms. Osborne; Dr. Acuff; Ms. Callsen, Mr. Oberg, Ms. Le; and Mr. Paige.

**NAYS:** None.

**Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.**

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

At 8:11 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Alcaro adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

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Clerk