

**Minutes
Fairfax County School Board
Jackson Middle School**

Special Meeting No. 1/**Recognition of Principals**

December 12, 2001

I. MEETING OPENING

Chairman Jane Strauss convened the Board in public session at 7:07 p.m., with the following members present:

Cathy Belter (Springfield; dep. 7:21)	Kaye Kory (Mason)
Robert Frye (At Large)	Gary Reese (Sully)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)
Ernestine Heastie (Providence)	

Also present were Student Representative Matthew Wansley; Division Superintendent Daniel Domenech; Deputy Clerk of the School Board Linda S. Sabo; Leadership Team members; and certain other individuals.

II. RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPALS

A. Recognition of Principals of the Year Nominees

Mrs. Strauss gave welcoming remarks, introduced School Board members who were present, and thanked the Franklin Middle School string orchestra for their performance during the reception. She then introduced Superintendent Daniel Domenech.

Dr. Domenech recognized members of the Leadership Team who were present. He acknowledged those who nominated the evening's honorees, PTA officers and members, former Principals of the Year, the nominees' colleagues, families and friends, and members of the 2002 Principal of the Year Screening Committee. He then introduced James Rosebush, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc., for brief remarks.

Nancy Sprague, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, described the Principal of the Year Award process and gave an outline of the program for the evening. While cluster directors read profiles of the nominees and award winners, Board members and Dr. Domenech joined in presenting certificates to Principal of the Year nominees and plaques to the three Principal of the Year finalists and award winner.

B. Resolution Honoring the 2002 Principal of the Year

Mr. Reese offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
MICHELLE S. PEYSER**

WHEREAS, Michelle S. Peyser, principal of Franklin Middle School, is an outstanding, innovative leader and a role model for high standards of personal performance; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Peyser's vision and untiring effort to foster academic excellence include ongoing research into the teaching and learning process, cognitive development, curriculum mapping, and national trends in all aspects of education; and

WHEREAS, innovative enrichment and reinforcement instructional programs based on research and a thorough review of individual students' records are created and implemented by Dr. Peyser in collaboration with staff and parents; and

WHEREAS, these programs, offered during and after school hours as well as during the summer, have benefited the Franklin Middle School students and enabled them to achieve SOL test scores of 90 percent in all areas; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Peyser provides a safe, nurturing atmosphere for students and demonstrates extensive personal interest in each student, continually encouraging and rewarding their accomplishments; and,

WHEREAS, educators who have the opportunity to work with Dr. Peyser grow both professionally and personally in response to the high expectations she conveys and through observation of her leadership in action; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Peyser's willingness to share her extensive knowledge has had a positive influence at the local, state, national, and university levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County School Board honors Michelle S. Peyser as the 2002 Fairfax County Public Schools Principal of the Year.

Mr. Reese moved, and Mrs. Heastie seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution of Commendation for Michelle S. Peyser, 2002 Principal of the Year. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Peyser gave an acceptance speech. Mrs. Strauss 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 8:15 p.m.