

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 2

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I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0008

Chairman Gary L. Jones convened the Board in public session at 6:45 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, that the Board go into executive session (1) to discuss the performance, appointment, 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; and (3) to consult with legal counsel pertaining to specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 9-0**, with Ms. Amundson, Dr. Jones, Mr. Land, Mr. Lane, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Mrs. Fleetwood not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

II. MEETING OPENING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0031

A. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:40 p.m., with Chairman Gary Jones presiding, and with the following members present:

Kristen Amundson (Mt. Vernon)	Ralph Miles (At-Large)
Letty Fleetwood (arr. ??) (Providence)	Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Gary Jones (Springfield)	Emily Snyder (Braddock)
Thomas Land (Dranesville)	Ruth Turner (Mason)
Anthony Lane (Lee)	Louis Zone (Hunter Mill)

Also present were student representative to the Board, Raymond Britt; Acting Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, Grace Winters; 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: 1-0048

Mr. Zone moved, and Ms. Amundson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened an executive meeting on July 27, 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 convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

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C. Confirmation of Action Taken in Executive Session

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-083

Ms. Amundson moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, to deny the appeal of an expelled student. The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

Mrs. Turner moved, and Ms. Amundson seconded, to deny the appeal of an expelled student. The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mr. Lane, Mrs. Snyder moved, and Mr. Land seconded, to expel a student for possession and sale of an illegal drug. The motion passed 3-0.

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mr. Lane, Mrs. Snyder moved, and Mr. Land seconded, to expel a student for violation of school system rules and regulations. The motion passed 3-0.

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mr. Lane, Mr. Land moved, and Mrs. Snyder seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of an illegal drug. The motion passed 3-0.

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mr. Lane, Mr. Land moved, and Mrs. Snyder seconded, to expel a student as a result of fighting and an assault on school administrators. The motion passed 3-0.

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mr. Zone, Mr. Miles moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, to expel two students for participation in a mob assault. The motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. Fleetwood moved, and Mr. Miles seconded, to authorize the Chairman to execute the contracts for Leadership Team. The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

Mrs. Turner moved, and Mr. Miles seconded, to appoint Grace Winters as the Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board. The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

D. Announcement of Changes in the Agenda

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0195

Dr. Jones announced that Agenda Item V.C.1., Nominations of Board Committee Chairmen and Board Liaisons to Advisory Committees, would be added; and that Agenda Item V.C.2., Selection of Delegate and Alternate to the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Annual Convention, would be added.

E. Other Announcements

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0207

Dr. Jones announced that Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese were out of town and would, therefore, be unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Jones welcomed Raymond Britt, the 1995-96 student representative to the School Board; he welcomed Jeanette Sperry and Linda Bryant, School Board members from Fulton County, Georgia; and he announced that Stephen D. Dolinger, Administrator for Operations, was a finalist for the Superintendency of the Fulton County Schools.

III. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0242

A. Citizen Participation

Eleven speakers were heard during the time reserved for public comment, the last two speakers sharing one three-minute presentation. Lloyd Thompson (Exhibit B), Earle Phillips (Exhibit C), and Warren Peters (Exhibit D) spoke on retirement benefits for members of the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ER-FC); and Lois Passman (Exhibit E), Earl Flanagan (Exhibit F), William Walthall (Exhibit G), Susan Madderom (Exhibit H), Connie Lorentzen (Exhibit I), Howard Ady (Exhibit J), Sally Uribe (Exhibit K), and Rudolph Daus (Exhibit L) spoke on the renewal of Whitman Middle School.

B. Annual Report of the Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP) Parent Planning Committee (IS; Exhibit M)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1652

Ms. Barbara Banks spoke in place of Bernita Houston on behalf of the FCPS Family and Early Childhood Education Program Parent Planning Committee; she provided examples of the effectiveness of the program; and said that the Committee's goal for the coming year was to serve as many eligible FECEP/Headstart children as possible. Mr. Terry Harris read the report of the Parent Policy Committee, and shared his personal involvement as a participant in the Head Start Parent and Child Center program.

C. Annual Report of the Fairfax County School Health Advisory Committee (SSSE; Exhibit N)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1962

Committee Chairman Jeff White outlined the topics considered by the Committee and presented recommendations to the Board.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2235

No committee reports were presented.

V. ACTION ITEMS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2239

A. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mr. Zone moved, and Ms. Amundson seconded, that the Board approve the seven items on the consent agenda.

1. **Minutes** - Approve minutes of July 13, 1995, regular Board meeting (SB; Exhibit O)
2. **Monthly Report of Separations** - Confirm separations for the period beginning June 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1995 (PS; Exhibit P)
3. **Quarterly Employment Report** - Confirm appointments and terminations for the period beginning April 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1995 (PS; Exhibit Q)
4. **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology** - Continue in 1995-96 to accept the Virginia Department of Education designation as the Governor's Regional School for Science and Technology in Northern Virginia (Area II; Exhibit R)

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- 5. **Award of Contract for Renewal** - Award the contract for renewal of Gunston Elementary School to Hess Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$4,287,400 (FcS; Exhibit S)
- 6. **Award of Contract for Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement** - Award the contract for chiller and cooling tower replacement at Langley High School to EMD Mechanical Specialists in the amount of \$183,778 (FcS; Exhibit T)
- 7. **Lease Agreement** - Authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to sign lease documents with American Personal Communications involving the Langley High School site (FcS; Exhibit U)

The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

B. Approval of Other Action Items

- 1. **FY 1995 Final Budget Review** - Approve the FY 1995 final budget review (FnS; Exhibit V)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2294

Mr. Zone moved, and Mr. Land seconded, that the School Board approve the recommendations in the FY 1995 final budget review and the attached resolutions.

Mr. Zone specified that one of the recommendations was that the School Board should set aside \$750,000 of the available balance from FY 1995 for the anticipated loss of federal impact aid of \$300,000; potential expenditure increases for summer school of \$200,000; and salary lapse used to fund summer school of \$250,000.

The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCREASE THE FY 1996 APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND BY \$8,826,666 AND TO ADJUST THE FISCAL PLANNING RESOLUTION TO REFLECT A DECREASE OF \$1,001,691 IN THE TRANSFER FROM THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND TO THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND, AND TO ADJUST THE FISCAL PLANNING RESOLUTION TO REFLECT AN INCREASE OF \$1,000,000 IN THE TRANSFER FROM THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND TO THE HEALTH AND FLEXIBLE BENEFITS FUND

WHEREAS, the School Board approved the FY 1996 budget on June 5, 1995, and to reflect the County Board of Supervisors' action of May 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for items approved by the School Board on June 5, 1995, and July 27, 1995, totalling \$8,824,975; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor of Public Accounts requires that the undelivered portion of the FY 1995 purchase orders and other contracts, as of June 30, 1995, be treated as undelivered orders outstanding and reobligated in FY 1996; and

WHEREAS, the FY 1995 undelivered orders outstanding as of June 30, 1995, totalled \$5,930,560; and

WHEREAS, revenue has been reserved from the FY 1995 ending balance in the School Operating Fund to fund these undelivered order obligations in FY 1996; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has authorized a reduction of \$1,001,691 in transfers to the School Construction Fund; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has authorized additional transfers of \$1,000,000 to the School Health and Flexible Benefits Fund; and

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WHEREAS, on June 26, 1995, the County Board of Supervisors agreed to fund one half of the FY 1996 summer school program up to \$850,000 of the local cost; and

WHEREAS, these FY 1996 actions will not require an increase in the County General Fund transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board requests the County Board of Supervisors to increase the FY 1996 Appropriation Resolution for the School Operating Fund by \$8,826,666 and to adjust the Fiscal Planning Resolution to reflect a decrease of \$1,001,691 in the transfer from the School Operating Fund to the School Construction Fund and an increase of \$1,000,000 in the transfer from the School Operating Fund to the School Health and Flexible Benefits Fund.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCREASE THE FY 1996 APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES FUND BY \$2,382,825, AND THE SCHOOL CENTRAL PROCUREMENT FUND BY \$911,548, AND TO ADJUST THE FISCAL PLANNING RESOLUTION TO REFLECT AN INCREASE OF \$677,000 IN THE TRANSFER FROM THE SCHOOL FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES FUND TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

WHEREAS, appropriation authority must be available to cover all undelivered orders as of June 30, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor of Public Accounts requires that the undelivered portion of the FY 1995 purchase orders as of June 30, 1995, be treated as undelivered orders outstanding and reobligated in FY 1996; and

WHEREAS, the School Food and Nutrition Services Fund and the School Central Procurement Fund have available ending balances to cover undelivered orders; and

WHEREAS, the FY 1995 undelivered orders outstanding as of June 30, 1995, totalled \$2,382,825 for the School Food and Nutrition Services Fund, and \$911,548 for the School Central Procurement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the School Board on June 5, 1995, approved an increase to the School Operating Fund from the School Food and Nutrition Services Fund of \$677,000; and

WHEREAS, these requests will not require support from the County General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board requests the County Board of Supervisors to increase the FY 1996 Appropriation Resolutions for the School Food and Nutrition Services Fund by \$2,382,825, the School Central Procurement Fund by \$911,548, and to adjust the fiscal planning resolution to reflect an increase of \$677,000 in the transfer from the School Food and Nutrition Services Fund to the School Operating Fund.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCREASE THE FY 1996 APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND BY \$11,301,054

WHEREAS, appropriation authority must be available to cover all construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the School Construction Fund requires a total appropriation for FY 1996 of \$123,269,114; and

WHEREAS, uncompleted contracts and other commitments in this fund for ongoing projects and new contracts to be awarded in FY 1996 will require an increase of \$11,301,054 in the appropriation ordinance, which includes a decrease of \$1,001,691 transferred from the School Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, this request will not require support from the County General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board requests the County Board of Supervisors to increase the FY 1996 Appropriation Resolution for the School Construction Fund by \$11,301,054.

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR THE EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES' SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT FUND BY \$1,605,808

WHEREAS, the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement Fund is for the administration of the educational employees' retirement program; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor of Public Accounts requires that the undelivered portion of the FY 1995 purchase orders as of June 30, 1995, be treated as undelivered orders outstanding and reobligated in FY 1995; and

WHEREAS, the FY 1995 undelivered orders outstanding as of June 30, 1995, totalled \$63,047 for the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the School Board approved the FY 1996 budget on June 5, 1995, resulting in increases of \$83,761 in expenditures; and

WHEREAS, expenditures are projected to increase by \$1,459,000 due to increases in benefit payments, estimated refunds and retirements; and

WHEREAS, this request will not require support from the County General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board requests the County Board of Supervisors to increase the FY 1996 Appropriation Resolution for the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement Fund by \$1,605,808.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND FLEXIBLE BENEFITS FUND BY \$3,555,528

WHEREAS, the School Health and Flexible Benefits Fund is for the administration of the Self-Insured Health Choice managed care program and flexible benefit contributions; and

WHEREAS, disbursements in the School Health and Flexible Benefits Fund be increased by \$3,555,528 due to the actions contained in the FY 1996 Approved Budget and the FY 1995 Final Budget Review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board requests the County Board of Supervisors to increase the FY 1996 Appropriation Resolution for the School Health and Flexible Benefits Fund by \$3,555,526.

- 2. **Agreement Between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors** - Authorize the Chairman to execute, on behalf of the Fairfax County School Board, the modified agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County governing after-hours use of school facilities as outlined in the agenda item (FcS; Exhibit W)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2398

Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, that the agreement between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County governing after-hours use of school facilities be adopted by the School Board, and authorize the Chairman to execute said agreement on behalf of the School Board.

Mr. Zone thanked the Board of Supervisors for having pointed out an omission regarding liability which had subsequently been addressed; and he recommended the adoption of the agreement.

Mr. Moon pointed out a typographical error on the third line of Section 4 of the agreement. Mr. Zone said that the word "end" had been inadvertently omitted, and that the line should have read, "use of classrooms, gyms, and fields between the *end* of the school day and 5 p.m."

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The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

3. **Committee of Fairfax County Citizens for the School Bond** - Approve the appointment of individuals to serve on the committee Fairfax County Citizens for School Bond '95 (C; Exhibit X)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2525

Dr. Jones said that it was unusual for the School Board to place a School Bond Referendum before the public in an election year; that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) had agreed to the School Board's request to do so; that the BOS had scheduled a public hearing on the matter for Monday, July 31; he encouraged community members to participate on July 31; he said that Brian Mulholland, the General Manager of the Sheraton Premiere Hotel, had been asked to chair the Bond Referendum Committee; and that each School Board member would appoint a civic leader from their own magisterial district.

Ms. Amundson moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Fairfax County School Board approve the appointment of individuals to serve on the committee, "Fairfax County Citizens for School Bond '95"; and that Maija Gudow be appointed as the Mount Vernon District representative to the Committee.

Mrs. Snyder moved, and Dr. Jones seconded, that Jane Grimm be appointed as the Braddock District representative to the Committee.

Mr. Zone moved, and Dr. Jones seconded, that John Winkler and Robert Whiteman be appointed as co-representatives of the Hunter Mill District to the Committee.

Mr. Lane moved, and Dr. Jones seconded, that Susan Stambaugh be appointed as representative of the Lee District to the Committee.

Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that Dottie Rossi be appointed as representative of the Springfield District to the Committee.

Mr. Moon moved, and Dr. Jones seconded, that Peter M. Lampert be appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Miles moved, and Dr. Jones seconded, that William Hurd be appointed to the Committee.

The motions were voted on jointly, and **passed 10-0**, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

4. **Retirement Benefits for Members of the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ER-FC)** - Approve amendment to the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County plan document that would provide for a one-time benefit adjustment of three percent retroactive to July 1, 1995, for all pensions then payable, and all pensions that become payable after that date at the time the first such pension payment is made (PS; Exhibit Y)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2687

Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the School Board approve the attached amendment [see Exhibit Y] to the ER-FC Plan Document that would provide for a one-time benefit adjustment of three percent retroactive to July 1, 1995, for all pensions then payable, and all pensions that become payable after that date at the time the first such pension payment is made.

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Mr. Zone said that an expense estimate of \$3.7 million had been referred to in the Agenda Item; that the actuary would determine the exact cost; that state and federal employees had been subjected to unfair taxation of their retirement benefits; that on June 26 the BOS had acted to approve the adjustment for Fairfax County employees; that FCPS was impacted because 5,123 current FCPS employees, including bus drivers, custodians, food service, warehouse, and maintenance workers, as well as 1,521 FCPS retirees, were covered by the County retirement system; that it would be inequitable to increase retirement benefits for only one-third of FCPS employees; that the Board would be obliged to provide the 3% increase to all FCPS employees; that there were 12,873 active and 3,775 retired FCPS employees; and that he would discuss state mandated pre-funding of COLA expenses under Board Matters.

The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

C. Other Matters Requiring Board Action

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2892

1. Nominations of Board Committee Chairmen and Board Liaisons to Advisory Committees

Dr. Jones said that the Board had six standing Committees and two Ad Hoc Committees; and he asked that the Board confirm the following recommendations:

Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that Mr. Miles serve as Chairman of the Personnel Committee; that Mr. Franchi serve as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Behavior; that Mrs. Snyder serve as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Parent Outreach; that Mrs. Fleetwood continue to serve as Chairman of the Instruction Committee; that Mrs. Turner continue to serve as Chairman of the Legislation Committee; that Mr. Reese continue to serve as Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee; that Ms. Amundson continue to serve as Chairman of the Policy Review Committee; that Mr. Land serve as Chairman of the Facilities Committee; that Mrs. Turner serve as Board Liaison to the School Health Advisory Committee; that Mr. Moon serve as Board Liaison to the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee; and that Mr. Miles serve as Board Liaison to the Human Relations Advisory Committee. The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

Mr. Moon thanked Dr. Jones for having expressed confidence in his abilities.

2. Selection of Delegate and Alternate to the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Annual Convention

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2996

Dr. Jones said that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board usually served as Delegates to the State Convention; that it would be helpful to maintain some continuity with the VSBA; that Mr. Reese and Ms. Amundson had declared their candidacies to continue as School Board members; and he asked that the Board consider naming Mr. Reese as the Delegate, and Ms. Amundson as the Alternate Delegate, to the VSBA.

Ms. Amundson said that she was a member of the VSBA Board; that she would prefer not to be the School Board's Delegate; and that serving as Alternate would be a good compromise. Mr. Miles asked whether a student representative to the Board had ever been sent as a Delegate. Dr. Jones explained that the student representative was not a member of the Board.

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Dr. Jones moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that Mr. Reese be the Delegate, and that Ms. Amundson be the Alternate Delegate, to the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Annual Convention. The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Franchi and Mr. Reese absent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3102

- A. High School Course Approval Committee** - Recommendation to appoint community members to the High School Course Approval Committee for two-year terms (IS; Exhibit Z)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3122

Dr. Jones asked that Board members review the lists of Committee appointees; he said that some appointments would soon expire; and he asked that Board members be prepared to make any necessary Committee appointments at the next regular business meeting of the Board.

- B. School Health Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to appoint individuals to the state-required School Health Advisory Committee for two-year terms (SSSE; Exhibit AA)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3151

There was no discussion on this matter.

- C. Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented** - Recommendation to appoint individuals to the Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented for two-year terms (SSSE; Exhibit BB)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3155

There was no discussion on this matter.

- D. Advisory Committee for Students With Disabilities** - Recommendation to appoint individuals to the Advisory Committee for Students With Disabilities for two-year terms (SSSE; Exhibit CC)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3165

There was no discussion on this matter.

- E. Human Relations Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to appoint individuals to the Human Relations Advisory Committee for two-year terms (PS; Exhibit DD)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3175

Dr. Jones said that Agenda Items VI.A., VI.B., VI.C., VI.D., and VI.E. would be on the Agenda for Board action on September 14.

- F. Award of Contract for Renewal** - Recommendation to award the contract for renewal of Whitman Middle School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (FcS; Exhibit EE)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3184

Dr. Jones said that the issue had been addressed by citizens who had testified before the Board; and he recognized Ms. Amundson.

Ms. Amundson said that both the Mount Vernon and Lee magisterial districts would be impacted by the matter; that the issue was a very difficult one; that she had spent a great deal of time trying to find a satisfactory resolution; that regardless of the Board's decision, some community members would not be satisfied; that it had been wrong to move Walt Whitman Middle School out of its attendance area approximately ten years ago; that schools should not be established outside of their attendance areas; that the Islamic Saudi Academy had done a laudatory job restoring the original

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Mount Vernon High School building; that Walt Whitman Middle School was one of the most diverse middle schools in Fairfax County; that Walt Whitman Middle School was not air conditioned; that it might not be possible to install air conditioning in the current Walt Whitman building; that school facilities in each magisterial district needed bond funds for renovations; that a renewal should have been completed at the Walt Whitman Middle School before it was opened; that she did not feel that the renewal should be delayed; that her primary responsibility was to FCPS students; and that the students would be best served by initiating the renewal process.

Mr. Lane asked what the current yearly escalation cost for building was, and Alton C. Hlavin, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Facilities Services, responded that the rate was 5% for the current fiscal year and was estimated at 6% for the following fiscal year. Mr. Lane said that the old Mount Vernon building was a landmark; that the site on which the old Mount Vernon building was situated was no longer suitable for use as a school facility; that it had historically been difficult to keep derelicts off the old Groveton High School property on U.S. Route 1; that the Route 1 corridor had changed dramatically since the old Mount Vernon building was first built; that only fifty students could walk to the old Mount Vernon building; that students could not safely walk across U.S. Route 1 to reach the old Mount Vernon building; that the Board had valid reasons to move Walt Whitman Middle School when it had; that only three miles separated the old Mount Vernon building from Walt Whitman Middle School; and that the students would be shortchanged if repairs to Walt Whitman Middle School were delayed.

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0087

Board discussion continued as follows: that he agreed with Ms. Amundson and Mr. Lane; that the Board's Facilities Committee had met many times to consider this matter; that the School Board had made the best decisions it could have regarding the old Mount Vernon building; that the Facilities staff members should be commended for their support and recommendations (Miles); that he would support the goals of the Board members from the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts; that FCPS could not afford to shelve \$14 million in bond funds for four years; that Stuart, Annandale, Lee, Madison, and McLean High Schools also needed renovation; that if renovation of Walt Whitman Middle School was deferred for four years, the funding allocated for that renovation should be used immediately to renew other facilities; that the old Mount Vernon high school building did not belong to FCPS (Zone); that it would not be reasonable to expect that FCPS would reoccupy the old Mount Vernon High School building in the near future; that the Walt Whitman Middle School facility needed renewal; that the community should direct its energy towards supporting the Walt Whitman Middle School; that the needs of the students would be best served by renewing the Walt Whitman Middle School (Fleetwood); the request that Dr. Spillane respond to charges that Facilities staff members had not accurately determined the cost of renovating the buildings in question (Jones); the response that staff members had used their best professional judgment to establish cost estimates; that Facilities staff had an excellent track record for developing estimates; and that the old Mount Vernon High School did not belong to FCPS, and would not be available for at least four years (Spillane).

- G. Award of Contract for Renewal** - Recommendation to award the contract for renewal of Belvedere Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (FcS; Exhibit FF)
TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0449

There was no discussion on this matter.

- H. Award of Contract for Addition** - Recommendation to award the contract for an addition to Sleepy Hollow Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (FcS; Exhibit GG)
TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0453

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Mrs. Turner said that the Stuart Pyramid had the greatest shortage of elementary classrooms in Fairfax County; and that the addition of ten classrooms to Sleepy Hollow Elementary was essential.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0490

Dr. Spillane distributed a copy of a letter which he had directed to County Executive William Leidinger; he said that FCPS and Fairfax County had signed a contract in 1987 which provided that FCPS would add rooms to new elementary school buildings to be used for School Age Child Care (SACC), for which Fairfax County would reimburse FCPS; that the County had recently expressed the belief that FCPS would incur a bond expense of \$3.4 million to develop SACC facilities; that FCPS was desperately behind in facilities construction; that SACC construction would be funded by County bonds; that SACC facilities were never advertised as School Bond projects; and he asked that Board members clarify with their County Supervisors that it would be inappropriate for FCPS to pay for the construction of SACC facilities.

Dr. Spillane apologized for having neglected to develop a specific agenda item regarding school lunch prices; he said that a budget goal for FY 1996 had been to derive \$700,000 in additional revenues from food sales; that staff had expressed great concern about increasing prices too much; that steep increases could result in a net loss of revenue because the number of customers would decline; and he proposed the following school lunch prices for implementation in September:

Elementary School Lunch:	\$1.55
Middle School Lunch:	\$1.65
High School Lunch:	\$1.65
Adult Lunch:	\$2.25

Dr. Spillane asked that the Board have faith that the increases would generate the revenue needed; he said that Food Services was a \$33 million dollar annual operation which was not supported by tax dollars; that FCPS Food Services was one of the thirty largest grossing restaurant organizations in the United States; and that he was confident that the recommendations of staff members would prove satisfactory.

Dr. Spillane announced that Stephen D. Dolinger, Director of School Operations, was expected to be leaving FCPS to assume the Superintendency of the Fulton County, Georgia, school system; he said that Dr. Dolinger had served FCPS with distinction for 26 years; that Dr. Dolinger would be missed; and he extended his congratulations. Dr. Spillane noted that campaigns for the upcoming School Board elections were gearing up; he said that financial contributions by school administrators to specific candidates would be inappropriate; that FCPS served the entire community; that FCPS administrators should avoid politicizing the school system; that he would explain to School Board candidates that it would be unfair to solicit the support of FCPS administrators; that school administrators had not given up their civil rights or freedom of speech by accepting employment with FCPS; but that it would be inadvisable for FCPS administrators to support specific candidates. Dr. Spillane said that a question regarding the Family Life Education (FLE) program had been raised, and he asked Dr. Sprague to respond. Nancy Sprague, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Instructional Services, said that staff had been asked what specific FLE lessons made any reference to anal sex; that three FLE lessons which dealt with AIDS referred to that topic; that the lessons covered ways people could contract AIDS; and that if the Board wanted to address the matter, staff would provide more information on the lessons before the first Board meeting in September. Dr. Spillane added that an individual had alleged in testimony at the previous Board meeting that the FCPS FLE program taught that anal sex was a normal and appropriate sexual activity; and that the speaker's allegation was outrageous and erroneous. Dr. Jones said that parents had

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asked when the topic was raised in FLE; and that the information should be presented at the next Board meeting on September 14.

VIII. BOARD MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0905

Mr. Miles said that he had obtained six copies of a video on drug abuse produced by the Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which had been distributed at the Core East Games; that he would deliver them to Dr. Sprague; he asked that staff evaluate the video and accompanying literature; and he suggested that if the material was appropriate, that it be reviewed by the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (FLECAC). Dr. Sprague responded that she would share the material with the Department of Student Services and Special Education since that Department also had programs in that area. Mr. Miles welcomed Mr. Britt to the Board. Mr. Miles congratulated Mrs. Winters on having been selected to be the Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board; he congratulated the extremely well-qualified individuals who had been considered as finalists for the position; and he said that it reflected the great importance people placed on education. Mr. Miles wished Dr. Dolinger the best of luck in his new position.

Mr. Moon said that he had enjoyed participating in the past two School Board meetings. Mr. Moon extended his congratulations to Dr. Dolinger; he said that Dr. Dolinger had enabled him to visit several English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at West Springfield High School the preceding week; that he had been enrolled in the ESL program 21 years earlier; he commended his ESL teacher; he said that he had received a great deal of individualized attention; that without the benefit of the ESL program, he would not have been able to serve on the School Board; that one of the ESL classes he visited had been discussing the differences between a planet and a moon; that several students had recognized that "Moon" was a person's name; that they had found that humorous; that he had shared his own experiences as an ESL student with another class; that he was encouraged by the determination of the ESL students to succeed; that he had enjoyed his visit; that the ESL students were learning under very difficult classroom conditions; that there were 25 students in each ESL class; that such large classes were very difficult for teachers to accommodate; and he commended the ESL teachers for doing their very best under adverse conditions.

Mrs. Snyder welcomed Mr. Britt and congratulated Mrs. Winters and Dr. Dolinger. Mrs. Snyder said that Dr. Dolinger had been greatly appreciated by the community when he had served as the Acting Superintendent for Area II; that she had enjoyed working with him; and she wished him the best.

Mr. Lane expressed amazement that the County Executive could have misunderstood the funding agreement for SACC facilities; he said that FCPS had recently renovated Cameron Elementary School; that the County had asked that SACC rooms be added to the school at that time; that it had been made clear that the County would have to pay for the addition of SACC rooms to the school; that FCPS initially paid for the construction and was repaid by the County; and that the County Executive should have had no questions regarding the funding for SACC facilities. Mr. Lane announced that at the next regular business meeting on September 14 he would move that the Board reconsider the position of Budget Analyst; and that since he had provided ample notice to the Board, a majority of the Board would be able to reverse its earlier decision. Mr. Lane welcomed Mr. Britt, and congratulated Dr. Dolinger and Mrs. Winters. Mr. Lane said that Dr. Dolinger had begun his career with FCPS at Hayfield High School; that Dr. Dolinger had served as principal at Edison High School before he had worked at the Area II Office and in central administration; that he had worked closely with Dr. Dolinger for many years; and he told the School Board members from Fulton County, Georgia, that they were getting a good Superintendent.

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Mrs. Fleetwood said that she had previously asked for information on special needs schools; that she had been concerned that Pine Springs Elementary School might be removed from the list of special needs schools; and she asked that staff explain what would happen to the special needs schools which were listed as being in a "hold harmless" status. Dr. Dolinger responded that FY 1996 budget constraints precluded FCPS from keeping those schools in a "hold harmless" state; and that one additional teaching position had been provided to those schools as a compromise to retain their special needs status. Mrs. Fleetwood said that she was glad that the Board had been able to support FCPS retirees that evening; that the School Board found it hard to deliver its message to the retired community of Fairfax County; that the Board needed broad community support; and she expressed hope that FCPS retirees would broadcast the needs of the school system to other retired individuals. Mrs. Fleetwood extended her congratulations to Dr. Dolinger and Mrs. Winters, and welcomed Mr. Britt.

Dr. Jones welcomed Mr. Britt to the Board, and congratulated Mrs. Winters and Dr. Dolinger; he said that it was remarkable that Dr. Dolinger had served FCPS longer than Mr. Lane; that Dr. Dolinger was a consummate professional who would be missed by FCPS; and he expressed his confidence that Dr. Dolinger would prove to be an outstanding Superintendent in Fulton County, Georgia.

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1365

Mr. Zone extended his thanks to Dr. Dolinger for his years of service to FCPS, and congratulated Mrs. Winters on her appointment as Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board. Mr. Zone said that he had known the Britt family for many years; that Ray Britt was a fine example of his family's interest in community involvement; and he welcomed Mr. Britt to the Board. Mr. Zone said that the General Assembly had passed a law in 1980 that employee Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) be pre-funded by June 30, 1992; that the General Assembly had repealed the law in 1991 due to the cost involved; that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) mandated that if COLAs were not pre-funded, the expense of COLAs would have to be reflected as a liability; that the Commonwealth of Virginia had a AAA Bond Rating; that the unpaid COLA liability was between \$500 million and \$700 million, and had not been reported by the Commonwealth; that it would be unlikely that the Commonwealth could maintain its AAA Bond Rating; that it would cost the School Board \$23.4 million to fully pre-fund COLAs in FY 1997; that a minimum of between \$7 million and \$9 million would be required for partial pre-funding of COLAs; that it would be difficult to predict what the actions of the General Assembly would be on this matter; that the Superintendent's budget would have to be presented prior to a final decision by state lawmakers; that pre-funding COLAs for the Virginia Retirement System's Retirement Pension Plan represented a serious legislative issue for FCPS; that the Board should seek relief from the Northern Virginia Legislative Delegation; and that the Board should remain apprised of developments in this area.

Mrs. Turner made reference to the School Health Advisory Committee Report presented earlier by Mr. White; she said that attendance at Committee meetings had been problematic; that appointments should be made by Board members as soon as possible; that appointees should be truly committed to the areas of study; that she had raised this issue with the Board long ago; that the work of advisory committees was very important to the Board and FCPS; that the appointments were often for two-year terms; that she thought that the Board had previously decided that if an appointee missed three consecutive committee meetings, the School Board would have the option to replace that appointee; that some committee members did not attend any committee meetings; that committee chairpersons should be asked to keep attendance records and to notify the Board regularly of chronic absenteeism; and that advisory committees were an underutilized asset to FCPS due to attendance problems. Mrs. Turner welcomed Mr. Britt to the Board, and congratulated Mrs. Winters on her well-deserved appointment. Mrs. Turner said that Dr. Dolinger had previously worked in various capacities in the Area II Office in the Mason District; that it had been a pleasure to work with Dr. Dolinger; she extended her congratulations; and she said that Dr. Dolinger would be sorely missed by FCPS.

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Ms. Amundson made reference to Sarah Pollack, a student from Mount Vernon High School, who had been offered a new car by her parents; she said that Ms. Pollack had alternatively established a scholarship fund for needy Mount Vernon High School students; she asked that community members contribute funds to support the scholarship program at Mount Vernon; and said that the program was very commendable and worthwhile. Ms. Amundson expressed support of Dr. Spillane's suggestion that FCPS administrators not contribute to the campaigns of particular individuals to the School Board. Ms. Amundson extended her congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Dolinger and Mrs. Winters, and she welcomed Mr. Britt to the Board.

Mr. Land welcomed Mr. Britt to the Board; he congratulated Mrs. Winters on her appointment as Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board; and, on behalf of his predecessor, Stuart Mendelsohn, and himself, extended congratulations to Dr. Dolinger on his likely appointment as Superintendent of the Fulton County, Georgia, school system. Mr. Land said that the need to broaden community support of FCPS was key to future school financing; that demographics had changed rapidly in Fairfax County and were expected to continue to do so; and that he would urge the Board to extend requests for support more deeply into the community than it historically had.

Mr. Britt thanked the Board for having extended such a warm welcome; he said that the meeting had been very interesting; and he congratulated Mrs. Winters and Dr. Dolinger.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1956

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.