

A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on December 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; Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. David Oberg; and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Director of Budget and Planning; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Dr. Acuff, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. 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 KOVAR Grant
- 3.3 FY17/18 Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP)
- 3.4 FY17/18 Migrant Consortium Incentive Grant
- 3.5 Religious Exemption
- 3.6 For Action: Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.7 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
- 3.8 Personnel Action
- 3.9 Stone Robinson ES Outdoor Play Areas
- 3.10 For Information: Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Calendar
- 3.11 July 2017 through October 2017 Financial Reports
- 3.12 Waiver Request to VA School Board and Request for Added Course
- 3.13 Academy Transportation

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus Item 3.10. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Dr. Acuff asked for discussion. Mr. Koleszar asked that Item 3.10 be pulled for discussion. Mr. Buyaki noted that he had a question about Item 3.9. He noticed that in the plan, there are stumps, logs and boulders that students can climb on and he thinks that is great, however, Stony Point had logs put in but students are not allowed to use them because of rules. **The motion passed.**

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

Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Calendar:

Mr. Koleszar said that he has some concerns about the calendar as it relates to snow make-up days. He feels that there should be a disaster plan where students miss excessive days that students make up those days. He recommended that any days missed after five days due to inclement weather be made up the second week of June. He also asked staff to look at developing a policy regarding virtual snow days. Mr. Buyaki said that he is not certain that the additional days are needed because additional time was added to the school day. Mr. Oberg asked how this would impact the overall structure of the calendar. Mr. Paige asked how a virtual snow day would impact those students who do not have internet access at home.

Mr. Buyaki offered a motion to approve the draft 2018/2019 calendar for approval at the next meeting. Mr. Paige seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Spotlight on Education.

Mrs. Moynihan said that it has been a privilege for me to have the opportunity to serve on both the Albemarle County Public School Board and the CATEC Board for the past 16 years. And this evening, we would like to recognize one of our newest CATEC programs, one that has very high potential for the future career plans of Albemarle County students. I am referring to the Information, Technology & Engineering Lab, also known as the CISCO lab, now in its second year.

Across the country, programs such as this one have led to more than 1.3 million new jobs for graduating students. Students develop technical mastery in computer networking, including routing, switching and security.

At CATEC, our students can earn several certifications before they graduate. The program also serves adult students at night, strengthening the IT credentials of our community's labor force for attracting new businesses. Among the most valuable program components is the hands-on experience our students receive from the opportunities to work with major IT users in the area, including local businesses, UVA and other schools and colleges. With us this evening is the program instructor, Garrick Whitehead, and a few of his students. Among the internships that Garrick hopes to establish is one on cybersecurity and in preparation for that, he issued his students a major challenge---to hack into his computer. Garrick says there is no way that will happen. Given what I know about the capabilities of our students, I have only one piece of advice to offer Garrick----It is only a matter of time. She then asked Garrick and his students to come to the podium to share their thoughts about the Lab's progress and the impact it has had on their learning.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements.

Dr. Acuff recognized Michael Bragg, writer for the Daily Progress, who is moving out of the area.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the following resolution of appreciation:

WHEREAS, November 5, 2001 was a date not only at the forward edge of a new century and unimaginably new opportunities for Albemarle County Public Schools, but it also was the beginning of a distinguished and influential career of public service in education, and,

WHEREAS, on that day in the Rio District, Pamela Moynihan was elected to the first of four terms as its representative on the Albemarle County School Board, and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Moynihan's vigorous advocacy for results-based education perfectly aligned with the high achievement of students, educators and staff reflected in the school division's increasingly exceptional performances on such important outcomes as an on-time graduation rate higher than that for any one of the 50 states and a drop-out rate less than half that of the state and nation, and,

WHEREAS, long before the term 5 Cs became popular, the importance of these lifelong success skills was reflected in Ms. Moynihan's leadership in supporting and promoting the division's cultural and performing arts programs, which developed among students, uncommon competencies in collaboration, communication, creativity, critical-thinking and community outreach, and,

WHEREAS, her passion for All Means All positioned her as a powerful and consistent voice for individualized instruction that best unlocked the potential of every single student, irrespective of the life experiences they brought with them to school, and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Moynihan’s commitment to providing educational opportunities that served every student’s varied needs and interests included strong support for STEM academies and a forceful focus on improving the delivery of career and technical service education, and,

WHEREAS, throughout her service to constituents and all taxpayers, Ms. Moynihan championed the efficient use of public monies by ensuring that investments in programs and services met their operational objectives and a rigorous standard of full accountability, and,

WHEREAS, she has been a well-respected advisor, counselor, role model and colleague to all those who served and are serving on the Albemarle County School Board for the past 16 years, in more than 400 school board meetings and over 1,200 hours of deliberations, and at nearly 100 CATEC Board meetings during the same period of time, and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Moynihan is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Long Island University, whose professional career has so ably served our nation, as a highly-respected U.S. Army Officer and a Senior Analyst for the National Ground Intelligence Center,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this School Board does gratefully and with deep appreciation congratulate Pamela Moynihan on her selfless devotion to her constituents and to our entire school community during the past 16 years and hereby recognizes the invaluable contributions she has made during this time to preparing our students for lifelong success, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes to Ms. Moynihan and her family for much continued success in their future endeavors.

Mr. Oberg **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Brian Armstrong is a parent. He expressed concern about that complaint and investigative process. It is affecting his son at Monticello High School based on the complaint of one parent with the soccer program.

Ms. April Wong is a parent. She encouraged the Board to consider recommendation B2 for redistricting rather than what is being presented to the Board as a recommendation.

Ms. Cheryl Knight is a teacher. She spoke to the Board about the policy on ADA compliance. She asked for more guidance on when exclusion is necessary.

Mr. Julian Waters spoke to the Board about redistricting and that redistricting is used frequently to address capacity issues rather than looking for a long-term solution.

Ms. Rachel Boston is a parent and served on the redistricting committee. She was a dissenting member of the current redistricting proposal. She spoke to the Board about why she did not vote in favor of the proposal that will be presented to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Woodbrook Addition Redistricting Study – Superintendent’s Recommendation.

Ms. Schmitt and Dr. Moran provided for the Board’s consideration the Superintendent’s recommendation for redistricting for the Woodbrook Elementary School addition. The school division has experienced enrollment growth in the urban ring area adding over 250 students in the last 5 years in the four elementary schools whose boundaries surround the city of Charlottesville: Agnor-Hurt, Cale, Greer, and Woodbrook. This growth has

exceeded the building capacity of those schools with the most significant overcrowding occurring at Greer. A redistricting study was conducted in 2015 to determine if the Greer overcrowding could be addressed by redistricting versus building additional capacity. The study concluded that there did not exist a redistricting solution and that additional capacity needed to be constructed. To this end, an addition to Woodbrook Elementary was approved as a part of the 2016 bond referendum, and it is currently under construction. The Woodbrook addition is intended to provide relief to Woodbrook, Agnor-Hurt and Greer and is scheduled to open for the 2018-2019 school year.

To take advantage of the Woodbrook addition, on June 9, 2017, the School Board directed the Superintendent to convene an advisory committee and to complete a redistricting study. The approved objective and guiding principles of the study are included as Enclosure 1.

The committee was convened in September and met six times between that time and November. The committee's final report and recommendation is included as Enclosure 2.

The superintendent is bringing forward the recommendation of the committee as written in the report and with no modifications. Staff have reviewed the committee's recommendation and data used to develop it and no additional data have emerged since the committee finalized its report that would inform any changes in that recommendation.

The School Board is to receive the recommendation tonight for information only. They will hold a public hearing in January and consider action afterwards. Any approved boundary change by the Board will be implemented for the 2018/19 school year.

Dr. Acuff asked if there was any discussion on grandfathering students who were in fourth or fifth grade.

Mr. Koleszar said that capacity at elementary schools is short. He feels that the Board needs to look ahead when developing the CIP to get ahead on elementary seats.

Mrs. Moynihan asked about the alternate plan and what the issues were causing the committee not to put forward the recommendation.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Break.

There was a break from 7:56 p.m. until 8:05 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. High School Facility Planning Study – Final Recommendation.

Dr. Moran, Dr. Hass and Mr. Isaac Williams, FNI, presented for the Board's consideration the High School Facility Planning Study recommendation. Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) currently operates three comprehensive high schools (Albemarle, Monticello and Western Albemarle), one charter high school (Murray), and one vocational school (CATEC). The total combined enrollment at these schools is about 4,200 students.

In August 2016, ACPS launched High School 2022, a district-wide initiative to design, refine and deliver the future of high school for graduates in the class of 2022 and beyond. The work is ongoing, but some of the bigger themes proposed so far include project based learning, interdisciplinary instruction, alternative paths to credit, culminating experiences, student ownership, internships and work-based experiences. It is anticipated this vision will have facility impact, in terms of both the type of learning spaces needed and the capacity of buildings.

Additionally, the school division has capacity needs at its high schools. ACPS's largest high school, Albemarle High School (AHS) is overcrowded and enrollment is only projected to grow. The current enrollment is 1,973 students and enrollment is expected to continue to increase over the next ten years to a peak of over 2,100 students. AHS currently utilizes an eight classroom leased modular unit. Ancillary spaces such as the cafeteria are

inadequate for the number of students and parking is limited. Furthermore, Western Albemarle High School (currently 1135 students) is projected to grow by 200 students in the next ten years, which would result in overcrowding.

In response to both instructional and capacity needs, a facility planning study was launched last spring. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the educational adequacy and capacity of all the division's high school facilities and to provide options and recommendations going forward. ACPS contacted with HBA Architecture and Fielding Nair International (fni) to conduct this study. The firms presented their preliminary findings to the School Board on October 26. The School Board has discussed various options at Special Board Meetings on November 8 and December 7.

Mr. Buyaki asked if the staffing costs included professional development.

Mrs. Moynihan expressed concern about the new recommendation due to potential growth areas within the county.

Mr. Koleszar said that he likes the center model; however, he expressed concern about building a facility without knowing what program will be placed in the center.

Mr. Alcaro said that flexibility is the best asset of this design. He asked if in the next couple of months while the design and development of the facility is taking place, would the division be planning a program for the facility.

Dr. Acuff said that she likes the model. She feels that the center model is the least disruptive.

Mr. Koleszar said that he did not know until today that staff was looking for a decision on this item. He feels that the division needs to communicate with employees that this is where the division is going, hold a public hearing, and receive community input.

Mr. Alcaro said that he likes the idea of a public hearing, but feels that it is duplicating the work that has already been done to develop the recommendation.

Dr. Acuff said that the Board has been talking about this for at least the last two years with quite a bit of media attention.

Mr. Oberg said that the division is looking down the road five years, it will not happen next year. There will be time to provide input as the programming is being developed.

Mrs. Moynihan said that the division has been talking about this for the last four years. The Board needs to make a decision and get the ball rolling.

Mrs. Moynihan offered a **motion** to modernize the four existing high schools and build two new high school centers in a phased manner, while continuing to monitor population growth in the County to determine the proper size of those centers. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. Dr. Acuff asked for discussion. Mr. Koleszar said that he is not suggesting kicking the decision down the road, but to not make a decision tonight. He feels that the Board can wait until January to make the decision. Mr. Paige said that he remembers a meeting in May regarding Yancey when the Board made that decision so it is not outside of precedent. Mr. Buyaki said that this is the third December in a row where the Board has made decisions on topics. He still has many questions about how student learning will be individualized. He is not in favor of making a decision tonight. Dr. Acuff asked Mr. Buyaki what additional information he needed to make a decision. Mr. Buyaki said that he would like more information on programming. Mr. Oberg noted that no one has spoken on this item during public comment. He does not think it is because of a lack of interest. The community is very involved. **Roll was called, and the motion carried by the following recorded votes:**

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

NAYS: Mr. Koleszar and Mr. Buyaki.

Motion carried by 5:2 vote.

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

Mr. Oberg said that it is a blessing to work with each other and staff.

Mrs. Moynihan said thank you to the Board and the community. She has appreciated her time on the Board.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:42 p.m., hearing no objections, Mrs. Moynihan adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk