

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

A Regular Work Session of the Albemarle County School Board was held on May 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Diantha McKeel (arrived at 6:20 p.m.); Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Jon Stokes; Mr. Ronnie Price; and Mrs. Barbara Mouly.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Luvelle Brown, Executive Director of Division and School Improvement; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Pauline Meehan, Deputy Clerk.

Agenda Item No.1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:05 p.m., Mr. Wheeler called the Albemarle County School Board meeting 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. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mrs. Mouly **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mrs. McKeel absent.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda.

- 3.2. Minutes: January 22, 2009, Regular Work Session; January 29, 2009, Budget Public Hearing; May 18, 200, Special Closed Meeting
- 3.3. Re-appropriation of Miscellaneous Grant Funds
- 3.4. Donation to Meriwether Lewis Elementary School
- 3.5. CFA Agreement
- 3.6. Donation to Western Albemarle High School
- 3.7. Re-appropriation of Shannon Foundation Grant Funds
- 3.8. Strategic Partnership for Telephone Forum Services
- 3.9. Personnel Action
- 3.10. Educational Broadband Service Lease Agreement

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

Agenda Item No. 4.1. Announcements.

Dr. Benson introduced the following new principals of Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS): Ms. Sharon Amato-Wilcox, Burley Middle School; Mr. Jay Thomas, Albemarle High School; and Dr. Cathy Worley, Monticello High School. Dr. Moran commented on all of their credentials and said that what is very apparent is that they are all relationship builders and are capable of building communities of learners and learning through rigor, relevance, and relationships and lead the division's missions and goals.

Agenda Item No. 5.1. School Board and Superintendent Business.

100 Black Men of America: Dr. Brown spoke on African American male leaders from different counties in Virginia who have become chartered members of the 100 Black Men in America. He said the primary focus of the group is to eliminate the achievement gap. The Scholar's Breakfast was an event held Saturday, May 23rd. The members invited African American young men ranging from grades nine through twelve and all eighth

grade students who had a 3.0 or better grade point average. He said that eighty scholars were present at the breakfast who received certificates and medals for their achievements. Mr. Price said that the school division does understand that there are a significant number of African American males included within the achievement gap numbers. He said rather than complain about what is not being done, concentrate on what the members can do to help young men do all and be all they can be with respect to achievement. Another thing that needs to be focused on is Algebra readiness and what can be done to have African American male students be more prepared to enter Algebra and a more rigorous curriculum at a higher rate of student participation. He added another thing would be mentoring of the scholars in the elementary level. Dr. Moran commended the program for its support to the community.

Cale Elementary Celebration: Dr. Moran announced that Cale Elementary School had a celebration recognizing Mr. Paul Cale, Jr. for his contributions to Albemarle County Public Schools.

Burley Middle School Alumni and Varsity Club: Dr. Moran informed the Board that the Burley Alumni and Varsity Club of Burley High School held its annual celebration. The Varsity Club has been working on a project to collect all of the trophies of Burley High School and has donated a trophy case to display all of the trophies that will be refurbished and/or replaced.

Mr. Thomas Nash Recognition: Mr. Price read a resolution for Piedmont Regional Education Program's (PREP) recognition of Mr. Thomas Nash, Executive Director of Intervention and Prevention Services, for his dedicated service to PREP. Dr. Benson added that on the morning of June 19th retirees will be recognized at a formal ceremony and reception in Lane Auditorium.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. School Board Self-Evaluation and Evaluation of the Board as a Collective Body.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Self-Evaluation, which is on file in the School Board Office. As each item was discussed Board members provided comments. (There was a break from 7:17 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 6.3. Strategic Planning – Resource Utilization Study.

Dr. Moran commended Dr. Carole Hastings for her work with the Resource Utilization Study (RUS). Dr. Benson summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office. He asked the Board if there are any specific areas included in the study that they need more information or needs to be discussed in more detail at the retreat on June 1st.

Board members reviewed the Baldrige Key Issue Summary and Progress Report, provided their comments and discussed what they felt needed to be discussed in more detail at the retreat.

Mr. Wheeler asked for clarification on the use of Access Albemarle for the next budget. Dr. Benson said that he will provide the Board with additional information on that issue.

Mrs. McKeel asked that a copy of the final organization chart be provided to the Board. Dr. Benson said that staff will provide a final draft of the organizational chart, with some vacancies, to the Board. Mrs. McKeel asked that the organizational chart be put on the school division's website for the community.

Dr. Moran said that there will be a revision of the website and there will be conceptual work on the revision in the Board's retreat packet. Mrs. McKeel suggested that there be quality consistency with all school websites. Dr. Moran said that not all schools have the web staff coordination support. Dr. Benson noted that the Web Coordinator's position has been eliminated which part of that position was to ensure that the comprehensive technology plan was implemented in terms of those expectations.

Mr. Wheeler reviewed the retreat packet provided by Dr. Moran.

Dr. Moran noted that the retreat will set the stage as one of the components for going into the next cycle for the continuous improvement for the school division. She added that there is also a packet with the retreat information focusing on her evaluation and suggested the Board look at it simultaneously with the retreat packet as she has linked the work that has been presented in the retreat packet to some of the key areas that she has challenged herself with this past year.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Peter Wurzer spoke on the transportation issue in the Resource Utilization Study. He asked the Board to form a systematic way to find why the school division's transportation costs are higher than other districts.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Student Council and the School Board: Mr. Price reviewed with the Board a draft charge for the Student Council relating to the school board and engaging the student council in the meetings with a student School Board member.

Mrs. McKeel read the email sent to the Board from Mr. Price.

Mrs. Moynihan suggested that this item be brought back on a future agenda. Mr. Koleszar stated that the problem with that is the Student Council is meeting next week to plan what they will be doing next year. Mrs. McKeel said that it was agreed that it would be discussed at this meeting for a decision.

Mr. Price asked for agreement that the draft be brought to the Student Council for their input on how they are interested in participating. Mrs. Moynihan stated this has been in past discussion and nothing has come of it. She suggested finding a faculty advisor to keep the students on track.

Mr. Stokes stated that the Student Council needs direction from the School Board as members of the council are not the same every year. Mr. Koleszar said the Student Council's involvement in Board activities is a command function and the Board has not provided the leadership to make this happen.

Dr. Moran said that staff has purposely brought students to meet, have face time and give feedback to the Board with diverse perspectives who represent different layers of the student bodies of the schools. There have been many students who have had interaction with the Board. She said that there is not a lot of diversity in the Student Council in terms of perspective and opinion from students. Mr. Stokes said that the Board should get perspective of the student leaders from each school. Dr. Moran stated that there are elected leaders and informal leaders in the schools. She added that there are different methods that constitute a student leadership group. Mr. Koleszar suggested staff determine a way to get a strong cross section on the leadership group. Mr. Stokes asked for clarification on what defines a student leadership group. Dr. Moran said that there are students in schools that are highly successful and represent the top students in the schools and is a narrowly defined group of students. Dr. Benson said there have been discussions with leadership groups in the schools with the realization that discussions have to go deeper to get true variance in perspective from students who may not be sitting at the Student Council table.

Mr. Wheeler noted his concern with telling students what they need to do. Mr. Koleszar said that the Board has been waiting for students to make decisions on what they want to do and they have not done it. Mr. Price said that the Council asked for the Board's guidance and the Board would be remiss in not giving it to them.

Mr. Price asked for data on the past charges given to the School Council.

There was Board consensus to have a charge sent from the School Board to Student Council.

Consent Agenda Motion Reconsideration: To correct the problem with the vote on the consent agenda approval, Ms. Kim recommended that Mr. Wheeler (or any member who voted affirmatively for approval, other than Mr. Stokes) make the following motion: **I move that the Board reconsider its motion to approve the consent agenda.** She stated that Mr. Stokes should abstain from this vote. She added that after this motion to reconsider is raised, then someone needs to make a *new* motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Stokes should abstain from that vote.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to reconsider the motion that approved the consent agenda. Mr. Price **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Stokes abstaining.**

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed with Mr. Stokes abstaining.**

Agenda Item No. 9.1. Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No. 11.1. Adjournment

At 9:16 p.m., Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mr. Price **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman

Clerk