

MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Jackson Middle School

Special Meeting No. 9 (**Support Employees of the Year**)

May 3, 2000

I. MEETING OPENING

Chairman Robert Frye convened the Board in public session at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Cathy Belter (Springfield)	Robert Frye (At Large)
Christian Braunlich (Lee)	Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Mychele Brickner (At Large)	Kaye Kory (Mason)
Isis Castro (Mount Vernon; arr. 7:20)	Jane Strauss (Dranesville)

Also present were Division Superintendent Daniel A. Domenech; Leadership Team members; Deputy Clerk of the School Board Norma J. Bailey; and certain other individuals.

II. RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

A. Recognition of Support Employees of the Year Nominees

Mr. Frye gave welcoming remarks and thanked Cheri Collins, director, Rocky Run Middle School Orchestra, and her students, who had played during the reception. He then introduced School Board members and Superintendent Daniel Domenech.

Dr. Domenech made remarks and recognized members of the Leadership Team who were present. He acknowledged those who nominated the evening's honorees, principals in attendance, the PTA officers and members in attendance, the families and friends of the nominees, members of the Screening Committee for selection of the Support Employee of the Year Award, and former Support Employees of the Year in attendance. He then introduced Mr. Robert Kelly, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc., who made brief remarks.

Nancy Sprague, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, made introductory remarks and gave an outline of the program for the evening. Board members and Dr. Domenech joined in presenting the award certificates to recipients of the Support Services Employees' Advisory Council Award. Certificates were then presented to the nominees for Support Employee of the Year while various members of the Leadership Team read their profiles. Plaques were presented to the four finalists and to the two award winners.

B. Resolutions Honoring the 2000 FCPS Support Employees of the Year

Mrs. Brickner offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING
BECKY DOMOKOS-BAYS**

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WHEREAS, support employees play a vital role in the mission of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS); and

WHEREAS, the Support Employee of the Year award was established to honor exceptional and exemplary work with FCPS by support employees; and

WHEREAS, Becky Domokos-Bays was one of two outstanding support employees selected for the 2000 award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Domokos-Bays, a specialist with the Office of Food and Nutrition Services, oversees food and nutrition programs in 16 schools and has been a member of the Food and Nutrition Services Leadership Team for ten years; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the food service marketing team, Ms. Domokos-Bays coordinates curriculum-based efforts to increase nutrition awareness among school children, including such initiatives as the Lunch Box Derby, Geography Awareness, and taste-testing parties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Domokos-Bays oversees manager training, sanitation certification, and the Nutrition Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Domokos-Bays demonstrates outstanding supervisory abilities and a creative, enthusiastic approach to food and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Domokos-Bays is recognized as a committed and talented community leader and advocate for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Becky Domokos-Bays and applauds her achievement as recipient of the 2000 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mrs. Brickner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution of Commendation Honoring Becky Domokos-Bays, 2000 Support Employee of the Year. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING
JO DEE GRIERSON
2000 SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, support employees play a vital role in the mission of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS); and

WHEREAS, the Support Employee of the Year award was established to honor exceptional and exemplary work with FCPS by support employees; and

WHEREAS, Jo Dee Grierson was one of two outstanding support employees selected for the 2000 award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grierson, is an instructional assistant for sixth grade learning disabled students at Floris Elementary School, one of the first FCPS schools to promote an inclusion program to teach special education students in general education classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grierson has played a major role in the success of the inclusion program at Floris Elementary, demonstrating creativity, enthusiasm, and an outstanding ability to coordinate with the various teachers and specialists involved in her students' educational program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grierson has developed many effective teaching aids, including study guides for the sixth grade social studies text; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grierson has trained other faculty members in a special language and reading program designed for students who have difficulty reading; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Grierson employs her extraordinary human relations and problem-solving skills as a valued member of faculty committees and demonstrates a deep personal concern for each child in her classroom;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Jo Dee Grierson and applauds her achievement as recipient of the 2000 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution of Commendation Honoring Jo Dee Grierson, 2000 Support Employee of the Year. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mrs. Domokos-Bays and Mrs. Grierson made remarks. Mr. Frye congratulated all of the nominees and award winners and thanked everyone for coming and for their participation in the awards process.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.