

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Jackson Middle School

Public Hearing No. 2
Regular Meeting No. 5

October 12, 1995

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0018

Vice Chairman Louis Zone convened the Board in public session at 7:20 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mrs. Turner moved, and Ms. Amundson seconded, that the Board go into executive session (1) to discuss disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; and (2) to discuss the appointment, resignation, and performance of specific public employees pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARING: FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD 1996 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0094

A. Certification of Executive Session Compliance (Exhibit A)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0048

Mrs. Turner moved, and Ms. Amundson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened an executive meeting on October 12, 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 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

B. Public Testimony (Exhibit B)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0097

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:40 p.m., with Vice Chairman Louis Zone presiding. Mr. Zone said that the Board had scheduled a public hearing on the 1996 Legislative Program; and that the School Board annually adopted a legislative program to inform public officials of the Board's position on legislative policies.

Three speakers addressed the Board on the 1996 Legislative Program. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

III. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0390

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:53 p.m., with Vice Chairman Louis Zone presiding, and with the following members present:

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Kristen Amundson (Mt. Vernon)
Letty Fleetwood (Providence)
Gary Jones (Springfield; arr. 9:50)
Thomas Land (Dranesville)

Ralph Miles (At-Large)
Iryong Moon (At-Large)
Ruth Turner (Mason)
Louis Zone (Hunter Mill)

Also present were student representative to the Board, Raymond Britt; Division Superintendent Robert R. Spillane; Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, Grace H. Winters; Administrative Assistants/Deputy Clerks of the Board, Pamela Goddard and Anita Street; and certain other members of staff.

B. Confirmation of Action Taken in Executive Session

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0398

Having served on a three member Committee chaired by Mrs. Turner, Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, to expel four students from the Fairfax County Public Schools for participating in a mob assault on another student. The motion passed 2-0, with Mrs. Snyder absent. The record should reflect that Mrs. Snyder had also voted in the affirmative at the time of the student hearings.

C. Announcement of Changes in the Agenda

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0423

There were no changes in the agenda.

D. Other Announcements

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0429

Dr. Spillane announced that Alton C. Hlavin, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Facilities Services, had submitted his resignation; he said that Mr. Hlavin had held his position for 22 years and had overseen over \$1 billion in construction and renovation projects for FCPS; that Mr. Hlavin would be sorely missed; that Mr. Hlavin would be taking a position in Arlington County; that Roger W. Webb, Director of the Office of Administrative, Logistical, and Operations Services, would be appointed as the acting Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Facilities Services; and he wished Mr. Hlavin and Dr. Webb well in their new pursuits.

Mr. Zone said that Mr. Hlavin had made a tremendous contribution to FCPS, and that he was saddened to see him leave. Mrs. Fleetwood said that Mr. Hlavin's departure would be a great loss to FCPS; that Dr. Webb was extremely capable; that FCPS would be left in good hands; and she wished Mr. Hlavin good luck. Ms. Amundson said that FCPS was indebted to Mr. Hlavin for his service, and that he would be missed. Mrs. Turner said that Mr. Hlavin was recognized throughout the nation for his commendable work; and she wished him well.

Mr. Zone announced that Dr. Jones would be arriving late due to a campaign commitment; that Mr. Reese was at a "Back-to-School Night" program; that Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, and Mrs. Snyder were ill; and that they would, therefore, be unable to attend the meeting.

E. Resolution Recognizing Custodian Appreciation Week (C)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0666

Mr. Land offered the following resolution:

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION WEEK
OCTOBER 23-27, 1995**

WHEREAS, to recognize and thank those dedicated Fairfax County Public Schools custodians who keep our facilities running smoothly and without whose excellent efforts the school system could not easily function, the week of October 23-27 has been named Custodian Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, custodians in our many schools and administrative centers keep our work surroundings pleasant and clean and perform many other duties including conducting recycling programs, implementing grounds care, promoting school security, and operating a wide range of equipment; and

WHEREAS, custodians are constantly in tune with the myriad workings of the buildings for which they are responsible and contribute in many ways to the quality of life in schools and centers, including providing advice to young people who need adults to talk to--adults who provide common sense and direction and who build their self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, our custodians--who are responsible for all Fairfax County Public Schools' facilities, which cover nearly 21 million square feet or the equivalent of three Pentagons--are always the first employees to come to work in the morning, the last employees to leave their buildings at night, and the employees who know that the words "administrative leave" on winter mornings can never mean them; and

WHEREAS, the school system's custodians are always our essential personnel--not just on a wintry morning when only they must come to work in spite of the weather but every day as they dust a classroom, sweep a hallway, or help a student--every day throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board declares that the week of October 23 to 27, 1995, be recognized as Custodian Appreciation Week in Fairfax County Public Schools and urges all parents, students, and employees to join in congratulating custodians for jobs well done and in saying "thank you" to them--thanks that are deserved many times over every day of the year.

Mr. Land moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, that the Fairfax County School Board adopt the Resolution Recognizing Custodian Appreciation Week. The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

Mr. Zone said that FCPS had an outstanding group of custodians; that FCPS buildings were magnificently cared for; he introduced Charles "Mickey" Ruffner, a custodian based at Jackson Middle School; he said that an indication of the contributions of FCPS custodians was reflected by the fact that the cafeteria at Vienna Elementary School was named after school custodian Arnold J. McDaniel; and the Board and audience acknowledged those FCPS custodians present. Mr. Miles extended his appreciation to the school custodians; and he acknowledged Mr. Sam Romano, a school custodian who had helped him through elementary school.

F. Resolution Recognizing Character Counts Week (SB)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0849

Mr. Zone offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK
OCTOBER 15-21, 1995**

WHEREAS, parents, students, teachers, youth, and community leaders are encouraged to recognize the valuable role our youth play in the present and future of our community and to recognize that an individual's character is an important part of that future; and

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WHEREAS, the public good is advanced when young people are taught by their families about the importance of good character and that an individual's character is important in personal relationships, in school, and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, justice and fairness, and civic virtue and citizenship are the core ethical values that form the basis of good character; and

WHEREAS, the core ethical values stated herein also form the foundation of democratic society; and

WHEREAS, young people will be the stewards of our community, state, and country in critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board--on behalf of its students, teachers, administrators, and employees--does hereby proclaim the week of October 15-21, 1995, as Character Counts Week.

Mr. Zone moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Fairfax County School Board adopt the Resolution Recognizing Character Counts Week. The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

Dr. Spillane related the story of a former FCPS student who had done severe damage to school property; he said that the student returned ten years later and sought to make full restitution for the damage done previously; that schools were places for children to learn; that all children made mistakes; that character building was an ongoing process; and that the constant work of teachers, parents, and the Fairfax County community had been reflected in a heartwarming outcome.

Mr. Zone said that several schools in the Hunter Mill District were undertaking specific projects to stress character development during Character Counts Week; and he expressed the hope that other schools would follow suit.

G. Resolution Recognizing National School Bus Safety Week (GS)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0997

Mr. Johnnie Forte, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of General Services, said that FCPS had one of the best and safest school transportation systems in the United States; that FCPS maintained 1,232 buses; that approximately 100,000 students were transported to and from 200 FCPS schools and centers daily; that FCPS buses traveled approximately 12 million miles per year; that FCPS bus drivers were well trained and evaluated; that 385 shuttle runs were completed daily; that during the 1994-95 school year, 15,381 field trips had been completed; that no student had been seriously injured on a school bus in more than eight years; he urged drivers in the community to use extreme caution when they saw students walking to or from school, and to stop their own vehicles when buses were loading or unloading students; he said that the bus fleet had been reduced over the past five years while schools, students, and programs had simultaneously increased; that overtime pay for drivers had been reduced by over \$1 million over the past few years; and he expressed his pride in the dedicated crew of FCPS bus drivers.

Mr. Miles recited the following poem:

The child waits, with his mom, by the corner,
His bookbag of many colors hanging on his back,
He looks a little worried and a little uncertain,
Wondering about the trip, especially getting back.
Mom clutches his hand and bravely smiles
At her little man, the treasure of her eye.
He's leaving on a trip, it may be a mile,
He's a little uncertain, but he, too, smiles.

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The bus pulls up and the child steps forward,
As the door opens a smiling face looks down,
The little boy mounts the steps with care,
And the driver watches with a parent's love and care.
And thus another child starts his educational career,
Teachers, custodians, administrators all help
To make this experience of education the best,
But the first one he meets as he leaves home's nest,
Is a bus driver.
I guarantee, he or she is one of the best.

Mr. Miles offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER 15-21, 1995
AS "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK"**

WHEREAS, in Fairfax County, over 97,000 students are transported to and from school each day in over 1,232 school buses that travel over 12 million miles each year; and
WHEREAS, the safe transportation of Fairfax County Public Schools' children is a matter of concern for all citizens of Fairfax County; and
WHEREAS, the reduction of accidents requires vigilance on the part of all motorists; and
WHEREAS, Fairfax County Public Schools enjoys an excellent safety record;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board hereby proclaims the week of October 15-21, 1995, as School Bus Safety Week in Fairfax County and urges all citizens to exercise constant courtesy and caution to ensure the continued safety of our children and also recognizes the skill and dedication of the many people who contribute to the successful operation of the student transportation system.

Mr. Miles moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, that the Fairfax County School Board adopt the Resolution Recognizing National School Bus Safety Week. The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

Ms. Amundson, Mr. Miles and Mr. Zone remarked that many drivers did not heed safety laws regarding school zones and school buses, and encouraged all citizens to drive more cautiously.

IV. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

A. Citizen Participation

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1325

One speaker was heard during the time reserved for public comment. Gerald O'Dell (Exhibit C) spoke on the High School Science Textbook Adoption Committee.

B. Annual Report of the Foundation for Applied Technical/Vocational Education, Inc. (FATE) (IS; Exhibit D)

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1469

Ms. Helen Stamer, President of the FATE Board, extended the thanks of FATE for the involvement and cooperation of the School Board; she said that Marshall High School had a full automobile dealership which involved 91 students; that 100 vehicles had been evaluated during the 1994-95 school year; that 46 vehicles had been refurbished and sold; that the Classroom on the Mall Program at the Springfield Mall presented fashion merchandising and marketing concepts;

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that mall merchants employed the students after school; that *Seventeen* magazine had sponsored two fashion events; that students involved in the construction program had completed a three-level private residence which was on the market for \$615,000; that the building process took 18 months to complete; that enrollment in the construction program had declined; that students completing the program were ready for careers in carpentry, masonry, and landscape design; that Fairfax High School was home to the horticulture program; and that many FATE students had received scholarship awards.

Mr. Zone said that FATE did a wonderful job; that on November 8, a representative from General Electric would present an electric powered "concept car" to members of the Vienna Rotary Club; and he invited the students from the automotive program to attend. Mrs. Turner said that she had been very impressed with the initiatives taken by FATE; and she asked how many students were involved in the construction of a home. Ms. Stamer responded that the number of students in the program fluctuated from year to year; and that she hoped that more students would enroll. Mrs. Turner suggested that students who sought employment in the construction field would be encouraged to enroll in the program if they viewed the finished home. Ms. Stamer responded that an open-house was held annually for that purpose; that the lots which the homes had been constructed on were valued between \$250,000-\$300,000; and that FATE would like to develop more affordable properties in the Route 1 corridor. Mr. Moon asked about the composition of the FATE board. Ms. Stamer responded that members were all drawn from the business and professional community, and approved by the School Board. Mr. Moon asked how students became involved in the FATE programs, and Ms. Stamer responded that FCPS guidance counselors directed students who expressed interest in those areas.

C. Spotlight on Learning (Exhibit E)
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1990

Dr. Spillane introduced Betty Dovel, Coordinator of the Woodson Adult Center and teacher at Falls Church High School; Armand Sebastianelli, principal of Bryant Alternative High School; Gary Guttman, principal of the new Centreville Alternative High School; James Manning, principal of Pimmit Hills Alternative High School; and Marie Canny, Director of the Alternative High School Programs. Ms. Dovel described the transitional high school program for English as a Second Language (ESL) students at alternative high schools; she said that there were four transitional centers throughout the county which served approximately 350 students; that the students came to the program with great courage, dedication, and stamina; that the transitional ESL program provided a conduit through which goal-oriented students could begin their educational journeys; that five years ago, the School Board had approved the initiative to offer educational services to identified ESL students aged 17-21 who were unable to participate in traditional school programs; and she introduced Guillermo Castillo, a 19 year-old ESL student; Antonio Macias, math and science teacher at Herndon; Dalal Jones, ESL teacher from Falls Church; Patricia Scott, science teacher at Falls Church and Centreville; and Thao Troung, office coordinator, who were present with a number of ESL students. Mr. Castillo told the Board that he was employed full time; that he took four classes after work; that he had neither spoken nor understood English when he came to the United States; and that he planned to attend the alternative high school being developed in Centreville when it opened.

Questions and comments included the following: that FCPS tried to educate anyone who sought to be educated; that many individuals were unable to participate in traditional school programs; that the alternative program had been successful; that a new school site was being developed in the western part of Fairfax County (Zone); that the program was highly commendable; that Fairfax County and the United States were unique in providing educational opportunities for immigrants; that all individuals should be encouraged to take advantage of every available opportunity to become educated (Miles); that the students and instructors deserved congratulations for their great courage and efforts (Land, Miles, Moon); that ESL students had to work harder than native English speaking students; that he had been an ESL student 21 years earlier; that he had been fortunate to have an excellent ESL teacher; that non-English speaking individuals could only

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succeed in the United States with a thorough education (Moon); that ESL students should be encouraged to pursue their goals (Land, Moon); that the English language development of the ESL students was very impressive (Land); and an expression of thanks to the participants on behalf of the Board (Zone).

V. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2638

Mr. Zone announced that Mr. Franchi, Chairman of the Student Behavior Committee, and Mrs. Snyder, Chairman of the Parent Outreach Committee, were absent due to illness; and that their reports would be presented at a subsequent meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Consent Agenda

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2669

Mr. Miles moved, and Mrs. Fleetwood seconded, that the Board adopt the four items on the consent agenda:

1. **Minutes** - Approve minutes of September 28, 1995, regular Board meeting (SB; Exhibit F)
2. **Divisionwide Six-Year Improvement Plan** - Approve the Divisionwide Six-Year Improvement Plan: 1996-2002 (S; Exhibit G)
3. **High School Science Textbook Adoption Committee** - Appoint community members to the high school science textbook adoption committee (IS; Exhibit H)
4. **Award of Contract** - Award the contract for an addition at Riverside Elementary School to Zadmer Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$1,374,435 (FcS; Exhibit I)

The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent. The student representative supported the motion.

B. Approval of Other Action Items

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2740

There were no other action items before the Board.

C. Other Matters Requiring Board Action

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-2748

1. **Fairfax County Steering Committee for Youth** - Approve School Board participation with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in establishing a Fairfax County Steering Committee for Youth and request that the Superintendent recommend individuals to serve on the committee for School Board approval at the November 16, 1995, regular business meeting.

On behalf of Dr. Jones, Mrs. Turner moved, and Mr. Zone seconded, that the Fairfax County School Board approve participation with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in establishing a Fairfax County Steering Committee for Youth and request that the Superintendent recommend individuals to serve on the committee for School Board approval at the November 16, 1995, regular business meeting.

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Dr. Spillane encouraged all School Board members to present their recommendations to him; and he said that he would welcome the participation of the Board in selecting individuals. Mr. Zone said that Delegates Dillard and Scott had presented the report of the Community Initiative to Reduce Youth Violence at the previous regular meeting of the Board; that the School Board wanted to participate on the Steering Committee which was being developed; and that Fairfax County needed a coordinated method of dealing with the problem of youth violence.

The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent. The student representative supported the motion.

2. **Committee Appointments**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2872

On behalf of Mr. Britt, Mrs. Turner moved, and Mr. Miles seconded, that Stephanie Hunter be appointed to the School Health Advisory Committee; that Leah Carey be appointed to the Social Studies Curriculum Advisory Committee; that Catherine Waltham be appointed to the Science Curriculum Advisory Committee; that Keri Fellner be appointed to the Foreign Language Curriculum Advisory Committee; that Debbie Axelbuun, Katryn Delonga, Eileen Noonan, and Jenny Hall be appointed to the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee; and that Ray Britt be appointed to the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities. The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2928

Award of Contract - Recommendation to award the contract for an addition at Saratoga Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (FcS; Exhibit J)

Mr. Hlavin said that sixteen bids had been received, and would be evaluated by staff.

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2995

Dr. Spillane said that erroneous statements were being made by some candidates for School Board membership; that he felt obligated to respond to those false statements; and he proceeded to do so as follows: to the allegation that FCPS had a bloated bureaucracy of administrators, Dr. Spillane indicated that psychologists, social workers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and other members of the support staff should not be considered bureaucrats; to the allegation that hundreds of individuals were employed at Area Offices, Dr. Spillane responded that 400 of the individuals employed through Area Offices were art and music teachers; to the allegation that FCPS could save \$140 million by reducing the administration, Dr. Spillane responded that a total savings of \$4 million would be achieved by eliminating all Area Offices and central administration, excepting the Superintendent's position; to the allegation that 17% of FCPS graduates required remedial instruction upon admission to college, Dr. Spillane responded that FCPS was one of the highest achieving public school systems in the United States; and to the allegation that there would be school boundary/attendance area adjustments during the school year, Dr. Spillane responded that there absolutely would not. Dr. Spillane said that candidates for public office should present the truth to the public; that he had begun to respond to false statements made by School Board candidates, and he would continue to do so; that FCPS transported twice as many students daily as Greyhound Bus Lines did nationwide; that FCPS had 500 acres of buildings; that FCPS

had the lowest general central administrative cost of any school system of commensurate size in the United States; that while standardized test scores for fourth grade students may have fallen in the State of Virginia, test scores had not fallen in Fairfax County; and he applauded those candidates who sought out and used factual information. In reference to the Million Man March on Washington, D.C., scheduled for Monday, October 16, Dr. Spillane said that if a student's absence was for legitimate educational purposes and prearranged by a parent, the absence would be considered an excused absence; that absences which were not prearranged would be unexcused and unacceptable; that some individual schools had policies regarding the total number of absences which would be allowed for students to pass their courses; that in those schools, excused absences would still count as absences; that Fairfax County field trips had not been canceled for October 16, but no field trips had been scheduled to Washington, D.C.; and that regular FCPS bus transportation would not be impacted in any way. Dr. Spillane said that he was extremely confident that the \$2 million funding needed to eliminate employee furloughs and increased health insurance premiums would be available by the mid-year budget review in December; that he anticipated that additional school supply funds would be available in December; that staff members had been extremely cautious in using the staffing reserve funds; that funds had become available by virtue of salary lapse; and he reassured FCPS employees that the proposed savings methods would not have to be implemented.

IX. BOARD MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-3610

Mr. Miles responded to statements made by individuals campaigning for School Board membership which alleged that the Superintendent always found additional funding at the end of the fiscal year, and that the School Board irresponsibly managed the FCPS budget; he said that FCPS budgeted more closely than the federal government; that FCPS ended the fiscal year with a zero balance; that if a 2% predictive error was allowed, \$20 million could remain at the end of the fiscal year; that 2% was a narrow margin of error; and that the current and previous School Boards invested much time and effort to judiciously manage the FCPS budget.

Mr. Miles said that he had attended a College Partnership Program (CPP) meeting the week before; that Mr. Ralph Cooper and Mrs. Veatrice Baugh had established guidelines for parents to ensure the success of their children; that approximately 300 minority parents had attended; that 1,200 students would participate in the CPP during the 1995-96 school year; that student involvement began as early as the eighth grade; that teachers had volunteered to teach classes on Saturdays, and parents were expected to attend; that 98% of the participants would attend college; that the School Board had overwhelmingly supported the CPP; that he was very proud of the accomplishments of the CPP; and he commended the parents who were involved in the CPP.

Mr. Miles reviewed the history of the Family Life Education (FLE) video, *Sex, Lies, and the Truth*; he said that in January 1995 the School Board recommended that the video be replaced; that the Board had voted to find a replacement for the video in March 1995; that the video portrayed minorities in a negative light; that *Sex, Lies, and the Truth* relied on racial stereotypes and demeaned minorities; that the video contained medical misinformation; that the video did not encourage students to seek prompt medical attention, should they need it; that recent events in the United States reflected racial division; that there were gangs in Fairfax County Public Schools; that teenage crime was on the rise; that 80% of convicts were school dropouts; that given the current status of race relations in the United States, FCPS students should not be viewing videos which portrayed minorities negatively; that a video had been found to replace *Sex, Lies, and the Truth* in the curriculum; he asked that all members of the School Board view the replacement; and he implored the School Board to take action to remove *Sex, Lies, and the Truth* from the curriculum.

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0305

Mrs. Fleetwood said that she had been honored by having been named the first Library Advocate of the Year one year ago by the Fairfax County Association of School Librarians; that on October 10, the Association had named Linda Hunt the second Library Advocate of the Year; she extended her

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congratulations to Ms. Hunt; she said that Ms. Hunt had recently retired after having served as the FCPS Coordinator of Library and Media Services; that Linda Hunt had been the last FCPS representative to the Fairfax County Library Board; that the position had been eliminated by the Board of Supervisors (BOS); that in July 1994 she had moved that the School Board notify the BOS that the Board wished to support the nomination of Linda Hunt as the FCPS representative to the Library Board; that the motion had failed; that during that summer, the BOS had offered to restore the FCPS position on the Library Board; that in September 1994 she had moved that a qualified school librarian be appointed to represent FCPS on the Library Board; that Dr. Jones had moved a substitute motion that the Board form a non-voting advisory committee to the Library Board; that the substitute motion had been approved by the School Board; that the Library Board had not sought the development of an advisory committee; and she asked who had been appointed to the FCPS advisory committee to the School Board, and for an update on their work. Dr. Spillane responded that an advisory committee had never been developed; that there had been no compelling reason to have an uninvited advisory committee; and that meetings of the Library Board were open to interested individuals.

Mrs. Fleetwood moved, and Ms. Amundson seconded, that the School Board ask the Board of Supervisors to restore a voting seat on the Fairfax County Library Board for a qualified professional Fairfax County Public Schools librarian who would serve as the school division's representative to that board, and that the School Board nominate Pam Spencer, the current Coordinator of Library and Media Services, to serve in that capacity as had her predecessors for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Fleetwood said that there had been no link between FCPS and the Fairfax County Library Board for over a year; that FCPS had been represented on the Library Board for more than 30 years; that Fairfax County Public Schools students comprised the largest group of public library customers; that the Library Board governed the public library program and materials; that it was unfortunate that the Library Board no longer had knowledgeable input from a bona fide expert on library materials for children; that the approved FCPS advisory committee had neither been sought nor invited by the Fairfax County Library Board; that the National Association of Counties (NACO) had recognized the joint efforts of FCPS and the public library program; that Linda Hunt had accepted an award by NACO on behalf of FCPS at a BOS meeting; she urged her colleagues to restore a voting seat for a representative of FCPS on the Library Board; she said that it was very important that FCPS have input and voting representation on the Library Board on behalf of all FCPS students; that the Board's attorney had rendered a legal opinion regarding representation on the Library Board which the Fairfax County Attorney had disputed; that the School Board never had the opportunity to discuss the legal opinions rendered; and she urged her colleagues to support the motion.

Board discussion continued as follows: that he would not support the motion (Zone); that the full Board should be present to discuss the motion (Miles, Zone); and that the FCPS library system and the public library system should be coordinated in some manner (Miles).

Mr. Miles moved, and Mrs. Turner seconded, to table the motion until November 16.

Mrs. Fleetwood raised the point of order that tabling the motion was not equivalent to deferring the motion until a date certain. Mr. Zone responded that discussion of Mrs. Fleetwood's motion would be postponed until November 16. Mr. Miles said that the motion would be made an action item on November 16.

Mr. Miles amended his motion to replace the word "table" with the word "postpone."

Discussion included the following: that they would not support the motion to postpone (Amundson, Fleetwood, Moon); that FCPS had been without representation on the Fairfax County Library Board for over a year (Fleetwood); that the School Board needed to move forward with the business which was before it (Fleetwood, Moon); that the development of an advisory committee had been a charade; that the Board had acted in that manner to appease a small segment of the population of Fairfax County (Amundson); that the issue had been before the Board prior to his own appointment to the Board; that he was ignorant of the details of the issue; that he would prefer to have more time to understand the

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issue; that he would support the motion to postpone (Land); the question why the original motion should be postponed until after the general election (Fleetwood); the response that not enough Board members were present to discuss the matter (Miles); the request that the opinion of legal counsel be re-distributed to the Board for review; that the public should have an opportunity to speak to the issue (Zone); the request that the opinion of the Fairfax County attorney also be distributed to the Board for review (Amundson); that she was disappointed that the motion had not been presented to the Board in advance of the meeting; that the entire Board should be available to participate (Turner); that she had intended that discussion of FCPS representation on the Library Board would all be done publicly (Fleetwood); the request that the issue not be discussed in Chairman's meeting; that private discussions on the issue should be avoided (Amundson); that any discussion of the matter in Chairman's meetings would be shared via VoiceMail with all Board members (Zone); that there had been much maneuvering on the issue previously (Amundson, Fleetwood); that a legal opinion had been developed for the Board without the knowledge of the full Board; that the motion to develop an advisory committee had been presented without prior notification to Board members; that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should not negotiate a way out of dealing with the original motion (Amundson); that there were very few items discussed at Chairman's meetings (Zone); that campaign obligations should not outweigh School Board responsibilities; that it had recently become difficult to have enough Board members present at meetings to achieve a quorum (Moon); that Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, and Mrs. Snyder were not present because they were physically infirm; that attendance at School Board meetings was not solely dependent on campaign issues (Miles); that November 16 had been specified because it fell after the general election (Moon); that everything possible should be done to include the newly elected School Board members (Miles); that sitting School Board members had duties to fulfill until the end of December 1995 (Fleetwood, Moon); that the new School Board members should not be excluded from certain decisions (Miles); that newly elected School Board members would not be voting members of the School Board until January 1996 (Fleetwood); and that the only decision postponed until January 1996 regarded Family Life Education (Amundson).

The motion to postpone the original motion until November 16 passed 4-3, with Mr. Land, Mr. Miles, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Zone voting "aye"; and with Ms. Amundson, Mrs. Fleetwood, and Mr. Moon voting "nay"; with Dr. Jones not present for the vote; and with Mr. Franchi, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Snyder absent.

Mr. Zone asked that the original motion regarding FCPS representation on the Library Board be added to the November 16 agenda.

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1225

Mr. Zone made reference to the \$50 fine imposed on parents who would not sign and return the Acknowledgement of Parental Responsibility; he said that this was a legislative issue; that the Board should consider including the subject in the FCPS legislative package; that newspaper stories alleged that school officials had refused to honor the law; that school officials should be setting a positive example for students; and that the confusion regarding the law should be clarified with members of the General Assembly. Dr. Spillane added that the newspaper headline had been false and misleading; that FCPS only had four attendance officers; and that FCPS could not devote any of its limited resources to policing parents.

Mr. Zone said that Charles Ostlund, the Director of Student Activities at Madison High School, would be leaving that position; that Mr. Ostlund worked from 60-80 hours per week; that it was difficult for Directors of Student Activities to fulfill all of the obligations heaped upon them; and that FCPS staff members should be properly compensated for their efforts. Mr. Zone recognized Supervisor Robert Dix who was in attendance.

Mrs. Turner related a story of two FCPS students who had visited Japan with their parents; she said that the children, aged 9 and 12, had served as interpreters for their parents during the trip; that the children had acquired their knowledge of Japanese in FCPS; and she expressed her pride in their achievement.

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Ms. Amundson recognized BOS Chair Kate Hanley, who had been in attendance briefly earlier in the meeting, and James Wilson, a representative of the Mount Vernon District. Ms. Amundson said that Supervisor Hyland had expressed concern about FCPS buses traveling on Newington Road; and she asked that staff look into that issue. Ms. Amundson asked whether the position for a chemistry teacher at West Potomac High School had been filled, and Dr. Spillane responded that he would check on the situation. Ms. Amundson said that a teacher "time-out" initiative had been implemented with great success at Whitman Middle School the previous year; that the teachers had reported great improvement in student behavior as a result; that funds were not available to continue the program; and she asked that staff provide information on how the program had been funded the previous year. Ms. Amundson said that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month; that she was a breast cancer survivor; that early detection saved lives; and she urged women to participate in screening programs.


Mr. Britt said that he had been quoted in newspaper articles regarding thefts of Texas Instrument calculators; that the calculators enabled many more students to take higher level math courses than would otherwise be possible; that 14 Texas Instrument calculators had been reported stolen at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology since September; that Thomas Jefferson High School students recorded the serial numbers of their calculators, and other FCPS high school students were following suit; he encouraged students to responsibly protect their property; he said that he had not meant to imply that theft of calculators was an overwhelming problem at schools; and he apologized for any misunderstanding.

Mr. Zone said that he had heard concerns regarding safety issues at the tennis courts at Madison High School; and Mr. Hlavin responded that a report on the situation was available for Mr. Zone's review.

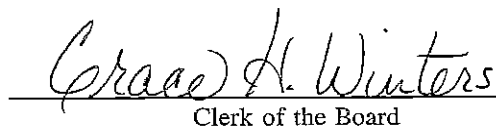
Dr. Jones, Mr. Land, and Mr. Moon declined the opportunity to present any Board matters.

X. ADJOURNMENT
TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1773

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Vice Chairman of the Board



Clerk of the Board