

**MINUTES**  
**Fairfax County School Board**  
**Luther Jackson Middle School**

Special Meeting No. 7/**Student Awards**

June 4, 2001

**I. MEETING OPENING**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jane Strauss convened the Board in public session at 7:10 p.m., with the following members present:

Cathy A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 7:30)	Ernestine C. Heastie (Providence)
Christian N. Braunlich	Kaye Kory (Mason; dep. 8:00)
Mychele B. Brickner (At Large)	Gary A. Reese (Sully)
Isis Castro (Mt. Vernon)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Robert E. Frye (At Large)	Rita S. Thompson (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Student Representative Christopher Giovarelli; Division Superintendent Daniel A. Domenech; Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Sabo; Administrative Assistant Madge Artley; Assistant Superintendent of Facilities Thomas Brady; Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Nancy Sprague; Regional Superintendents Michael Glascoe and Don Sheldon; and Cluster Directors Ellen Schoetzau, Betsy Fenske, Betsy Goodman, Carma Norman, Joan Wilcox, John English, Mike Engley, and Calanthia Tucker.

**II. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

**A. Fairfax County School Board Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship (Exhibit A)**

Mrs. Strauss welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and then called on Mr. Reese for a motion.

Mr. Reese offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NAMING**  
**KATHLEEN MERKL**  
**THE 2001 LAURA ASHLEY PIPER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

*WHEREAS*, Kathleen Merkl has, throughout her years at Fairfax High School, remained consistently committed to excellence in academics, sports, and student leadership responsibilities as evidenced by her maintaining a high cumulative grade point average, participating in varsity tennis, basketball, and cross country teams, serving as National Honor Society president and secretary of the senior class, being chosen as a Virginia Girls' State delegate, and being chosen to attend the Virginia Governor's School in the Humanities; and

*WHEREAS*, her character is above reproach and she exhibits a strong sense of responsibility and a maturity beyond her years, always remaining sincere, honest, diligent, and driven to do her very best in every endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, her extraordinary athletic abilities have brought her membership on the varsity tennis, basketball, and cross country team teams, and she has earned the position of captain of both the tennis and basketball teams; and

**WHEREAS**, she has contributed greatly to her community and the world around her by serving as a clarinetist for her church choir, a Sunday School teacher, and a Head Start preschool class teacher at The Villa; and

**WHEREAS**, she has shown her great potential for continued academic success by maintaining a 3.97 grade point average; and by receiving membership in the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society; and

**WHEREAS**, through her consistently excellent achievements, her commitment to working hard and to completing all tasks well, her ability to balance a busy existence, and her potential for continued leadership and involvement throughout her life, she in every way personifies the characteristics and ideals to which Laura Ashley Piper adhered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County School Board awards the Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship to Kathleen Merkl in memory of Lt. Piper and in recognition of both women's drive, determination, and dedication to excellence.

Mr. Reese moved, and Mrs. Thompson seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Naming Kathleen Merkl the 2001 Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship Recipient. The motion passed **unanimously** with Mrs. Belter not present for the vote.

Mr. Reese invited Kathleen and her family to join the Board members for photographs.

**B. Academic and Athletic International, National, and State Awards (Exhibit B)**

Mrs. Strauss called on Mr. Gibson to recognize South Lakes High School senior Alan Webb and to present him with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mr. Gibson spoke briefly about Mr. Webb's many accomplishments in track and then invited Alan and his family to join the Board for photographs.

Assistant Superintendent for Facilities Thomas Brady then introduced members of the Leadership Team who would be reading brief descriptions about each award category. As the Leadership Team member read the description, Division Superintendent Daniel A. Domenech presented Certificates of Recognition to student award winners, and photographs were taken.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.