

MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Luther Jackson Middle School

Special Meeting No. 6/**Support Employees of the Year**

May 15, 2002

1. MEETING OPENING

Call to Order

Chairman Stuart Gibson convened the Board in public session at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield)	Ernestine Heastie (Providence)
Christian Braunlich (Lee)	Kathy Smith (Sully)
Mychele B. Brickner (At Large)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Isis M. Castro (Mount Vernon)	Rita Thompson (At Large)
Robert E. Frye (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock; dep. 8:10)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	

Also present were Division Superintendent Daniel Domenech; Deputy Superintendent Alan Leis; Leadership Team members; Administrative Assistant Leigh Webster; and certain other individuals.

II. RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

A. Recognition of Support Employees of the Year Nominees

Mr. Gibson gave opening remarks and thanked the Kilmer Middle School Advanced Orchestra conducted by Marilyn Daggett for their performance during the reception. He then welcomed the evening's honorees and introduced Board Members and Division Superintendent Daniel Domenech.

Dr. Domenech recognized School Board and Leadership Team members who were present. He acknowledged principals and assistant principals, and those who nominated the evening's honorees, PTA officers, families, and friends of nominees and members of the screening committee. He then introduced James Rosebush, president of the Fairfax County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc., who made brief remarks.

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Nancy Sprague described the Support Employee of the Year award process and gave an outline of the program for the evening. Members of the Leadership Team read profiles of the nominees and award winners. Board members and Dr. Domenech joined in presenting certificates to Support Employees of the Year nominees, and plaques to the finalists and award winners.

B.. Resolution Honoring the 2002 FCPS Support Employees of the Year

Mrs. Strauss offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUDY DAVIDSON
2002 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 in FCPS by support employees; and

WHEREAS, Judy Davidson is one of three outstanding support employees selected for the 2002 award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson, an instructional assistant at Forest Edge Elementary School, has demonstrated commitment and leadership within the school and community in countless ways for the past 11 years; and

WHEREAS, she demonstrates leadership in math, continually seeking novel ways to teach math and language arts skills to a large number of ESOL students enrolled in the FastMath program and to other students through initiatives such as monthly Math Olympics competitions, the Math Club, and the Math Olympiads; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson, with creativity and dedication, created the Character Counts program that is emulated by other schools in the system for its steadfast approach to character education and designed teacher booklets for use in teaching the six pillars of character; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson continually looks for ways to work with colleagues to increase student learning and build meaningful bridges between the school and community, serving as a mentor in the building and providing sound advice and solid ideas and activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson is recognized as a committed and talented community leader and advocate for children, sponsoring activities for community agencies and tutoring children after school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Judy Davidson and applauds her achievement as recipient of the 2002 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Castro seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Judy Davidson 2002 Support Employee of the Year. The motion passed unanimously, with Mrs. Kory and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING IRVIN GREENE
2002 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, Irvin Greene is one of three outstanding support employees selected for the 2002 award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greene, a public health training assistant for the Work Awareness and Training program at South Lakes High School has the remarkable ability to capture students' attention; and

WHEREAS, he continually seeks novel ways to help students excel in all aspects of their lives--in the classroom, on the ball field, and in the community--and inspires students to do their best; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greene understands how to work with all students, treating each one as unique and special; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greene sponsors the class of 2005, serves as the assistant varsity boys' basketball coach, and serves as the South Lakes Youth Leadership sponsor liaison with the Arts and Education in Concert group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greene is recognized as a committed and talented community leader and advocate for children, volunteering for the Reston Teen Center, Reston Youth Basketball Clinics, Optimists, and Special Olympics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Irvin Greene and applauds his achievement as recipient of the 2002 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Thompson seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Irvin Greene 2002 Support Employee of the Year. The motion passed unanimously, with Mrs. Kory and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Braunlich offered the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL HORGAN
2002 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, Michael Horgan is one of three outstanding support employees selected for the 2002 award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horgan manages the engineering and logistics section of the Multimedia Service Center, Department of Information Technology, delivering exceptional, thorough responsiveness and initiative every day; and

WHEREAS, he manages master control for FCPS six-channel cable network, audio-video duplication, satellite-receive systems, and fiber link that distributes FCPS programming to schools throughout North America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horgan directs logistical support for major events, including the Leadership Conference, the Fairfax Fair, the Partners in Education and Mentorworks celebration, systemwide in-service activities, and special commemorative events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horgan manages the facilities of Chapel Square Center, the School Board room at Jackson Middle School, and the electronic classroom facility at Falls Church High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horgan is recognized for his attention to detail and his unique ability to pull together a multitude of details and deliver a quality project or service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Michael Horgan and applauds his achievement as recipient of the 2002 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mr. Braunlich moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution Honoring Irvin Greene 2002 Support Employee of the Year. The motion **passed unanimously**, with Mrs. Kory and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Ms. Davidson, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Horgan gave acceptance speeches, and Mr. Gibson thanked everyone for coming and for their participation in the awards process.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.