

A Business Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on July 13, 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; Dr. Kate Acuff; Mr. David Oberg; and Mr. Jason Buyaki.

ABSENT: Mrs. Pamela Moynihan.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Matthew Haas, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Vince Scheivert, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer; Ms. Debbie Collins, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Rosalyn Schmitt, Assistant Director of Facilities Planning; Ms. Sheila Hoopman, Capital Programs Manager; Ms. Lindsay Snoddy, Environmental Manager; Ms. Amanda Farley, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk to the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Closed Meeting.

At 6:03 p.m., 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 principal vacancies and personnel assignments at Sutherland Middle School and to discuss and consider administrative nominations and tenure recommendations of personnel. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. Moynihan absent.**

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Closed Meeting Certification.

At 6:30 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. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. **Roll was called, and the motion passed by the following recorded vote:**

AYE: Mr. Buyaki, Mr. Oberg, Mr. Alcaro, Dr. Acuff, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Koleszar

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mrs. Moynihan.

Motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve Brandi Robertson and Cable Guy as interim principal and assistant principal at Sutherland Middle School. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the proposed list of senior administrative staff proposed in closed meeting. Mr. Paige **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 1.3. Call to Order.

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

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 Minutes
- 3.3 Reappropriate Yancey Elementary Resources to Scottsville Elementary
- 3.4 Personnel Action
- 3.5 VSBA Policy Agreement
- 3.6 Authorization to Sign in the Absence of the Superintendent

Mr. Paige said that he had a question about 3.3. He asked how much money would be saved by closing Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Farley asked that the Board pull the VSBA Policy Agreement for further review.

Mr. Alcaro offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the VSBA Policy Agreement. 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. Spotlight on Education.

Mr. Alcaro said that earlier this week, our division hosted a visit from 26 school superintendents and other educators from around the country, representing inner cities, suburban school divisions and those from the most rural part of our nation. They were here to learn about innovation, including our maker curriculum, our classroom applications of technology and most of all, how to design a learning environment that places students at the center of discovery. They also were here because of our national reputation in these strategies as showcased in our membership in Digital Promise. Digital Promise is a Congressionally-authorized organization dedicated to improving the quality and relevance of public education and to the closing of opportunity gaps. This evening we have the privilege of recognizing several leading educators who have contributed to the national reputation of our division. They have earned regional, state and national recognition for the work they have done in creating new models for excellence. For our first recognition, we are going to get some help from Senator Bryce Reeves, who is one of two state senators who represent us in the General Assembly. Senator Reeves, it is an honor to welcome you to our Board meeting. I would like to thank you for your partnership with our division through our legislative meetings, your accessibility and for your leadership in making possible the resolution you are going to present this evening. Senator Reeves then presented Mr. Koleszar with a resolution from the General Assembly in recognizing of him receiving the VSBA Advocate for Education Award.

Mr. Alcaro then said that many of us are familiar with the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council. It is an organization that supports growth and success among the Charlottesville region's technology-focused organizations. Through collaborative partnerships, educational resources, and strategic relationships, CBIC champions technology initiatives that strengthen economic and social vitality in our area. Among the most important of its activities is its recognition of an Educator of the Year. This award honors a K-12 educator who has set an example of incorporating the principles of innovation, entrepreneurship, invention, and/or technological achievement in a classroom setting. CBIC's 2017 Educator of the Year is with us this evening. She is Stephanie Passman, the gifted resource teacher at Stony Point Elementary School. Also here tonight is the Virginia state-level finalist for the 2017 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. His nomination will now be reviewed by the National Science Foundation's national selection committee for consideration for the Presidential Award in Mathematics. The White House will announce that award early next year. Bill Daly is not a newcomer to remarkable achievement. He appeared before us earlier in the year when we paid tribute to the state championship earned by the Albemarle High School mathematics team. This was not the first time that has happened under Bill's extraordinary guidance. I would like to ask Stephanie and Bill to share some of their thoughts about passion-based teaching and learning.

Dr. Acuff ended the Spotlight on Education by recognizing Vince Scheivert. Mr. Scheivert was attending his last board meeting for Albemarle County Public Schools as he took a position in Loudon County.

Agenda Item No. 5.2. Announcements. None.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment. None.

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

Dr. Acuff said that the Board needed to appoint a delegate and alternate to serve at the VSBA Delegate Assembly during the VSBA Annual Conference. Mr. Buyaki offered a motion to appoint Mr. Alcaro as the delegate and Mr. Oberg as the alternate. Mr. Koleszar seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. WAHS Science Lab Addition & Modernization.

Ms. Hoopman provided for the Board's consideration information on the Western Albemarle High School Science Lab addition and modernization. She noted that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to solicit architectural and engineering services for the WAHS Science Lab Addition and Modernization project. Ten firms submitted proposals. Staff reviewed the proposals and on June 16th interviewed the three short-listed firms. The top ranked firm is VMDO Architects from Charlottesville. The design for the project will start June 27th, and conclude in March 2018. The project will break ground in the summer of 2018 and be complete for the 2019/20 school year. Funding for the design contract is budgeted for in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the Selection Committee's recommendation of the firm of VMDO Architects for the WAHS Science Lab Addition & Modernization project, and authorize staff to begin negotiations with the recommended firm. Mr. Buyaki **seconded** the motion. Dr. Acuff asked for discussion. Dr. Acuff asked about the completion date and whether it is for both modernization and the addition of the labs. Mr. Paige asked how often minority firms submit bids. He also asked if the three labs will be interdisciplinary or focused one class. **The motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.2. Energy Performance Contract Update (LED Lighting).

Ms. Snoddy provided for the Board's consideration an update on the energy performance contract. She provided an update on the possibility of utilizing an energy performance contract to upgrade lighting in our school facilities. The enclosure summarizes the proposed project and timeline.

We are currently exploring the following two financing mechanisms available for these potential projects: 1) Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) – In 2008, the General Assembly made energy conservation and energy efficiency projects eligible for VRA financing. Local Government must secure the VRA funding, and the borrowed amount would count towards the County's debt capacity. 2) Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (VSBFA) - VSBFA offers loans directly to businesses & non-profits, as well as bond financings to benefit for-profit businesses, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entities, and to support clean energy and transportation projects. The School Board can secure this financing independent of Local Government, and the borrowed amount does not count towards the County's debt capacity.

Both funding mechanisms can take advantage of an interest rate subsidy for energy conservation projects, VirginiaSAVES. The program's direct pay credit subsidy offsets the taxable interest rate to potentially lower the financing term for the proposed projects. Local Government is also considering an energy performance contract for lighting and water projects. Local Government intends to issue an RFP to determine the interest rate for 12-year debt for both possible financing mechanisms.

Dr. Acuff asked in over the \$700 million in energy savings contracts, how much is in schools.

Mr. Koleszar asked how energy savings is calculated.

Mr. Buyaki asked if the total measured savings was found out after the project.

Dr. Acuff asked about the build out time for making all of the replacements.

Mr. Buyaki asked what the cost is for the lighting separate from the plumbing projects.

Mr. Paige noted that the low flow systems would only provide savings on well systems.

Mr. Buyaki asked that staff provide the total cost of the project including the interest.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Break.

The Board did not take a break.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Long Range Planning Advisory Committee – 2017 Final Recommendation

Ms. Schmitt said that per policy, the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC) is formed to "inform and advise the Superintendent and School Board in the development of comprehensive, long-term plans for facilities needs in the most effective and efficient way and in support of the School Division's Strategic Plan." The committee meets annually to discuss the facilities needs of the division and are the beginning of the planning process for the Division's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The LRPAC has met 10 times since January and their work has culminated in their final recommendation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The following 10-year summary and subsequent project descriptions are the recommendation of the 2017 Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee for the FY19-FY29 Capital Improvement Program of Albemarle County Public Schools. The included projects address enrollment growth in the division, instructional needs, and the maintenance of our facilities and equipment.

- Maintenance/Replacement Program
- State Technology Grant
- Instructional Technology
- Administrative Technology
- Telecommunications Network Upgrades
- School Bus Replacements
- High School Improvements
- Learning Space Modernization
- Scottsville Additions
- Crozet Addition
- Red Hill Phase 2
- Administration Space
- New Elementary School

BOUNDARY CHANGES

Per policy, the committee is tasked to make recommendations for long-term plans for facilities needs in the "most effective and efficient way". Sometimes this requires redistricting to make use of existing capacity. This recommendation is based on assumptions that future redistricting will impact the following schools/areas in the next 10 years:

- Baker-Butler
- Walton Middle School (underutilization)
- Greer & Agnor-Hurt in relation to the Woodbrook Addition
- Western Feeder Pattern Elementary Schools in relation to an addition onto Crozet Elementary
- The closing of Yancey Elementary School

Mr. Alcaro asked about the number of trailers being used and what the proposal would reduce the number to.

Mr. Alcaro asked about the cost in year five for the telecommunications network.

Dr. Acuff asked if repurposing the gym at Red Hill would be sufficient to get rid of the trailers at the school.

Mr. Koleszar said that the Board should discuss the size of gyms built on schools.

Mr. Koleszar said that the high school study might impact CATEC.

Dr. Acuff asked in the recalculations of capacity, how was capacity conflict impacted.

Mr. Paige asked if the capacity appendix include the closure of Yancey Elementary.

Mr. Alcaro asked if the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee thought about elementary needs in the future.

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

Mr. Paige asked about what could be down at Yancey that will allow the building to be used in the near future.

Dr. Acuff asked about the variables for short-term utilization of the building.

Dr. Acuff asked if Yancey was used as a food bank prior to its closure.

Mr. Oberg said that he would be open to keeping the building open for certain needs or programs.

Mr. Paige suggested that the sliding scale should be adjusted for the pilot afterschool program in the southern part of the County.

Dr. Acuff said that there is low-income students all over the County. If it is a pilot program, then staff needs to let it play out without making adjustments.

Mr. Oberg said that he would consider keeping Club Yancey open for a year as an appropriate transition for the Yancey students.

Mr. Koleszar said that he would like to see the pilot continue and for staff to continue working to get students attending that are in the gap groups. He feels that the sliding scale may not be ambitious enough.

Mr. Alcaro ask what it would take for parents to be able to afford the Extended Day Enrichment Program. He also asked how much money the division would need to provide to the Scottsville Boys and Girls Club to add additional seats at this time.

Dr. Acuff noted that she has been concerned about the skew in the Extended Day Enrichment Program towards socio-economic disadvantaged students. The problem is County-wide.

Mr. Paige said that the SEAD program is being piloted in the urban ring schools, so he does not see an issue with the pilot for Extended Day Enrichment Program in the southern part of the County.

There was Board consensus for staff to look at the sliding scale for the EDEP program and if further adjustments could be made.

Dr. Moran said that the Division is having a busy summer. There are many students in the schools for summer programs such as the leadership academy, the fine arts academy, and a pop-up STEM academy in Scottsville.

Dr. Acuff noted that the Woodbrook addition construction is underway. She commended staff for the signage that has been placed around the area.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.

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

Agenda Item No. 12.1. Adjournment.

At 8:08 p.m., hearing no objections, Dr. Acuff adjourned the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board.

Chairman

Clerk