

A Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Albemarle County Office Building, Lane Auditorium, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Graham Paige, Mr. Jonno Alcaro, Ms. Ellen Osborne, Ms. Judy Le, Dr. Kate Acuff, and Student Representative Ella Whitcomb.

ABSENT: Ms. Katrina Callsen and Mr. David Oberg.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Matthew Haas, Superintendent; Ms. Debora Collins, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Clare Keiser, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Patrick McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Ross J. Holden, School Board Attorney; Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk to the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

Ms. Osborne offered a **motion** that the Albemarle County Public 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 for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and subsection 8 for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Ms. Le **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Ms. Osborne, Ms. Le, Dr. Acuff, Mr. Alcaro, and Mr. Paige.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ms. Callsen and Mr. Oberg.

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

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. Ms. Le **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Ms. Le, Ms. Osborne, Dr. Acuff, Mr. Alcaro, and Mr. Paige.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ms. Callsen and Mr. Oberg.

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Paige, Chair, called the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board 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.

Ms. Le offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Dr. Acuff **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Ms. Osborne, Mr. Alcaro, Ms. Le, Dr. Acuff, and Mr. Paige.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ms. Callsen and Mr. Oberg.

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 3.0. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3.2 For Information: Policy Review and Revision
- 3.3 Mental Health Spreadsheet
- 3.4 COVID-19 Status Update
- 3.5 FY 24 Budget Development Calendar
- 3.6 Transportation Update
- 3.7 Personnel Action – Athletic Coaches
- 3.8 Personnel Action
- 3.9 Minutes
- 3.10 Family Life Education Review and Updates

Dr. Acuff offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion. Ms. Le acknowledged that the Board received emails about the Family Life Education review and updates. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Dr. Acuff, Ms. Le, Mr. Alcaro, Ms. Osborne, and Mr. Paige.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ms. Callsen and Mr. Oberg

Motion carried by a 5:0:2 vote.

Agenda Item No. 4.0. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda. None.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements. None.

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

Dr. Haas said that the work session will focus on Standards of Learning test results. He shared the press release that was shared with the community.

Dr. Haas also shared with the Board his weekly check-in of events that took place in the Division over the week.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Public Comment.

Ms. Suzanne Dailey spoke in opposition of the changes to Family Life Education. She also asked that Board members respond or at least acknowledge receipt of emails sent to them from constituents.

Ms. Katie Rooney is a parent and PTO president at Mountain View Elementary School. She spoke about the need for an in-building family support/parent liaison at Mountain View in order to improve test scores.

Mr. Vernon Liechti is president of the Albemarle Education Association. He read a statement from Dee Braxton. The statement expressed concern about classified staff (TA) pay for holidays and school breaks. He then made a statement asking for review of religious holiday leave.

Ms. Mary McIntyre is a teacher at Journey Middle School. She spoke about the data that would be shared during the work session.

Ms. Barbara Cruickshank is a resident of Earlysville. She requested an evaluation of radio frequency levels inside Albemarle High School and the surrounding campus.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Assessment and Accreditation Update.

Dr. McLaughlin provided for the Board’s consideration and discussion information on Division assessments and accreditation. The mission of Learning for All, the strategic plan for Albemarle County Public Schools, states, “Working together as a team, we will end the predictive value of race, class, gender, and special capacities for our children’s success through high-quality teaching and learning for all. We seek to build relationships with families and communities to ensure that every student succeeds. We will know every student.”

School and division assessment and accreditation results are a key indicator of our progress in achieving this mission. With the completion of both our first school year following pandemic closures and the first year of our five-year strategic plan, the first set of assessment and accreditation data is available for review.

The work session will provide an overview of both assessment and accreditation data from the 2021-2022 school year. Using that data, the Board will be asked to provide feedback on data targets that would indicate our mission is on the path toward being achieved, and to consider what the Board’s role is in helping to meet that mission.

Ms. Osborne asked what number indicates growth.

Board members worked individually and together to develop targets for growth over the next four years. Dr. McLaughlin gathered the work and will compile and bring back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board then discussed what are the Board’s priorities around this work and what is the Board’s role in helping to meet the goals (budget, policy, and other):

- Acknowledge the data
- Transportation issues with late buses are the same students who are having difficulty passing the tests
- Not just an instruction issue
- Need to focus on K-3 literacy
- Teachers involved in reading program development
- Need to review programs used in the Division that do not help close the achievement gap
- More focus on CRT program in helping close the achievement gap
- Develop a literacy plan

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 8:04 p.m., hearing no objections, Mr. Paige adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk