

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 22

June 22, 1995

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0000

Chairman Gary L. Jones convened the Board in public session at 6:25 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mr. Zone moved, and Mr. Franchi seconded, that the Board go into executive session (1) to discuss the employment, performance, assignment, and salaries of specific public employees pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia; (2) to discuss disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; (3) to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(4) of the Code of Virginia; and (4) to consult with legal counsel regarding actual litigation and other legal matters requiring advice of counsel pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed 9-0, with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Ms. Amundson and Mrs. Fleetwood not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

II. MEETING OPENING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0008

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:10 p.m., with Chairman Jones presiding and with the following members present:

Kristen Amundson (arr. 6:31, dep. 11:52)	Ralph Miles
Letty Fleetwood (arr. 6:36, dep. 11:52)	Gary Reese
Rafael Franchi	Emily Snyder
Gary Jones	Le Chi Thao
Anthony Lane (dep. 10:15)	Louis Zone
Stuart Mendelsohn	

Also present were the student representatives to the Board, Chip Warden and Howard Foard; Division Superintendent Robert R. Spillane; Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, Carma L. Norman; Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board, Anita Street; and certain other members of staff.

B. Certification of Executive Session Compliance (Exhibit A)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0025

Mr. Mendelsohn moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened an executive meeting on June 22, 1995, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia required a certification by the School Board that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, the Fairfax County School Board hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion

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convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

C. Confirmation of Action Taken in Executive Session
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0056

Mr. Reese moved, and Mr. Mendelsohn seconded, to exempt certain students from school attendance in accordance with Section 22.1-257(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed 9-0-1, with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood abstaining; with Ms. Amundson not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mrs. Snyder moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, to expel a student from the Fairfax County Public Schools for an assault on another student. The motion passed 9-0-1, with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood abstaining; with Ms. Amundson not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Zone moved, and Mr. Lane seconded, to expel a student from the Fairfax County Public Schools for participating in an assault on another student. The motion passed 9-0-2, with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood and Ms. Amundson abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Snyder seconded, to expel a student from the Fairfax County Public Schools for possession of a weapon on school grounds. The motion passed 9-0-2, with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood and Ms. Amundson abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Zone moved, and Mr. Franchi seconded, that the employees identified in executive session either be reassigned or laid off effective August 1, 1995, in accordance with the reduction-in-force procedures due to position reductions in the 1996 Fiscal Year approved budget. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Mendelsohn moved, and Mr. Reese seconded, to confirm the decision of the School Board to dismiss a teacher from the Fairfax County Public Schools on the grounds of incompetency in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of a fact-finding panel. The motion passed 9-0-2, with Ms. Amundson, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood and Mr. Thao abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

D. Announcement of Changes in the Agenda
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0181

Dr. Jones announced that Agenda Item VI.B. which related to student insurance would be moved to V.B.2.; that Agenda Item VI.D. which related to the endorsement of the student vote would be moved to V.B.3.; that Agenda Item V.C.1., a motion addressing a possible holiday, would be added; that appointments to the Board of Supervisors' (BOS) Task Force on County Revenues and Expenditures would be added as Agenda Item V.C.2.; and that an additional resolution would be added as Agenda Item II.N.

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E. Other Announcements
 TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0207

Dr. Jones announced that the swearing-in ceremony of new or reappointed School Board members would occur on Tuesday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Burkholder Administrative Center prior to the Parent Outreach work session.

F. Resolution Recognizing International Science Award Winner (Area IV)
 TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0224

Dr. Jones offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
 KATHERIN SLIMAK
 FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT
 THE 1995 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR**

WHEREAS, Katherin Slimak, a student at West Springfield High School, has won first place in the 46th Annual International Science and Engineering Fair for her project "Avoidance Behavior and Cholinesterase Activity in Organisms Exposed to Pesticides in Air and Soil Media"; and

WHEREAS, she was one of three recipients awarded a twenty-five thousand dollar scholarship to McMaster University, the only student from the United States to receive this award; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her award, she will conduct field studies and research with the Explorer's Club at one of the following locations: Australia, the island of Paalu in the South Pacific, Costa Rica, the Caribbean, or British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, she will travel to San Diego to receive the Naval National Science Award which includes an eight thousand dollar scholarship to the college of her choice; and

WHEREAS, as the winner of the U.S. Army gold medallion and a twenty-five hundred dollar savings bond, she will represent Fairfax County Public Schools and the International Science and Engineering Fair in London, England, at the London International Youth Science Forum; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated creativity, perseverance, self-discipline, and enthusiasm for learning; and

WHEREAS, she has gained international recognition for academic excellence and remarkable research efforts in science;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board commends Katherin Slimak for her outstanding achievement.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Recognizing Katherin Slimak for Outstanding Achievement at the 1995 International Science Fair. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

Ms. Slimak accepted the resolution and was joined by her parents and Glynn Bates, principal of West Springfield High School; she thanked the Board for the resolution; Dr. Smith, her science teacher; her parents for their support; and Science Services for making the International Science Fair possible.

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G. Resolution Recognizing the Lake Braddock Boys Soccer Team (Area IV)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0317

Mrs. Snyder offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL
BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER TEAM**

WHEREAS, this year Lake Braddock Secondary School has won its fifth Virginia State Boys' Soccer Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team was lead and inspired by head coach Todd West and assistant coach Frank Paciolla; and

WHEREAS, the team earned an 18 and 3 win-loss record and was consistently ranked in the Washington metropolitan area by the *Washington Post*; and

WHEREAS, the student body, faculty, and community followed the example of the Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters in providing unfaltering support and encouragement, and the sacrifices, loyalty, and spirit of camaraderie exhibited by the coaches and players united the team and the school; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, self-discipline, and sportsmanship shown by the Bruins were characteristic of classic champions, and, further, the members of the soccer team were positive role models for their peers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board extends its sincere congratulations to the players, coaches, and supporters of Lake Braddock Secondary School and commends their spirit, athletic skills, and team accomplishments as examples of excellence in the school system and in the community.

Mrs. Snyder moved, and Mr. Lane seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Lake Braddock Secondary School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

H. Resolution Recognizing the Lake Braddock Girls Gymnastics Team (Area IV)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0387

Mrs. Snyder offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL
GIRLS' VARSITY GYMNASTICS TEAM**

WHEREAS, this year Lake Braddock Secondary School has won it's fifth Virginia State Girls' Gymnastics Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team was lead and inspired by head coach Mike Cooper and assistant coach Christine Keegan; and

WHEREAS, the team was undefeated and was consistently ranked in the Washington metropolitan area by the *Washington Post*; and

WHEREAS, the student body, faculty, and community followed the example of the Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters in providing a wealth of continuing support and encouragement, and the sacrifices, loyalty, perseverance, and collaborative spirit exhibited by the coaches and players united the team and the school; and

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WHEREAS, the strength, determination, discipline, and sportsmanship shown by the Lady Bruins were the defining characteristics of true champions, and, further, the members of the gymnastics team were exemplary role models for their peers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board extends its sincere congratulations to the players, coaches, and supporters of Lake Braddock Secondary School and commends their spirit, prowess, and team accomplishments as examples of excellence in the school system and in the community.

Mrs. Snyder moved, and Mr. Miles seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Lake Braddock Secondary School Girls' Varsity Gymnastics Team. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Warden extended his congratulations to the West Springfield Girls' soccer team, who also won the Virginia AAA State Championship.

I. Resolution Honoring Howard A. Foard, III (SB)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0464

Mrs. Fleetwood said that Mr. Foard had made wonderful contributions to the Board; that he was mature far beyond his years; that she was very proud of him; that she would miss him; and she offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
HOWARD A. FOARD III**

WHEREAS, Howard A. Foard III, a senior at Marshall High School, has served with distinction and dedication as a student representative to the School Board for the 1994-95 school year; and

WHEREAS, he has throughout his academic career at Marshall served as an exceptional and outstanding role model for his peers and other students as evidenced by his service on the Area III Student Advisory Council and the Fairfax County Student Advisory Council; his membership on the Fairfax County Student Council on Student Behavior and Rights, the College Partnership Program Advisory Council, the Student Government Association, the Principal's Advisory Committee and Marshall's School Plan Task Force; his service as a delegate to Boys State; and his participation on soccer, wrestling, and football teams; and

WHEREAS, he has been active in service to his community, volunteering time and effort to worthy activities such as teaching Sunday School at his church and volunteering at a homeless shelter, and being rewarded for his exemplary efforts by earning the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, he has participated fully in the work of the School Board, attending meetings, work sessions, and special functions and contributing valuable observations to discussions of issues before the Board; and

WHEREAS, he has been a tireless advocate of all students in Fairfax County during his tenure as School Board representative, championing efforts such as securing limited voting rights for the student representative to the School Board, proposing a uniform school activities policy for the school system, examining the gifted and talented program at the high school level and suggesting an honors program, and initiating countywide Student Advisory Council presentations before the School Board; and

WHEREAS, he has met all responsibilities and fulfilled all duties with diligence, intelligence, and responsibility, enhancing the stature of the School Board's student representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board acknowledges the exceptional service of Howard A. Foard III during the 1994-95 school year and expresses its sincere appreciation and great respect for all his accomplishments; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board wishes Howard A. Foard III the very best of luck in the bright future that lies ahead.

Mrs. Fleetwood moved, and Dr. Jones seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Howard A. Foard III. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Foard accepted the resolution, and was joined by his father.

J. Resolution Honoring William S. Warden, IV (SB)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0590

Mr. Miles said that Mr. Warden was a fine young man who had done an outstanding job; and he offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
WILLIAM "CHIP" WARDEN**

WHEREAS, William "Chip" Warden, a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, has served with distinction and dedication as a student representative to the School Board for the 1994-95 school year; and

WHEREAS, he has throughout his academic career at Lake Braddock served as an exceptional and outstanding role model for his peers and other students as evidenced by his service in student government and on the Area IV Student Advisory Council and the countywide Student Advisory Council; as the student representative to the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council and as a member of Lake Braddock's Parent-Teacher-Student Association executive board and the Student Government Association; as a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and the Quill and Scroll Honor Society; and as a representative to Boys State and to the Governor's Spanish Academy; and

WHEREAS, he has participated fully in the work of the School Board, attending meetings, work sessions, and special functions and contributing valuable observations to discussions of issues before the Board; and

WHEREAS, he has been active in service to his community, volunteering time and effort to a variety of worthy activities and serving as a Congressional intern on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, he has represented all students in Fairfax County well during his year as School Board representative, championing efforts such as securing limited voting rights for the student representative to the School Board, proposing a uniform school activities policy for the school system, examining the gifted and talented program at the high school level and suggesting an honors program, and initiating countywide Student Advisory Council presentations before the School Board; and

WHEREAS, he has met all responsibilities and fulfilled all duties with diligence, intelligence, and responsibility, enhancing the stature of the School Board's student representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board acknowledges the exceptional service of William "Chip" Warden during the 1994-95 school year and expresses its sincere appreciation and great respect for all his accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board wishes William "Chip" Warden the very best of luck in the bright future that lies ahead.

Mr. Miles moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring William "Chip" Warden. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Warden accepted the resolution and was joined by his parents and siblings.

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K. Resolution Honoring Stuart Mendelsohn (SB)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0702

Mr. Zone offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
STUART MENDELSON**

WHEREAS, Stuart Mendelsohn was appointed School Board member representing the Dranesville District on July 1, 1993, and has served with distinction as a member of this Board for two years; and

WHEREAS, he has effectively and energetically represented the interests of the community and articulated the needs of the Dranesville District; and

WHEREAS, during his service as vice chairman of this Board for the past two years, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership and has worked to be a voice of reason and to help parents, employees, and citizen groups thoughtfully resolve difficult issues, and has served as chair of the Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, he brought to the Board a strong record of community activism in citizen organizations and continued his activism during his School Board years in service on the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce board of directors and as acting chairman of the Northern Virginia Private Industry Council; and

WHEREAS, his multitude of community activities include being the former chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, former president of the Fairfax Committee of 100, past district governor of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D.C., for Kiwanis International, a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Performance Evaluation, a member of the Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented programs, and a member of the Committee on Fairfax County Government in 1992-93; and

WHEREAS, his calm determination, broad knowledge, effective communication skills, and strong personal work ethic have set high standards for public service, encouraging others to follow his example of commitment to the schools of Fairfax County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board extends its highest commendation and deepest appreciation to Stuart Mendelsohn for his outstanding service to this Board, to Fairfax County Public Schools, and to the residents of Fairfax County, especially the children.

Mr. Zone moved, and Mr. Reese seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Stuart Mendelsohn. The motion passed 10-0-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mr. Mendelsohn abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Mendelsohn accepted the resolution and was joined by his wife and daughters.

L. Resolution Honoring Le Chi Thao (SB)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0856

Mr. Reese offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
LE CHI THAO**

WHEREAS, Le Chi Thao was appointed an at-large member of the Fairfax County School Board on June 16, 1993, and has served as an energetic and accessible Board member representing the Fairfax County community for the past two years; and

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WHEREAS, he has added a thoughtful perspective to Board decisions, has worked on behalf of students of all races to promote programs that encourage their academic and personal aspirations, and has served as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Parent Outreach; and

WHEREAS, he has brought insight to the Board's deliberations, contributing to the broader understanding of issues and the reasonable resolution of problems; and

WHEREAS, his broad knowledge is based on an active volunteerism that includes his being a minority achievement representative and chairman of the Legislative Liaison Committee for the Mosby Woods Elementary School PTA, president of the Indochinese Community Center, a United Way grant review panelist, and a member of the Advisory Panel to the Fairfax County Council of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, he has always looked beyond the present, seeing any limits in the present as only temporary, and has worked to change current obstacles to future opportunities and successes; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a member of this Board, he has listened carefully, judged fairly, and acted honestly, gaining the respect of his colleagues and his constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board extends its highest commendation and deepest appreciation to Le Chi Thao for his outstanding service to this Board, to Fairfax County Public Schools, and to the residents of Fairfax County, especially the children.

Mr. Reese moved, and Mr. Mendelsohn seconded, that the Board approve the Resolution Honoring Le Chi Thao. The motion passed 10-0-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mr. Thao abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

M. Resolution Honoring Ralph A. Miles (SB)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0967

Dr. Jones said that Mr. Miles had served on his Springfield District Advisory Council with great Distinction; and offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
RALPH A. MILES**

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Miles has served with distinction as a member of this Board for more than a year, having been appointed in 1994 as an at-large member, and serving as chair of the Facilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has brought to the Board a wealth of knowledge and commitment, which he gained as a member of the School Board's Springfield Advisory Council, the executive board of the West Springfield High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association, and Concerned Parents--a group of parents who address minority student education issues; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the well-being and betterment of our youth is evident in his work as a youth sports coach and as a Boy Scouts of America advisory committee member; and

WHEREAS, his years of military service and his numerous awards, including five Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, and the Combat Infantry Badge, provided him with the self-discipline and patience necessary to work cooperatively on the Board and to press for what he considered to be best for the children of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, he has approached all tasks and decisions with integrity, knowledge, and patience, providing an excellent example for others to follow;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board extends its highest commendation and deepest appreciation to Ralph A. Miles for his outstanding service to this Board, to Fairfax County Public Schools, and to the residents of Fairfax County, especially the children.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Ralph A. Miles. The motion passed 10-0-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mr. Miles abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

N. Resolution Honoring Carma L. Norman (SB)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1076

Dr. Jones said that the Board had been informed several weeks earlier that the Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, Carma L. Norman, was going to resign that position to assume the position of Assistant Principal at Mount Vernon High School; and he offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
CARMA L. NORMAN**

WHEREAS, for the past three years Carma L. Norman has served the Fairfax County School Board with distinction and dedication as the Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, her exceptional administrative and management skills have become evident in the School Board Office's marked efficiency and in its response to Board members, school system staff members, and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, she has ably led the Board's staff through a time of growth and transition, preparing a detailed assessment of Board members' needs and the School Board Office's support capability; and

WHEREAS, Carma has provided a clear and valuable vision for administrative support to School Board members as the school system prepares for the transition to an elected School Board; and

WHEREAS, her quiet charm, sensitive nature, and warm sense of humor have frequently helped Board members and colleagues keep potentially volatile issues in perspective; and

WHEREAS, by example, she has encouraged her staff and colleagues to continually strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Board members have come to rely on Carma's total tact and unequalled discretion; and

WHEREAS, she now leaves the School Board staff to return to the challenges of school administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board extends its deepest appreciation and highest commendation to Carma L. Norman for her outstanding service as a professional, a colleague, and a friend to this Board and to the students and all residents of this community.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Mendelsohn seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Carma L. Norman. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mrs. Norman accepted the resolution and was joined by her husband, daughter, and members of her staff.

III. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1187

A. Citizen Participation

Ten speakers were heard during the time reserved for public comment. Margie Wheedleton (Exhibit B), Ellen Lerner (Exhibit C), Kathy Campbell (Exhibit D), Lois Montgomery (Exhibit E), Rebecca Bocchino (Exhibit F), Martha Maturi (Exhibit G), Lynne Hook (Exhibit H), Karen Gounaud (Exhibit I), Dawn Jones (Exhibit J), and Shirley Grant (no written remarks) spoke on Family Life Education (FLE).

Dr. Jones turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Mendelsohn.

B. Report from Human Relations Advisory Committee (PS; Exhibit K)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2825

Freya DeCola, Chairwoman of the Human Relations Advisory Committee, explained that the charge to the Committee had been to study student behavior and violence prevention; and she presented the recommendations outlined in the report on the following topics: 1) school-community collaboration; 2) prevention programs; 3) violence on television; 4) expulsion; and 5) budget cuts.

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0618

Discussion included the following: that most students who were expelled from the regular program went on to other FCPS programs to continue their education (Miles); the response that the student hearing and expulsion processes were very expensive and traumatic, and that early intervention to prevent those consequences should be maximized (Ms. DeCola); the clarification that many students who were expelled from the regular education program were assigned by the expulsion committees to attend Alternative Learning Centers (Jones); that the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse prevention program was commendable; that the community would have to become involved to decrease violence in schools; that a lot of intervention preceded expulsion recommendations; that the FCPS expulsion system was fair (Zone); that it was wise to address the problem before it reached a crisis stage; that channels of communication between FCPS and the community should be strengthened; and an expression of thanks to the staff members who had made presentations to the Committee (Ms. DeCola).

C. Spotlight on Learning

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0888

Dr. Spillane introduced physics teacher Kitty Lou Smith and principal Glynn Bates from West Springfield High School. Ms. Smith said that science was an international language; and she introduced her student Katherin Slimak. Ms. Slimak presented her project "Avoidance Behavior and Cholinesterase Activity in Organisms Exposed to Pesticides in Air and Soil Media," for which she was awarded first place in the 46th Annual International Science and Engineering Fair; she explained that she studied avoidance behaviors of earthworms and fruit flies in response to application of pesticides; she outlined her methods and procedures; and she summarized the results for the Board.

Questions and comments from the Board included the following: that Ms. Slimak should be commended for the depth of her scientific work and her ability to explain it clearly to the audience (Amundson, Mendelsohn).

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At the request of Board members, the meeting was recessed at 9:30 p.m., and was reconvened at 9:50 p.m. by Chairman Jones.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1299

With no objections from Board members, Dr. Jones asked that Committee Reports be postponed until the next regular business meeting of the Board.

V. ACTION ITEMS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1300

A. **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Board adopt the six items on the consent agenda.

1. **Minutes** - Approve minutes of May 17, 1995, and June 5, 1995, special meetings and June 8, 1995, regular Board meeting (SB; Exhibit L)
2. **Monthly Report of Separations** - Confirm separations for the period beginning May 1, 1995, and ending May 31, 1995 (PS; Exhibit M)
3. **Regulation 2601.8P** - Endorse proposed modifications to the student code of conduct and related procedures included in Regulation 2601.8P, Student Responsibilities and Rights (S; Exhibit N)
4. **Revision to Policy 2701** - Adopt revised Policy 2701.1, Student Personal Data, to conform with changes in the Code of Virginia (S; Exhibit O)
5. **Award of Contracts for University Intern Programs** - Award the contracts for university intern programs to George Washington University in the amounts of \$300,150 and \$39,096; to George Mason University in the amount of \$171,626; and to Marymount University for a Professional Development Academy at Sunrise Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$64,000 (PS; Exhibit P)
6. **Appointments to the ER-FC Board of Trustees** - Approve the reappointment of Ellen A. Fizer and Jane B. Schmiedekamp and the appointment of Joseph P. Romeo, Jr., retiree, as appointed trustees to the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ER-FC) Board of Trustees for one-year terms and confirm the appointment of Robert DeConcini as the seventh trustee (PS; Exhibit Q)

The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

B. **Approval of Other Action Items**

1. **School Board Mission and Priorities** - Confirm the mission statement and adopt priorities for FY 1996 and FY 1997 (SB; Exhibit R)

Dr. Jones said that the School Board had met on June 2-3 to discuss the mission and priorities for FCPS.

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Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Board adopt the mission statement and adopt priorities for FY 1996 and FY 1997.

Ms. Amundson moved, and Mrs. Snyder seconded, to amend the motion, by adding to the end of the first bullet under the first priority, the words, "with a special emphasis on science and professional technical studies."

Ms. Amundson said that the Board's priorities should reflect the improvements which it wanted to implement in the areas of science and professional technical education.

The amendment to add to the end of the first bullet under the first priority, the words, "with a special emphasis on science and professional technical studies," passed 10-0-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mr. Mendelsohn abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

The motion to adopt the School Board Mission and Priorities, as amended, passed 10-0-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mr. Mendelsohn abstaining; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Mr. Mendelsohn said he had abstained because he felt the Board should not be setting the priorities when other individuals would be serving on the Board within the next two weeks.

2. **Student Insurance Program** - Recommendation to authorize the Combined Insurance Company of America through its agent, International Group Services, Fairfax, Virginia, to offer student accident, football accident, dental accident, and student life insurance coverages through Fairfax County Public Schools and to authorize purchase of a blanket field trip accident and illness insurance policy by the school division from Combined Insurance Company of America, through its agent, International Group Services (GS; Exhibit S)
TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1498

Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Board authorize the Combined Insurance Company of America through its agent, International Group Services, Fairfax, Virginia, to offer student accident, football accident, dental accident, and student life insurance coverages through Fairfax County Public Schools and to authorize purchase of a blanket field trip accident and illness insurance policy by the school division from Combined Insurance Company of America, through its agent, International Group Services.

Mr. Mendelsohn asked whether the proposal had been arrived at competitively. Mr. Roger Webb, Insurance Manager from the Office of Risk Management, responded affirmatively.

The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

3. **Endorsement of Student Vote** - Recommendation to adopt a resolution endorsing legislative action of the General Assembly to allow student School Board members limited voting privileges (S; Exhibit T)
TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1568

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Dr. Jones said that representatives from the Student Advisory Council (SAC) had made a presentation to the Board at its meeting on June 8; that the students had requested that student representatives to the School Board become members of the School Board with voting privileges; and he read a letter which he had written, on behalf of the Board, that was sent to the two student representatives to the Board.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Reese seconded, that the Board should send to the State Board of Education and Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees in Richmond the materials from the presentation made by the FCPS student representatives to the Board, and other students in FCPS, to the Fairfax County School Board.

Discussion on this matter continued as follows: that students should recognize the significance of the motion; that the School Board had never previously submitted student materials for review by state legislators; that the information should be provided to the members of the Northern Virginia delegation; that the response of the student representatives would be appreciated (Fleetwood); the question who would appoint student members of the School Board once School Board members were elected; that the legal implications should be addressed before January 1996 (Amundson); the request that FCPS general counsel respond to the legal implications of appointments of students to the School Board (Jones); the question whether the materials would be forwarded to the legislature without any recommendations from the School Board (Mendelsohn); an affirmative response (Jones); that all School Board members had to invest much time reviewing and preparing materials, and responding to constituents; that the time demanded by School Board business would impinge on the amount of time a student had available to devote to academic study (Thao); that he wished that the Board could send a recommendation to the legislature; that his major concern surrounded the legal ramifications involved; that he somewhat favored affording students limited voting rights; that FCPS students were adept and perceptive; that he did not believe that limited voting rights could be legally afforded to students; that the student representatives had done a lot of good work which would prove beneficial (Miles); that student representatives Foard and Warden had exemplified the degree to which students were willing to devote time and effort to School Board responsibilities; that the time involved was not an issue (Fleetwood); that without objection from the Board, the material could also be forwarded to all members of the Northern Virginia delegation of the state legislature (Jones); that he was the only School Board member who had served with every student representative to the School Board; that almost all student representatives had done an excellent job; that student representation should continue on the Board; that the central issue was that, as of January 1996, there was not an established legal provision to have a student representative to the School Board (Lane); that legal action would not need to be taken since it would not be a position of membership with full voting rights; that at the Board meeting on June 8 students had been promised action on a resolution; that it was the duty of the Board to present the message to the Virginia General Assembly that the Board should outline the jurisdiction of its student representatives; that students should have a role in the general election process; that he was very disappointed that no Board member was willing to make a motion for a resolution; that he appreciated the praise afforded the student representatives, but that it did not amount to any concrete action (Warden); that it would be better for the students to forward the materials without a recommendation than to have a resolution overwhelmingly defeated (Mendelsohn); that local jurisdictions played a big role in state political action; that he was sure that the Virginia General Assembly would be responsive

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to the Fairfax County School Board; that the Board had not appeared to be overwhelmingly opposed to a resolution at its meeting on June 8; that sending the materials developed by the students did not represent an endorsement; that the lack of confidence expressed by Board members was very personally offensive (Warden); that FCPS students deserved the right to vote on issues that impacted their education; that he had promised the student body that he would cause action on this issue during his tenure; that the resolution which he had developed was an attempt at compromise to let the Board establish limits on the student representatives; that he appreciated that the matter would not sit idle, but the Board's response was politically motivated; that the SAC would continue to address the issue; the request that the Board respond by providing future student representatives with a concrete position to work from (Foard); that the Board should advise the state legislature how it intended to proceed regarding its student representative (Miles); that the issue had come a long way in a short time; that students could realistically make progress toward their goal by taking small steps; that Board members did not want the resolution to bear the mark of the Board's opposition; that the School Board had never taken a position favoring or opposing elected School Boards, but the General Assembly had (Fleetwood); that students should be encouraged to continue their efforts (Fleetwood, Zone); that it would be valuable to forward the material to Richmond (Fleetwood, Jones, Zone); that the students' efforts might impact School Boards throughout Virginia (Jones); that the students had expected that achieving a vote on the Board would be an incremental process (Foard); that if the Board voted on the resolution immediately, the issue would have been killed (Jones, Zone); that he did not philosophically support voting rights for the student representatives (Zone); and that it often took a long time to achieve lofty goals (Amundson, Fleetwood, Zone).

The motion that the Board should send to the State Board of Education, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees in Richmond, and to all Northern Virginia delegates, the materials from the presentation made by the FCPS student representatives to the Board, and other students in FCPS, to the Fairfax County School Board passed 11-0, with Mrs. Turner absent.

C. Other Matters Requiring Board Action

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-2755

1. July 3 Holiday

Dr. Jones said that Governor Allen had declared July 3, 1995, as a holiday for all State employees; that the Board of Supervisors had contemplated the possibility of granting a day of leave for all County employees on July 3; that he would encourage the BOS to do so; and that he encouraged the School Board to work in partnership with the BOS.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Franchi seconded, that in light of the Governor's action of declaring July 3, 1995, a holiday for all State employees, should the Board of Supervisors grant a day of leave for all County employees on July 3, so too shall the School Board grant a day of leave for all school system employees on July 3, 1995.

Comments and questions included the following: the clarification that the motion would grant employees a holiday (Miles); the question why July 3 would be declared a holiday (Zone); the response that July 4 fell on a Tuesday; that Governor Allen had decided that

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State employees should be given the day of Monday, July 3, as a holiday (Jones); the questions whether Governor Allen would fund the FCPS payroll for July 3; and whether Governor Allen would declare the balance of the week a holiday for employees; that he would not support the motion (Zone); the request that staff clarify the financial impact of granting a holiday to employees on July 3 (Mendelsohn); that the maximum cost to FCPS would be a few thousand dollars (Dr. Spillane); the question whether savings would be evidenced by keeping the offices closed for four consecutive days (Mendelsohn); that the savings would be expected to equal the payroll expense; and that FCPS would neither lose or generate income by the action (Dr. Spillane).

The motion that in light of the Governor's action of declaring July 3, 1995, a holiday for all State employees, should the Board of Supervisors grant a day of leave for all County employees on July 3, so too shall the School Board grant a day of leave for all school system employees on July 3, 1995, passed 10-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, and Mr. Thao voting "aye"; with Mr. Zone voting "nay"; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

2. **Task Force on County Revenues and Expenditures**
TAPE REFERENCE: 2-2970

Dr. Jones said that on May 22 the BOS voted unanimously to establish a Task Force on County Revenues and Expenditures to examine the county budget to determine whether a structural budget problem existed; that two members of the Task Force were to be appointed by the School Board; and that on February 13 the School Board had made its budget presentation to the BOS, and had encouraged the creation of such a Task Force.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the School Board appoint Joanne Field and Kohn Whitney to the Task Force on County Revenues and Expenditures.

Dr. Jones said that both Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney were former Chairwomen of the School Board; that they were both well aware of the structural problems which existed between the School Board and the BOS; and that both were familiar with the budgeting process.

Mr. Mendelsohn said that, with due respect to Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney, the past year had been a strange one for the budget; that the Task Force would be expected to review recent structural problems; and that Mr. Reese knew as much about the FCPS and Fairfax County budgets as anyone.

Mr. Mendelsohn moved, and Mr. Thao seconded, the substitute motion that Gary Reese and Louis Zone be the two designees of the School Board to the Task Force.

Mr. Mendelsohn said that the two Boards needed a better working relationship; that the Task Force would be vital and deserved the attention of existing Board members; that former Board members who had not been involved in the process for the past two years should not be appointed; that Mr. Reese and Mr. Zone could provide valuable input to the Task Force and could ably represent the interests of the School Board.

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Discussion continued as follows: that they would not support the substitute motion (Amundson, Fleetwood, Lane, Snyder); that Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney had previously been invited and had agreed to serve on the Task Force by Chairman Jones (Fleetwood, Lane); that it would be inappropriate to tell those individuals that they were not wanted (Lane); that she would have had no objection to having Mr. Reese and Mr. Zone appointed prior to having asked Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney to serve on the Task Force; that Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney would be able to provide excellent representation on the Task Force (Fleetwood); that significant budget shortfalls had been experienced in previous fiscal years (Fleetwood, Lane); that Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney were probably good choices (Miles, Thao); that the appointees should have a closer proximity to current budget problems; that the problems faced by this Board were unique (Miles); that they would support the substitute motion (Franchi, Miles, Thao); that membership on the Task Force would require an enormous amount of time; that the BOS was not appointing sitting members; that the Task Force was intended to be a blue-ribbon panel of citizens who had some knowledge and expertise; that the community would not be as likely to endorse recommendations made by sitting members of the Board (Amundson); that Mrs. Field had been an excellent Chairwoman of the Budget Committee (Lane); that the most recent FCPS budget problems were not unique; that the School Board may have created some of its own budget problems which could be more objectively evaluated by individuals who were not serving on the Board (Fleetwood, Lane); that they did not know Mrs. Field or Ms. Whitney; that they knew Mr. Reese and Mr. Zone to be very capable individuals; that Mr. Reese and Mr. Zone had demonstrated their dedication to the Board (Franchi, Thao); that it was important to have Task Force members who had the level of expertise commanded by Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney, but were not involved in the throes of the current budget crisis; that it would be very difficult for sitting Board members to bring the needed level of objectivity to the Task Force (Snyder); that both Mrs. Field and Ms. Whitney had served as Chairwomen of the Budget Committee; that Mrs. Field had been Budget Chair for three consecutive years prior to her election as Board Chair; that Mrs. Field spent an unprecedented length of time working on the FCPS budget (Fleetwood); that Mr. Reese had spent an incredible amount of time working on the FCPS budget; that the Task Force could not consume more of Mr. Reese's time than the Budget Committee had; that Mr. Zone's expertise would enable him to use his time on the Task Force more efficiently; that the time involved should not be an issue; that the School Board should appoint individuals to the Task Force who understood FCPS budget problems (Miles); that the individuals appointed to represent the School Board should represent the current Board; that there was no justification for recruiting people from outside the Board to serve on the Task Force (Thao); that it was disturbing that current Board members had so little sense of history that they would describe individuals who served on the School Board for 8-12 years as "outsiders"; that she strongly disagreed that either Mrs. Field or Ms. Whitney were outsiders to FCPS; that the concept of the Task Force had been to develop a blue-ribbon committee of citizen experts, and not a meeting of the Boards; that the Task Force could be expected to deliver difficult messages to both Boards; that it was particularly important that appointees to the Task Force not be running campaigns for elective office; that it was important that no sitting office-holders be appointed to the Task Force; that it would be virtually impossible to find better qualified individuals to appoint than Mrs. Field or Ms. Whitney; that the individuals who comprised the School Board would be changing within two weeks; that the sitting Board would not be represented on the Task Force (Amundson); that it was important to focus on the intended purpose of the Task Force; that the community would not endorse the School Board appointing its own sitting

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members to the Task Force; that the purpose of the Task Force was to evaluate the structure of the budgeting process and determine how to protect the best interests of the county without the involvement of current decision makers (Snyder); that time would be an issue which would impact the availability of sitting School Board members to participate in the Task Force; that Mr. Reese and Mr. Zone were highly capable; that the Task Force was expected to complete its work in February 1996; that the newly elected School Board would be in place at that time; and that the Board was morally obligated to maintain the commitment made by its Chairman (Lane). Mr. Thao called the question.

The board voted 7-4 to call the question, with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Mendelsohn, and Mrs. Snyder voting "nay"; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

The substitute motion that Gary Reese and Louis Zone be the two designees of the School Board to the Task Force passed 6-5, with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, and Mrs. Snyder voting "nay"; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Dr. Jones said that the substitute motion then became the main motion.

The main motion passed 6-5, with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lane, and Mrs. Snyder voting "nay"; and with Mrs. Turner absent.

Dr. Jones congratulated Mr. Reese and Mr. Zone on their appointment to the Task Force.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Family Life Education (FLE)** - Recommendation to approve media and learning log guidelines as recommended in the annual Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (FLECAC) Report and updated STD teacher fact sheet (IS; Exhibit U)
TAPE REFERENCE: 3-0278

Dr. Jones said that this issue was scheduled to be brought before the Board for action on July 13; and he introduced Dr. Nancy Sprague, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Instructional Services. Dr. Sprague said that the Board would hear both the majority and minority FLECAC reports; that the majority report had been approved by the FLECAC by a vote of 28-6; that a great deal of media was under consideration; that eleven videos were in the School Board Office for review by Board members; that motions passed by the School Board on March 9 directed the FLECAC 1) to look for new abstinence-based media for Grades 7 and 8, replacement abstinence media for Grade 9, and replacement STD media for Grade 9; 2) to develop guidelines for learning-log journaling; and 3) to revise the teacher fact-sheet on STDs; that the original FLECAC agenda had included review of the fifth and sixth grade media on human growth and development, which was very old; that the opt-out rate for the 1994-95 school year all Fairfax County Public Schools was 2.7%; and she introduced FLECAC members Michelle Bachus, Dr. James Baugh, and Lynn Norris, who presented the majority report.

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TAPE REFERENCE: 3-1115

Mr. Thao asked whether the FLECAC had solicited input from the public. Ms. Norris responded that the FLECAC was comprised of teachers and parents. Dr. Sprague added that the material was reviewed by a broader audience than the FLECAC members; that all media had been reviewed for appropriateness by curriculum committees before delivery to the FLECAC; and that the videos were available for community review and comment. Mr. Thao asked what information had been disseminated to the public to solicit community participation; he said that he was uncomfortable with the FLECAC recommending materials for the Board's approval without broader community involvement; and that he would like to guarantee mass acceptance of the media presented. Dr. Sprague responded that 97.3% of the parents of FCPS students did not choose to opt their children out of the FLE curriculum. Mrs. Fleetwood said that parents are advised that the materials are available for review, and are provided with a response sheet to communicate their views; that the FLECAC had done the job which the Board had requested; that Mr. Thao was attempting to redefine the job of the FLECAC; and that the Committee had not been charged with conducting community meetings.

Dr. Sprague introduced Mychele Brickner, who presented the minority report on behalf of seven members of the FLECAC; she said that the FLECAC had been formed because there had previously been no parental input or oversight into the formation of FLE curriculum; that the minority suggested that the video "Sexual Health in the 90's" could be used for teacher training; and that the video would be left on loan in the School Board Office.

Discussion continued as follows: that to schedule action on this issue for July 13 would be awkward and inappropriate; that three new Board members would be participating in their first regular business meeting on July 13; that all Board members deserved ample time to study the issue; that some Board members had indicated that they would not be able to attend the July 27 meeting; that all Board members should be at the meeting when this issue would be acted on; that the next regular business meeting of the Board would be held in September; that the Board did not have the right to act on the issue when the public would be electing a new School Board sixty days later; that FLE had previously divided the community; that it was encouraging that there were five videos which the FLECAC had agreed on as a whole (Jones); that the business of the School Board had to continue regardless of the changes anticipated on the Board; that the Board had not historically delayed dealing with the issues at hand because new members had been appointed; that the schedule should continue as adopted; that new Board members would be sworn in on June 27 and would have sufficient time to study the issues and be prepared to vote on July 13; that Mr. Miles had been expected to vote on the FCPS budget at his first School Board meeting; that she objected to delaying action on the issue; that delaying adoption of the materials would preclude them from being used in September (Fleetwood); that Mrs. Fleetwood had previously been vociferous in requesting that the community and the Board be provided with ample time to evaluate other issues; that the Board should be fair to its members and the community; that the Board would not have an opportunity to schedule a public hearing on the matter before July 13 (Jones); that he shared the concerns expressed by Dr. Jones; and that Board members should have the voters instruct the Board what parameters should be established for certain programs (Reese).

Mr. Reese moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, to table Agenda Item VI.A., Family Life Education, to the second meeting of the Board in January 1996.

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Ms. Amundson raised a point of order that the Board could not table an item which appeared before the Board only for information; and that since no action was called for immediately, the motion to table was out of order.

Mr. Zone asked who had determined that action be scheduled for July 13. Dr. Jones responded that the Superintendent had. Dr. Spillane said that action had been scheduled in light of School Board regulations and in accordance with standard procedure. Dr. Jones said that it had been scheduled jointly by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Superintendent during the weekly Chairman's meeting. Mr. Zone asked whether the July 13 date established for action was arbitrary, or whether there was policy which mandated the date. Dr. Jones said that when a new business item was introduced to the School Board, it was standard procedure that action by the School Board would follow two weeks later. Mr. Zone said that the Board could establish any date it chose to take action on an item. Mr. Thao agreed that the scheduled date of July 13 had no binding effect upon the Board; and he suggested that Mr. Reese amend his motion to establish when action on the issue would be scheduled, as opposed to moving that the issue be tabled. Dr. Jones explained that the Board was debating the point of order raised and not the motion. Mrs. Fleetwood said that the community had understood that the issue had been scheduled for presentation to the Board for information that evening, with action to be taken on July 13; that the motion to table an information item would remove any opportunity for public input; and that delaying action on the matter as suggested would preclude implementation of any FLECAC recommendations for the next school year, which appeared to be the intent. Dr. Jones ruled that the motion to table was in order.

Ms. Amundson moved to appeal the decision of the Chair. The motion to appeal the decision of the Chair failed 2-8, with Ms. Amundson and Mrs. Fleetwood voting "aye"; with Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "nay"; and with Mr. Lane and Mrs. Turner absent.

The motion to table Agenda Item VI.A., Family Life Education, to the second meeting of the Board in January 1996 passed 9-1, with Ms. Amundson, Mr. Franchi, Dr. Jones, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Miles, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Thao, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood voting "nay"; and with Mr. Lane and Mrs. Turner absent.

- C. **Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for renewal of Kings Park Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (FcS; Exhibit V)
TAPE REFERENCE: 3-2697

There was no discussion on this issue.

VII. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 3-2705

Dr. Spillane said that the State Board of Education had passed the State Standards in math, science, and English that morning; that the other subjects would be debated by the State Board later; that the State Board had commended FCPS and said that "Fairfax County set the standard for the standards." Dr. Spillane said that the staff analysis of the Technology Funding Task Force could not be presented in June 1995; that the issue would probably be scheduled for September 1995; that a number of the

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recommendations of the Task Force had a great deal of merit and immediate feasibility; and that several recommendations would be pursued immediately without cost. Dr. Spillane added that the health care RFP would be delayed until July 17 at the request of the BOS, so that the Boards could bid concurrently. Dr. Spillane requested that Board members who would remain on the Board through December 1995 keep their current appointments to the Human Relations Advisory Committee. Dr. Spillane extended best wishes to those School Board members whose terms of service would be ending on June 30 on behalf of the Leadership Team; he said that the Leadership Team had enjoyed working with those members of the Board, and wished them good luck in their future endeavors. Dr. Spillane wished his wife a happy 38th wedding anniversary.

VIII. BOARD MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 3-2847

Mr. Franchi bid a fond farewell to Messrs. Mendelsohn, Miles, and Thao; he said they would be missed by the Board; and he hoped they would return to visit.

Mr. Miles shared his prayer that the new Board would exhibit tolerance for each other; that they would consider the opinions of their colleagues as objectively as possible; that FCPS would be provided with substantial funding which was so sorely needed; that the Board remember the need for diversity training; he expressed gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with the Board; he thanked staff for their efforts to educate them; and he said it had been a great honor to have served on the Board.

Mr. Thao said he had appreciated the opportunity to serve the community and the school system; that he would be leaving the Board with a sense of great pride and accomplishment; that the Board had achieved a lot over the past two years; he commended Dr. Jones for his ability to develop a consensus among Board members with very different opinions to move the Board forward; he expressed admiration of Mr. Reese for his devotion, skills, and expertise; he thanked Mr. Zone for having offered his good advice; he commended Dr. Spillane and the staff, and said that he had enjoyed the experience of working with them; he expressed admiration for Dr. Spillane's leadership of FCPS; and said he was *thankful for having had the opportunity to work with them.*

Mrs. Snyder told Mr. Foard and Mr. Warden how much she had enjoyed working with them; she said they had been valuable representatives to the Board; that she appreciated their frank input on the issues which directly impacted the study body; and she wished them the best in the future. Mrs. Snyder said that she had met Mr. Miles when they sat on the Springfield District Advisory Council together; that Mr. Miles was an outstanding member of the community; and she wished him well. Mrs. Snyder said that she was sad to see Mr. Thao leave the Board; and she expressed the hope that she and his successor would be able to develop a similarly comfortable working relationship. Mrs. Snyder said she had come to admire Mr. Mendelsohn; and that Mr. Mendelsohn allowed for differences of opinion in the public arena with respect.

Dr. Jones said that he had received a copy of a letter directed to a constituent from Ms. Hanley, Chairman of the BOS; that the letter indicated that the BOS would increase the transfer to FCPS by \$850,000, representing half the cost of summer school at the BOS carry-over review in September, if necessary; he expressed his concern regarding the words "if necessary"; and he asked Mr. Reese for his input.

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Mr. Reese said that he planned to attend the BOS meeting scheduled for June 26; that at that meeting, Mr. Frey, Chairman of the BOS Budget Committee, would introduce a motion that the BOS allocate an additional \$850,000 to FCPS to fund half the cost of summer school programs; that the language of Mr. Frey's motion did not include contingencies; and that if Ms. Hanley intended to amend the motion, she would have to answer to the School Board and to the voters in November.

Dr. Jones recognized Mr. Franchi for having received an Outstanding Community Service Award from the Woodson Adult Alternative High School; and he thanked and congratulated Mr. Franchi on behalf of the Board for his work there. Dr. Jones said that he had appreciated and respected the contributions of the two student representatives to the Board. Dr. Jones said that he was glad that Mr. Miles had served on the Board; and that Mr. Miles' insights had proven very helpful to the Board. Dr. Jones said that Mr. Thao's graciousness, classic style, and humor were unparalleled in Dr. Jones' tenure on the Board; and that Mr. Thao had provided valuable insights to the Board. Dr. Jones said that Mr. Mendelsohn had been a terrific colleague and a great comfort; and that Mr. Mendelsohn had applied his extreme intellect well on the School Board.

Mr. Mendelsohn said that he understood why the Technology Task Force Report could not be presented during June; that staff was doing a great job which he appreciated; that his successor, Thomas Land, would stay on top of the issue; and that he was confident that the recommendations would be implemented at some time. Mr. Mendelsohn said that five FCPS students had received Congressional Awards based on community service and other factors; and he expressed hope that more FCPS students would become involved in the Congressional Award program. Mr. Mendelsohn thanked Board members for their gracious parting comments; he said that the impact of Board actions on FCPS students had been of paramount importance to him; that all Board members needed to keep that perspective; that serving on the Board had been the most challenging and rewarding enterprise he had undertaken in the past twenty years; he thanked everyone who had given him the opportunity to serve on the Board; he thanked his colleagues; he thanked FCPS staff members for their expertise and responsiveness, and commended them; he said that he and Messrs. Foard, Miles, Thao, and Warden could all depart from the Board knowing that FCPS was a little bit better as a result of their service; he commended and thanked Dr. Jones for having done an incredible job of keeping disparate views together so the Board could progress; and he expressed the hope that the School Board and the BOS could work together more closely in the future to keep the interests of the County focused on the children.

Mr. Reese said that he had distributed some material to Board members from a Finance Analysis Model developed by Coopers & Lybrand; that Carl Juncker, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Financial Services, and Charles Woodruff, Director of the Office of Budget Services, were studying the model; that it was a program which deserved the examination of the Board; that the model could provide a method for the Board to get a handle on site-based expenditures; he asked that the School Board Office staff distribute copies of the model to the Board; and said that he planned to discuss it in detail on July 13. Mr. Reese said that he was sorry that several members of the Board had left the meeting following the Board's final vote; that he had often been on the losing side of Board votes; and that matters of disagreement on the Board had to be worked out. Mr. Reese offered the following Irish-Welsh words of parting to those Board members who would not be returning: "As you go out, may the sun always be to your face; may the path always rise to your feet; and may you always have the wind to your back."

Mr. Zone commended Mr. Franchi for having been honored by Woodson Adult Alternative High School; he said that Principal Manning had said, "that Mr. Franchi had consistently served as an

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outstanding role model, and urged students to take advantage of the educational opportunities available to them." Mr. Zone announced that Dr. Spillane had received the 1995 Newsmaker of the Year award from the Educational Press Association of America; and he extended his congratulations. Mr. Zone announced that his wife had qualified for the Mother Teresa Award for having been married to him for 30 years on June 26; and he wished Mrs. Zone a happy anniversary. Mr. Zone said that it had been a pleasure to have worked with Mr. Mendelsohn and Mr. Miles; he thanked Mr. Miles for the time and effort he had devoted to the Board and expressed his appreciation and respect; he said that he had learned more from Mr. Thao than could be imagined; that he had learned a great deal about different cultures from the three minority members of the Board; that he was saddened that minority representation would not be ensured on the Board with the onset of general elections; and that he strongly supported diversity training for FCPS. Mr. Zone encouraged the student representatives to persevere with their goals; he said that it could be frustrating to try to convince people to agree with a particular point of view; that the two student representatives had learned to work together as a very effective unit; that he had enjoyed hearing the viewpoints and concerns of the students; he expressed hope that they would continue to be involved in their communities throughout their lives; and he thanked the student representatives.

Mr. Foard said that he had enjoyed serving on the Board; he thanked Mr. Miles for his guidance; he commended Dr. Jones for his skill as Chairman; he thanked the Board for trusting that he and Mr. Warden would have the integrity and maturity to serve as co-representatives to the Board; he thanked the staff; and said that he was proud to be a graduate of FCPS.

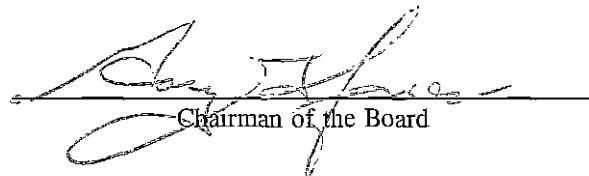
Mr. Warden wished his parents a happy 22nd wedding anniversary; he recognized the outstanding professionalism of the FCPS Board and staff; he commended Mr. Foard; and he wished good luck to all.

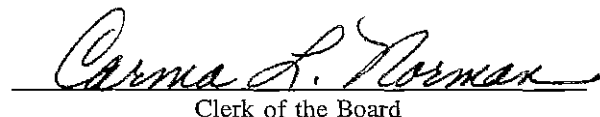
Dr. Jones thanked Mrs. Norman on behalf of the Board for her exceptional service.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

TAPE REFERENCE: 4-0533

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 a.m.


Chairman of the Board


Clerk of the Board