

A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on August 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., Albemarle County Office Building, Room 241, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.

PRESENT: Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. Dave Oberg; Mr. Jason Buyaki (arrived at 6:34 p.m.); Mr. Graham Paige; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Jonno Alcaro; and Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matt Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Debbie Collins, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Assistant Director of Facilities Planning; Dr. Patrick McLaughlin, Strategic Planning Officer; Mr. Tim Shea, Legislative and Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of 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 back to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.5. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Approval of Consent Agenda.

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- 3.2 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.3 Religious Exemption
- 3.4 Amendment to CFA Rental Agreement
- 3.5 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.6 Minutes
- 3.7 Religious Exemption
- 3.8 FY 2018/2019 Proposed Budget Calendar
- 3.9 March 2017 to May 2017 Financial Reports
- 3.10 Religious Exemption
- 3.11 Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.12 For Information/Action: FY 2017/18 School Fees
- 3.13 McIntire Trust Dissolution & Return to Board as a Special Revenue Fund
- 3.14 For Action: Crisis Plan Certifications
- 3.15 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.16 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
- 3.17 Personnel Action
- 3.18 For Information: Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.19 Western Albemarle High School Cell Tower Proposal
- 3.20 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Division and the Virginia Department of Education

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

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

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mr. Tistadt said that construction projects were ambitious this summer. All work turned out beautifully. Construction is continuing at Woodbrook and traffic flow and student safety are top priority.

Ms. Collins said that it was a great opening of school. Staff has rotated through schools and debriefed at the end of the day.

Dr. Haas said that all principals are reporting a smooth opening.

Dr. Haas introduced Brandi Robertson, principal of Sutherland Middle School. He also introduced Cable Guy as the assistant principal of Sutherland Middle School.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board/Superintendent Business.

Mr. Koleszar said that he was reading the NSBA National Connection and there was an article saying that high schools should start after 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. B.F. Yancey Transition Committee Report.

Ms. Peggy Scott, member of the BF Yancey Transition Committee, shared the Committee's report with the Board. She said that the B.F. Yancey Transition Committee met three times over the summer, including the well-attended June 29th community meeting. Following that community meeting, Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent of Albemarle County Public Schools, tasked our Committee with representing Esmont as this process moves forward by recommending potential future uses for the B.F. Yancey school building.

The Committee has worked with staff from Albemarle County and Albemarle County Public Schools to organize the community's initial input, and to develop language so we can effectively communicate our community's vision for the B.F. Yancey school building to the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

It is the view of the B.F. Yancey Transition Committee that the school building now serve as a regional hub offering a variety of services to all of Southern Albemarle. We envision this process occurring in phases that are both near- and long-term. While specific programs and organizations are still to be identified, the Committee feels strongly that:

1. the building continue to provide educational services to the community, and
2. that the cultural and historical significance of B.F. Yancey, and B.F. Yancey Elementary School, be recognized.

Phase I - Immediate

Open the B.F. Yancey Elementary School so residents can use the gym, library, and cafeteria. Immediate activities would include the food pantry, Internet access, and other events. The school system needs to create a simple, efficient, affordable and widely known process for Southern Albemarle residents who want to continue to use the school as a centerpiece of their community.

Phase II – Completed by October 2017

Transfer the management of the elementary school to Albemarle County so existing community educational programs and social services can be moved into the building. Create an officially recognized decision making structure that gives Esmont and Southern Albemarle residents the authority to design and implement programs at B.F. Yancey that serve the needs of the community, including the possibility of reopening the school at some point.

Potential programming includes:

- Afterschool Programs
- Tutoring
- Little Learners Pre-School
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other extracurricular clubs and activities for children
- ESOL, GED and literacy classes
- PVCC classes for Albemarle, Fluvanna, Nelson and Buckingham residents
- Senior Center with intergenerational learning
- Polling Place
- Region Ten Service
- Other programs for Disabled People
- Social Services to aid families with children
- Health Department clinics
- JABA
- Satellite police services

Phase III – Begins October 2017

Empower and provide initial funding for this community-based structure, including resources for staffing, to build the relationships necessary to expand the variety of programs and services at B.F. Yancey. Ideas for this expanded set of activities (in addition to the potential continuation of all the programs listed above) include:

- Satellite Library
- Food kitchen serving hot meals and fellowship once a week
- History Exhibit and Memorial to B.F. Yancey
- Heritage Library that hosts public events with artists, poets and writers
- New business incubation center
- Home of the B.F. Yancey Alumni Association and Esmont Day
- The reopening of the B.F. Yancey as an elementary school

Mr. Oberg asked if the building was transferred to the County, then would the funding for the requests come from the County or the School Division.

Dr. Acuff asked if the letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would be willing to entertain a charter school proposal for the building. He asked if there were any legal issues if the Board turned the building over to the County.

Mr. Buyaki asked how many charter schools could the division have – it is limited by the Code of Virginia.

Agenda Item No. 7.2. Options for B.F. Yancey Elementary School Building.

Mr. Tistadt said that with the closure of Yancey Elementary at the end of the 2016/17 school year, the school division 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

Staff will review the advantages/disadvantages of each as well as processes and timelines for each. 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.

Dr. Acuff asked about insurance for the building.

Mr. Oberg said that he does not want to give the building away. If the building is given to the Board of Supervisors then it disempowers the School Board in terms of activities in the facility. But, if the Committee wants the ownership transferred to the County then he will support the request.

Mr. Buyaki said that the building is not being used for educational purposes so the quicker it could be turned over to the County, the better.

Mrs. Moynihan asked if the division would be paying for the upkeep of the building whether it is transferred or not. If the division will still be funding the building, would it not make more sense to maintain control of the building?

Dr. Acuff said that Ms. Farley would draft a resolution to turn the building over to the County.

Ms. Wilcox, principal of Scottsville Elementary, and Mr. Stow, principal of Red Hill Elementary, provided an update on the opening of school and the transition of Yancey students into these schools.

Agenda Item No. 7.3. FY 19-FY28 Capital Improvement Program Request.

Ms. Schmitt provided for the Board's consideration information related to the proposed FY19-FY28 Capital Improvement Program request. The process to prepare Albemarle County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is underway. This is the first year, or development year, of the two-year submittal and review process. All project requests are eligible to be submitted for the ten-year period of FY 19 – FY 28 including new requests, unfunded requests previously submitted, and projects funded in the FY 18 Adopted CIP to update and confirm the request. Project requests from all submitting entities will be reviewed and prioritized by the Technical Review Committee and the Oversight Committee in the fall before a recommendation is made to the Board of Supervisors. In preparation, staff must submit the School Board's CIP requests by August 30th.

This is the third of three meetings to help prepare the Board to take action on their request. At the July 13th meeting, the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC) presented their recommendation. At the August 10th meeting, staff provided a recap of the recommendation as well as alternatives for consideration. These included the sizes of the gyms at Red Hill and Scottsville, as well as the timing of the projects at Red Hill and Crozet. In order to meet the deadlines of the county's review process, the School Board must approve their CIP request for FY18-28 at tonight's work session.

Projects ultimately approved by the Board of Supervisors would be funded by the Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adopt option 2 for the CIP and to forward it to the Technical Review Committee. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 7.4. Identifying the 2017-2019 School Board Strategic Priority.

Dr. McLaughlin provided for the Board's consideration information related to the Board's work around strategic planning and developing of School Board/Superintendent Priorities. During the June 2017 ACPS School Board retreat, the Board engaged in a number of activities to review our progress as a division during the prior biennium, identify common elements that contributed to our success, and examine the ACPS equity dashboard in hopes of using that information to determine a strategic priority for the 2017-2019 biennium. During tonight's meeting, the board will review the work completed at the June retreat, receive for information and discussion the board priority rankings of the themes that emerged from the retreat, and provide guidance to staff so that a strategic priority for 2017-2019 can be developed and shared with the board at a future meeting. The Board then broke out into three smaller groups to discuss the following three questions: 1) What would our district look like in 2019 if we have identified and removed the practices that perpetuate the opportunity Gap? 2) What would our district look like in 2019 if we have created a culture of high expectations for all students? 3) What would our district look like in 2019 if we have found ways to identify and develop student passions?

Staff will take the information gathered in the mini breakout sessions and bring back to the Board a recommendation for a School Board/Superintendent Strategic Priority (or priorities) at the September work session.

Agenda Item No. 7.5. Legislative Strategy.

Mr. Shea provided for the Board's consideration a draft legislative packet overview and strategy. This draft Legislative Agenda is for the Board's consideration and approval in preparation for the 2018 Virginia General Assembly Session. The draft Legislative Agenda is presented as an Action item for the Board's consideration regarding issues anticipated to be reviewed by the General Assembly. The Board will share its legislative priorities with state legislators during the Board's annual Legislative Luncheon September 12.

2018 Draft Legislative Priorities

Funding for Public Education

State contributions to K-12 public education should adequately and realistically support high-quality programs in all of Virginia's elementary, middle, and high schools. However, the true cost of implementing the Standards of Quality, Standards of Learning, and Standards of Accreditation far exceed the commitment to K-12 public education that local school boards are seeing come from the state.

High School Redesign

We are actively planning for the redesign of the high school experience to better prepare students for higher education and the workforce, and we are confident that many of the innovative adjustments we are planning can be replicated to benefit students throughout Virginia.

Assessment & Accreditation Reform

We believe in assessing students using a variety of measures, and we would welcome the inclusion of additional measures of student learning and growth, especially locally developed assessments. For example, the use of portfolios allow students to think critically and creatively, to reflect and reason, to problem-solve, and ultimately to communicate their new understanding of the world around them.

The Albemarle County School Board supports:

- Assessing student growth throughout the year, and recognizing individual schools and teachers who demonstrate significant results in student academic gains.
- Making all SOL tests end-of-year tests, rather than cumulative tests.
- Establishing a reasonable amount of time that a student must be enrolled in a Virginia public school before his or her test scores count toward accreditation.
- Reviewing of the total number of SOL tests our 3rd grade students take, as well as the length of those tests.

Afterschool Program Regulation

We support legislation from the General Assembly that (i) distinguishes afterschool enrichment programs that are housed in and operated by public schools, as well as the facilities that support those programs, from private or in-home daycare facilities, and (ii) returns extended day enrichment programs that are housed in and operated by public schools, as well as the facilities that support those programs, to the purview of the Virginia Department of Education.

Broadband Infrastructure

We support legislation that would assist communities that do not have the density to attract the private sector in their efforts to deploy broadband to rural and underserved areas.

Charter Schools

We oppose a Constitutional Amendment that would permit external authorities to establish a charter school in a community without local school board approval, as doing so usurps local control of public education.

We believe that the ability HB2218 extends to the Virginia Board of Education to communicate its findings regarding the denial, revocation, or closure of a charter school provides charter school applicants the flexibility they seek, while upholding the authority of locally-elected school boards.

Fair & Equitable Composite Index

We support reform of the composite index that would include a real property assessment component to reflect the real property tax monies actually received by the locality. For example, Albemarle County's Land Use program which was encouraged by the state — decreases Albemarle's effective tax rate by 10 cents, yet the LCI formula does not reflect this.

School Bus Video-Monitoring Systems

We request that the General Assembly amend Virginia Code subsection B of § 46.2-844 to allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to release, in the event of a driver unlawfully passing a stopped school bus, the pertinent vehicle ownership information to third party vendors. This change would be similar to the provisions contained in Virginia Code subsection 21 of § 15.2-968.1.

School Health Advisory Board

We support legislation that would approve the creation of the state School Health Advisory Board. The formation of such an advisory group would allow the General Assembly to consult with education and health policy professionals regarding the appropriateness and scope of legislation that would impact student health. As a result, many school divisions could see potential reductions in the costs of implementing state mandates that are health related.

Special Education

We support legislation that will provide school divisions with greater flexibility in the use of Children's Services Act funding in order to promote students remaining in their neighborhood schools.

We support future efforts to accompany Special Education state mandates with funding to support the implementation of those mandates.

We support efforts to study and revise the funding/staffing formula for Special Education to better meet student needs.

Teacher Licensure

We praise the General Assembly's passage of HB279 (3-year CTE licensure), and we support increased local flexibility for school divisions to license CTE teachers who have applied work experience in STEM and entrepreneurship fields.

Virtual Learning

We oppose the formation of a virtual public high school that would fall under the jurisdiction of an entity other than the Virginia Board of Education.

Mr. Koleszar said that the position should include the fact that the regulatory burdens for afterschool has led to the division not serving four year olds.

Mr. Koleszar asked if the division has asked the Attorney General for an opinion on the school bus arm cameras.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Jessica Jackson is a Greer Elementary parent. She expressed concern that the division still offers a peanut butter and jelly option on the lunch menu. Her child has a severe nut allergy and she is concerned for her safety at school. She does not feel that the Division is following the doctor’s recommendations for her daughter.

Mr. Julian Waters said that he appreciated the Board’s discussion about future use of the B.F. Yancey Elementary School building. He also suggested to the Board that they consider providing transportation for students who would like to attend an academy other than the one located at the student’s base school.

Ms. Cheryl Knight is a teacher. She shared with the Board the Virginia State Education association legislative agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

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 the promotion of member of executive staff, and subsection 3 to discuss and consider the disposition of publically held school buildings, the discussion of which in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the School Board. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 10:30 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. Koleszar **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

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

NAYS: None.

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment

At 10:31 p.m., Dr. Acuff, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk