

MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Jackson Middle School

Special Meeting #7/**Support Employees of the Year**

May 14, 2003

I. MEETING OPENING

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

Catherine Belter (Springfield)	Kaye Kory (Mason)
Mychele Brickner (At Large; arr. 7:15)	Kathy Smith (Sully)
Isis Castro (Mount Vernon)	Jane Strauss (Dranesville)
Robert Frye (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)
Ernestine Heastie (Providence)	

Also present were Division Superintendent Daniel Domenech, Chief Academic Officer Nancy Sprague; Chief Operating Office Thomas Brady; Leadership Team members; Deputy Clerk of the School Board Linda Sabo; and certain other individuals.

II. RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Castro gave opening remarks and then welcomed the evening's honorees and introduced Board members and Division Superintendent Daniel Domenech.

Dr. Domenech recognized members of the Leadership Team who were present. He acknowledged principals, office directors, those who nominated the evening's honorees, PTA officers, families, friends, and colleagues, members of the screening committee, former support employees of the year, and former SSEAC award winners. He then introduced Mike Markels, of the Fairfax County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc., who made brief remarks.

A. Recognition of Support Employee of the Year Nominees

Acting Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Marty Abbott described the Support Employee of the Year award process and gave an outline of the program for the evening. While members of the Leadership Team read profiles of the nominees and award winners, Board members and Dr. Domenech joined in presenting a plaque to the SSEAC Award winner, certificates to Support Employee of the Year nominees, and plaques to the finalists and award winners.

B. Resolutions Honoring the 2003 FCPS Support Employees of the Year

Mrs. Kory offered the following resolution:

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**RESOLUTION
HONORING
REGINA BURKE**

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, Regina Burke is one of two outstanding support employees selected for the 2003 award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Regina Burke, a business operations supervisor, Department of Human Resources, provides a unique and exceptional contribution to her organization, peers, and customers; and

WHEREAS, she is a bridge builder who creates productive working relationships among her peers and is literally the “heart and soul” of the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burke provides supervision, training, and support to staffing specialists, helping the office achieve outstanding quality and consistency of service to all schools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burke leads by example, committed to the organization and helping other employees who look to her as a role model; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burke is recognized as a committed and talented community leader and advocate for children, raising funds for the FCPS Employee Emergency Fund and cancer research, serving as a fifth grade Sunday school teacher, and instilling in her students the very positive principles that have guided her life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Regina Burke and applauds her achievement as recipient of the 2003 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mrs. Kory moved, and Mr. Frye seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution of Commendation for Regina Burke, 2003 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wilson offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
HONORING
CYNTHIA CLYBURN**

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, Cynthia Clyburn is one of two outstanding support employees selected for the 2003 award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clyburn, an instructional assistant at Little Run Elementary School, has set high goals for students and champions them to success; and

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WHEREAS, she continually seeks innovative ways to help special needs students excel in all aspects of their lives, in the classroom and in the community, inspiring students to do their best; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clyburn is committed to education to meet the needs of the students, mentoring students who need extra assistance for both academic achievement and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clyburn understands how to work with different types of students with various needs, creating picture symbols using assistive technology to help students with communication delays or students who need visual strategies to facilitate their learning, creating pictures for the ESOL program that help teachers with students who have minimal amounts of English language proficiency, and sharing technology with the school staff to solidify collaborative ties between general and special education programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clyburn is recognized as a committed and talented community leader and advocate for children, serving as transportation coordinator for students with special needs, creating an outreach program to aid sick and ailing staff members and their families, mentoring students at-risk for school failures, planning appreciation luncheons, collaborating with her minister to develop programs for youths and adults with special needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia, honors Cynthia Clyburn and applauds her achievement as recipient of the 2003 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year Award.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Heastie seconded, that the Board adopt the Resolution of Commendation for Cynthia Clyburn, 2003 Fairfax County Public Schools Support Employee of the Year. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Burke and Ms. Clyburn gave acceptance speeches, and Mrs. Castro thanked everyone for coming and for their participation in the awards process.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.