

MINUTES

WORK SESSION OF THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Thursday, January 26, 2023 (6:00 PM)

A work session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on January 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Albemarle County Office Building – 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA

ROLL CALL - UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Kate Acuff, Mr. Jonathan Alcaro, Dr. Rebecca Berlin, Chair Katrina Callsen, Ms. Judy Le, Ms. Ellen Osborne, Mr. Graham Paige, Student Representative, Ms. Sanuthi Amarasinghe

ABSENT: None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Matthew Haas, Superintendent; Ms. Debora Collins, Deputy Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Clare Keiser; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Patrick McLaughlin; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Daphne Keiser; Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt; School Board Attorney, Mr. Ross Holden; Chief Technology Officer, Dr. Christine Diggs; Executive Director of Human Resources, Mr. Dan Redding; Public Affairs & Strategic Communications Officer, Mr. Phil Giaramita, Interim Clerk to the School Board, Ms. Christine Thompson

Agenda Item No. 1.0 CLOSED MEETING

At 6:00 p.m., Dr. Acuff offered a **motion** 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 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. Mr. Paige seconded the **motion**. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

2.0 OPENING ACTIVITIES

Agenda Item NO. 2.1 CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 6:31 p.m., Dr. Acuff 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. Alcaro seconded the **motion**. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 2.2 Call to Order

At 6:32 p.m., Chair Callsen called the meeting back to order.

Agenda Item No. 2.3 Pledge of Allegiance**Agenda Item No. 2.4 Moment of Silence****Agenda Item No. 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Osborne offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 4.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 2022 ACPS SEAC Annual Report: ACPS Response

4.2 School Year 2023-2024 Calendar Development

4.3 Transportation Update

4.4 COVID-19 Status Update

4.5 Personnel Action

4.6 For Information: Policy Review and Revision

4.7 For Action: Policy Review and Revision

Ms. Osborne offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Alcaro **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 5.0 ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

Agenda Item No. 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amanda Kahle Alger lives in the Rio Magisterial District. She has three children in ACPS. She spoke about literacy intervention. She is concerned about our reading assessments and believes we can do better.

Mr. Kayden Wright is a student at Monticello High School and lives in the Rio Magisterial District. He is concerned about equity in our schools and is deeply worried about school safety.

Agenda Item No. 7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Chief Operating Officer; spoke about the action by the Board of Supervisors on the fraud, waste and abuse reporting system. Superintendent, Dr. Haas; gave a shout out to Dr. Daphne Keiser on the Community Session that was held earlier in the week. A thank you to Dr. Clare Keiser and Mr. Dan Redding on the first meeting of the Employee Voice and Action Committee. Employees are engaged, appreciate their efforts and look forward to more engagement. The next Superintendent's Listening Tour will be held at Journey Middle School - it will be posted on the Supt's web page.

Agenda Item No. 8.0 SCHOOL BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS

Dr. Acuff announced her attendance at the first meeting of 2023 of the Albemarle Committee for Environmental Sustainability - ACES. A lot of time was spent working on the umbrella of the County's action plan.

Mr. Alcaro – announced that the Board members and Ross Holden donated \$1,000 to the First Christian Church in honor of Jennifer Winfield Johnston.

Agenda Item No. 9.0 SCHOOL DIVISION WORK SESSION

Agenda Item No. 9.1 Tiered Supports for ACPS

Solving The Five Biggest Challenges for Multiple Tiers Systems of Support (MTSS)

Power Point Presentation -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CjhnVyAwR2qYEmlx08mdKkn9odV4iX5fm5XMn2TUFes/edit#slide=id.g1f8a42fcb0_0_0

During this 75-minute Work Session, Board Members were briefed on ACPS's MTSS for students. Emphasis was placed on desired state, current state and next steps. Participants received best-practice research concerning MTSS, information and data regarding ACPS current state, hear from practitioners regarding current experiences, and responded to next steps recommendations.

Dr. Acuff asked how this works past middle school – what happens in high school? – We probably have the most variability in high school. It's harder to track because high schools have different systems and different ways to support students. They all have different classes and intervention systems. Dr. Acuff added that this seems intensely focused on elementary and middle.

Ms. Osborne asked how do we determine who needs intervention when it comes to the older kids? – Right now, it's determined on course success, grades, standards of learning, and Reader Plus has a screener tool we use in middle schools.

Ms. Le asked if there was a number of range of students who need interventions to the number of interventionists? – I think it would be useful to have this number.

Mr. Paige asked if the intervention in high school was similar to the intervention in elementary and middle school? – It can be a little different among the three high schools.

Mr. Alcaro asked if we need more support in doing the data collection in the schools? He saw first hand the data collection just recently in the schools. And other teachers are getting pulled in because there aren't enough specialist or interventionist; over the course of the school year and the summer will there be some professional development so there will be more qualified staff?

The Board broke up into three groups with teachers; Christa Livermon, Denise Backman, LaNell Rachness, Tina Goode, and Beth White, and talked about how the process works at their individual schools.

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

At 8:59 p.m. Dr. Acuff offered a **motion** 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 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. Mr. Alcaro seconded the **motion**. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Dr. Acuff, Mr. Alcaro, Dr. Berlin, Ms. Le, Ms. Osborne, Mr. Paige, and Chair Callsen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

At 9:20 p.m., Dr. Acuff 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. Alcaro seconded the **motion**. **Roll was called and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

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NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Agenda Item No. 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 p.m., hearing no objections, Ms. Callsen adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chair

Clerk