

Note: A full recording of the meeting is on file in the Clerk's Office and on the School Division website.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on October 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly (arrived at 6:35 p.m.); Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mr. Jon Stokes; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: Mrs. Diantha McKeel.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and System Planning; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Luvelle Brown, Chief Information Officer; Mrs. Steele Howen, Principal on Special Assignment; Ms. Debora Collins, Director of Elementary Education; Ms. Jamie Endahl, Assistant Director of Professional Development and Media Services; Mr. Tony Borash, Lead Instructional Coach; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Wheeler called the Albemarle County School Board meeting back to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

Mr. Price offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda.

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3.2 July and August 2009 Financial Reports
- 3.3 Release from Compulsory Attendance
- 3.4 Personnel Action
- 3.5 Personnel Action
- 3.6 Donation to Albemarle High School Turf Project
- 3.7 Minutes

Mr. Price offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Mouly absent.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Dr. Benson said that there was a bus accident this afternoon. A driver and 15 students were on board. There do not appear to be any injuries. It appears that the driver of another vehicle pulled out in front of our bus. All students are at home at this point.

Dr. Moran said that we have 15 National Merit Semi-Finalists. There is good representation from all of our high schools.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Ed Brooks spoke about the Superintendent's recommendation regarding small schools. He spoke about the community engagement piece during this process. He said that he was surprised that there were not any organized groups opposing the recommendation.

Mr. Peter Wurzer said that he feels that Dr. Moran's recommendation regarding the small schools was appropriate. He was a member of the study committee and they needed to identify what is the ideal size of an elementary school. He hopes that this discussion continues. He was in favor of a larger elementary school but when you look at the facts that staff put together, there was some compelling evidence that the larger school was better such as having a robust PLC. It is not a dollars issue, it is what is best for our kids.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board and Superintendent Business.

Dr. Moran recognized students in the audience observing the Board meeting for classes.

Dr. Moran said that staff was not at a point to enter into an engaged discussion on ways to reduce our expenditures. Staff is gathering data and continuing to work on the issue. Dr. Benson said that there was some discussion with local government and the types of information that would be shared during the joint meeting, however, during conversations it was determined that the information provided would be the revenue projections. Staff was not made aware that the Board of Supervisors would like more information minutes prior to the start of the joint meeting. If staff had known of this request, the information could have been prepared. Dr. Moran said that the Board will hear information later in October. Mr. Stokes said that the Board needs to express our displeasure with the communication of the requested information without appropriate notification.

Mr. Wheeler said that in the financial reports the fund balance sheet was not included as it usually is. Mr. Mastrandea said that fund balance is not available until the audit is completed.

Mr. Wheeler said for the October 22 work session he would like to see an assessment of the local government fund balance - undesignated operating and capital.

Mr. Stokes said that he remembers using most of the fund balance for the current year. Dr. Moran said that is some of the misunderstanding.

Mr. Wheeler said that he has heard reference to a revised budget. He would like to see the Board of Supervisors revised budget for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Price said that he would like to know more about the health care reserve.

Mr. Haun said that Mr. Haas has done a great job with the Athletic Council. Mr. Haun provided an overview of the make-up of the Council. The first meeting is scheduled for October 12. Mr. Wheeler said that the Board needs to assign a board member to serve on the committee. **There was Board consensus for Mr. Wheeler to serve on this Council.**

Mr. Haun updated the Board on the Physics netbook project taking place in the high schools. Mr. Price said that he is often surprised and in awe over how staff embraces the use of technology for educating our students.

Mr. Wheeler reminded the Board that there was a closed meeting on October 26, 2009. Please contact the Clerk's Office if you plan on attending. He also noted that the legislative meeting was scheduled for November 16, 2009 at 11 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Albemarle County Schools Health Advisory Board Report

Ms. Howen summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mr. Wheeler thanked the committee for their hard work and service to the community. He asked Ms. Pitsenberger about the local food initiative. Ms. Pitsenberger said that Greer received the Fresh Fruits and

Vegetables grant where students get fresh fruits and vegetables for snacks. She provided an update on how the food service department is implementing the purchase of local foods.

Mr. Price asked if this committee could look at physical education and the amount of time students spend time in physical education. Mr. Haun said that he will look at this issue. Mr. Price said that he would like to know if the committee would have any additional recommendations regarding physical education above what we are already doing in schools. Mrs. Moynihan said that she thought we just looked at how much time students were getting in physical education.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Coaching Model Update.

Mr. Haun, Ms. Endahl, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Borash summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mrs. Mouly asked what the role is of the secondary lead coach contact in the elementary group. Ms. Collins said that it is the second contact – not the secondary school level.

Mrs. Mouly asked if it made a difference for where your experience is when coaching. Ms. Collins said that she would say it depends on the question that is being asked. We have a lot of experts in our schools that coaches try to connect with other teachers. Ms. Endahl said that relationships at all levels are important among teachers.

Mr. Koleszar said that one of his concerns was losing the expertise of the coordinator – will the vertical teams be able to continue the work? Ms. Collins said yes, they are at the heart of the work and curriculum.

Mr. Price said that he would like to see communication to parents about the instructional coaching model.

Mr. Stokes asked if coaches are being inundated with requests for assistance or are there meetings that are initiated by coaches. Ms. Collins said that initially it has been based on teacher requests. Coaches were first worried about getting requests for assistance but now they are trying to figure out how to plan out all the requests and how to meet the needs.

Mrs. Moynihan said that there was a lot of angst about going to this model and what the feelings are now. Ms. Endahl said that most comments are collectively positive. It is clear that the coaches are not there to evaluate but to support them in their professional goals.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Policy Review and Revision.

Ms. Kim summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mrs. Moynihan asked if most of the changes are wordsmithing. Ms. Kim said that the table should help with the type of changes being made.

Mr. Koleszar said that Policy BBA does not need to include the actual evaluation form for the Board. Mr. Stokes agreed. Ms. Kim said that there is no legal need to include the evaluation form in the policy. Mrs. Johnston said that the current priorities are added as well as the scale used to evaluate the Board. Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to policy to be more specific. **There was Board consensus to remove the evaluation tool from the policy and add language about what the Board will be evaluated on. Mr. Koleszar will work with Ms. Kim on the language.**

Mr. Wheeler asked about the closed meeting policy changes. Ms. Kim said that the basis for closed meeting have always been there she just added the full list instead of a partial list.

Mr. Price asked about the compliance officer in Policy AC. Ms. Kim said that we have had people informally or formally designated for such. Under the current law, we have had to a designated person to handle these complaints. The change in language makes it clearer that there is a person designated.

There was Board consensus for these policies to be placed on the next consent agenda for approval except for Policy BBA.

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

Mr. Stokes said that he was reflecting on the meeting with the Board of Supervisors about compensation. He does not want to lose sight of the fact that we want to pay teachers at market rate. We had a thousand applicants for 100 open positions so that says to him that we are at market. We need to consider that we may not be following a particular plan but we must be at market if we have so many applicants. Mr. Koleszar said that the applicant pool had dried up years ago because of where we were in regards to teacher compensation.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting.

Mr. Price offered a **motion** that the School Board go into 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 the assignment and performance of specific administrative employees as well as the performance of administrative departments requiring the consideration of specific employees performance. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting.

Mr. Price offered a **motion** that the Board certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters 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. Mouly **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded votes:**

AYES: Mr. Wheeler; Mrs. Moynihan; Mr. Stokes; Mr. Koleszar; Mr. Price; and Mrs. Mouly.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. McKeel.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment.

At 8:32 p.m., Mr. Moynihan offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Chairman

Clerk