

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 22

June 24, 2004

#### I. CLOSED MEETING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0011

Chairman Kathy Smith convened the Board in public session at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that the Board go into closed session to: 1) discuss the employment and performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); 2) discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); 3) protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(4); and 4) consult with legal counsel regarding personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion passed 9-0, with Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye".

#### II. MEETING OPENING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0041

##### A. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 6:39)  
Brad Center (Lee)  
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)  
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)  
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 7:30)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)  
Janet S. Oleszek (At Large)  
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)  
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)  
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)

Also present were Student Representative Andrew Ramish; Interim Division Superintendent Brad Draeger; Acting Chief Academic Officer Laura Thomas; Chief Operating Officer Thomas Brady; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk of the Board Norma J. Bailey; and certain other members of staff.

##### B. **Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on June 24, 2004, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia required a certification by the School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, the Fairfax

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County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, 1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion **passed 10-0-1**; with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; with Mrs. Kory abstaining; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

### **C. Announcements of Changes in the Agenda**

Chairman Smith announced that Page 16 of Agenda Item No. IV.A.1, Minutes, had been corrected; and that Agenda Item No. IV.C.3., Appointment of School Board Advisory Committees, had been updated.

### **D. Other Announcements**

Chairman Smith announced that the Board was examining the admission procedures for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST); that staff recommendations would be posted on the FCPS web site on July 2, the information would be presented as new business at the July 8 Board meeting, a work session would be held at the Burkholder Administrative Center (BAC) on July 12, a public hearing would be held at Luther Jackson Middle School on July 21, and another work session would be held on September 1 at BAC, with the issue presented for action at the September 9 School Board meeting; that the speakers' list for the July 21 public hearing would open on June 30, and updates and revisions to the schedule would be posted on the FCPS web site; and that written comments from the community could be submitted at any time.

Chairman Smith announced that Mrs. Wilson was not feeling well and would not be attending the meeting.

### **E. Administration of the Oath of Office to Dr. Jack D. Dale as Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools (Exhibit B)**

Circuit Court Judge Gaylord Finch administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Jack D. Dale, and they were joined by Mrs. Dale and Board members for photographs. Dr. Dale said he was looking forward to working in FCPS.

### **F. Recognition of Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship Winner and Student Athletic Awards (Exhibit C)**

Mrs. Belter offered the following resolution:

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### RESOLUTION NAMING THUY-VAN (TINA) HO THE 2004 LAURA ASHLEY PIPER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

**WHEREAS**, Thuy-Van (Tina) Ho has, throughout her years at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), remained consistently committed to excellence in academics, sports, and student leadership responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, her inner strengths are borne out by her determination, strong work ethic, and ability to lead by example, which have earned her the admiration of her peers and teachers; and she demonstrates qualities of initiative and trustworthiness on a daily basis, always ready with a helping hand, both in her responsibilities and beyond them; and

**WHEREAS**, her extraordinary athletic talents have brought her membership on the TJHSST field hockey team, as well as the distinctions of team captain, six varsity letters in field hockey and spring track and field, and the following field hockey honors: All State Honors Second Team, All-Metropolitan Area Honors (*Washington Post*) Second Team, All Northern Virginia *Journal* Team, All Region Honors First Team, All District Honors First Team, and Team Overall Most Valuable Player; and

**WHEREAS**, she has contributed greatly to her community and the world around her by volunteering as a tutor at Belvedere Elementary School for four years, by working as a tutor in Honors and AP Biology and Honors and AP Chemistry, by working as president of the Keyettes Club for community outreach, by serving as a counselor at Oakton High School Field Hockey Camp, and by serving as a Big Sibs program participant; and

**WHEREAS**, she has shown her great potential for continued academic success by maintaining a 4.145 grade point average, by receiving membership in the National Honor Society and serving as treasurer, by becoming a National Merit Finalist, and by earning numerous awards including the AP Scholar With Distinction Award, second in the Regional French Modern Language Tournament Poetry and Prose Category, Coca-Cola Scholars program semifinalist, Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student contest district finalist, College of William and Mary Scholars program finalist, and University of Virginia finalist for school nominee for Jefferson Scholarship; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County School Board awards the 2004 Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship to Thuy-Van (Tina) Ho in memory of Lt. Piper and in recognition of the drive, determination, and dedication to excellence of both.

Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the 2004 Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship recipient. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

### Student Athletic Awards

Chief Operating Officer Tom Brady recognized the Woodson High School Girls Soccer and Lacrosse Teams, the Westfield High School Boys Track Team, the Oakton Boys Lacrosse Team,

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and the West Springfield Boys Soccer Team for winning state championships; Dr. Draeger presented certificates to the coaches and players in attendance; and photographs were taken.

**G. Resolution Honoring Andrew Ramish (Exhibit D)**

Mrs. Kory offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING  
ANDREW R. RAMISH**

*WHEREAS*, Andrew Ramish, a graduating senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), has served with dedication as the 33<sup>rd</sup> student representative to the Fairfax County School Board for the 2003-2004 school year; and

*WHEREAS*, throughout his academic career at TJHSST, he has served as a superior role model for his peers and all young people of Fairfax County as evidenced by his service as an Eagle Scout, a member of the Model United Nations Club, member of the Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Council and SGA policy coordinator, vice president of St. Mark's Church Catholic Life Community, a volunteer tutor at an elementary school, a volunteer summer camp counselor, and a volunteer helping elderly residents at Sunrise Assisted Living; and

*WHEREAS*, he has been a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society and the Toastmasters Club; he has been a participant in the Prudential Youth Leadership Institute and lettered in varsity track; and

*WHEREAS*, he has been recognized for a Congressional Award, named a winner of the National French Contest, earned several Best Delegate awards in the Model United Nations Club, and won first place for team projects at the TJHSST 2002 and 2003 science fairs, and

*WHEREAS*, during his tenure as student representative to the School board, Andrew has worked in cooperation with the School Board; attended meetings, work sessions, and special functions; and contributed to discussions and made valuable observations on issues before the Board. He has been an advocate for the students of Fairfax County Public Schools, working with pride and dedication to effectively contribute to all discussions and expressing a positive outlook for future students; and he has met all of his responsibilities and fulfilled all of his duties with intelligence, respect, and responsibility.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Fairfax County School Board acknowledges the exceptional service of Andrew Ramish from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, expresses its sincere appreciation for all of his accomplishments, and wishes him the very best of luck and continued success in the bright future that lies ahead.

Mrs. Kory moved, and the balance of the Board in attendance unanimously seconded, to adopt the Resolution Honoring Andrew Ramish. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Ramish accepted the resolution and a plaque and was joined by members of his family for photographs with Board members.

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**H. Resolution Recognizing Judith Singleton (Exhibit D)**

Mrs. Belter offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING  
JUDITH A. SINGLETON**

*WHEREAS*, Judith A. Singleton has served Fairfax County Public Schools with dedication and distinction from August 1974 until her retirement in July 2004, making her first contributions as a learning disabilities teacher, a special projects teacher, a placement specialist, and a due process coordinator, then serving for two years as government relations specialist before being promoted to director of government relations; and

*WHEREAS*, the Fairfax County School Board has relied upon her keen insight, sound judgment, outstanding communication skills, and innate sense of diplomacy to support, serve, and counsel decision-makers at all levels of government and education for over 13 years; and

*WHEREAS*, Judy's talents for grasping the elusive threads of complex concepts, for clarifying sensitive issues, and for clearly articulating the bottom line—all with uncompromising integrity—have set her apart from others in her field, earning her the trust and deep respect of School Board members and her colleagues in Fairfax County, as well as members of the state legislature, the Virginia Board of Education, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia School Boards Association, and the boards and administrators of school divisions across the state; and

*WHEREAS*, through her diligent efforts, she has helped to shape and reshape education in both Fairfax County and Virginia by focusing elected officials on the results, never letting them forget for one minute that their actions mold the future by touching real children in real classrooms every day; and

*WHEREAS*, if others are known as “friends of education,” then Judy's legislative vigilance has certainly earned her the moniker “guardian of education”;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Fairfax County School Board extends its highest commendation and deepest appreciation to Judith A. Singleton for always being where the rubber hits the road—literally—and for her extraordinary service to Fairfax County Public Schools and to the students and citizens of this community and state

Mrs. Belter moved, and the balance of the Board in attendance unanimously seconded, to adopt the Resolution Recognizing Judith Singleton. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

**I. Recognition of Laura P. Thomas, Acting Chief Academic Officer (Exhibit D)**

Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution:

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### RESOLUTION HONORING LAURA THOMAS

**WHEREAS**, Laura Thomas served Fairfax County Public Schools with dedication and distinction as acting assistant superintendent for student services and special education, principal at Lake Braddock Secondary School and Oakton High School, assistant principal at Madison High School, and teacher at South Lakes and West Springfield High Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, she was enticed out of retirement for the second time to serve as acting chief academic officer for Interim Superintendent Brad Draeger, with whom she had previously worked at Oakton High School when she hired him for his first administrative position as assistant principal; and

**WHEREAS**, she quickly and quietly assumed this new role, as she had all others, by building trust and relationships with staff and community members, by establishing herself as a leader among leaders, by demonstrating a tremendous sense of responsibility and personal integrity, and by stressing her unwavering passion and belief that all students can succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, her quiet strength was evident as she began the task of coordinating with clusters and departments, supervising the formation of a blue ribbon commission to study admissions at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and helping forge the school's new admissions policy, overseeing progress of a new program for students with autism, and managing the day-to-day operations of the 12<sup>th</sup> largest school system in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in all endeavors she demonstrated an uncanny ability to quickly assess and articulate what was really important and brought honesty, courage, perspective, and an emphasis on the bottom line to all discussions and decisions, and after recognizing her tremendous and unselfish efforts for Fairfax County Public Schools and its students, we reluctantly say goodbye as she returns to the family she adores and resumes her life of retirement which she has earned;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County School Board extends its deepest appreciation and highest commendation to Laura Thomas for her exemplary leadership and for her friendship to the School Board, to FCPS staff members and students, and to the citizens of this community. We will miss you, and we wish you and your family Godspeed.

Mr. Gibson moved, and the balance of the Board in attendance seconded, to adopt the Resolution Recognizing Laura Thomas. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mrs. Thomas accepted the resolution and a gift, and was joined by her husband Carroll, for photographs with the Board members.

Board members thanked Mrs. Thomas for her exemplary service to FCPS on behalf of the students; and Mrs. Thomas thanked her husband for his patience, her colleagues for their support, and the Board for having given her the opportunity to once again serve the students of Fairfax County.

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**J. Recognition of Brad Draeger, Interim Superintendent (Exhibit D)**

Mrs. Smith offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING  
BRAD DRAEGER**

*WHEREAS*, Brad Draeger was appointed Interim Superintendent on March 6, 2004, and, since that day, he has provided exemplary leadership and a steady, calming influence during a very challenging time of transition for this school system; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Draeger successfully guided Fairfax County Public Schools through an unprecedented budget year, developing recommendations for a contingency plan when the General Assembly failed to pass a budget, and ultimately advocating for program initiatives that would directly affect student achievement, including expansion of full-day kindergarten and reduced class size; and

*WHEREAS*, he demonstrated broad knowledge and an unwavering sense of fairness in working with parents, staff members, and citizen groups in finding creative solutions to difficult issues such as developing an enhanced program for students with autism, establishing a process for recommending changes in the admissions procedures for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and implementing a new elementary school staffing formula; and

*WHEREAS*, he showed patience, diligence, and endurance in working with the School Board through 14 hours of work sessions to develop and adopt ten new divisionwide strategic targets that are now aligned with the No Child Left Behind law, and successfully implemented a plan to align resources and budget allocations to those targets; and

*WHEREAS*, he set high expectations of performance for his staff and for himself, spoke honestly and from the heart, balanced the serious with a keen sense of humor, found ways to celebrate the success of others, and maintained a principled and positive approach to his responsibilities as Interim Superintendent, showing personal integrity, extensive knowledge, and keen insight that earned the respect and admiration of all who worked with him;

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Fairfax County School Board extends its deepest appreciation and highest commendation to Brad Draeger for exemplifying the courageous and inspirational leadership that kept this school system moving forward and for always keeping the focus on the best interests of our students and staff.

Mrs. Smith moved, and the balance of the Board in attendance seconded, to adopt the Resolution Recognizing Brad Draeger. The motion passed 11-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

Dr. Draeger accepted the resolution and a plaque, and was joined by members of his family for photographs with Board members and Leadership Team members.

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Board members thanked Dr. Draeger for his exemplary service to FCPS, and Dr. Draeger thanked his family and colleagues for their support, and the Board for having given him the opportunity to serve the school division as Interim Superintendent.

### III. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0123

#### A. **Spotlight on Learning – Volunteer Programs – Office of Adult and Community Education** (Exhibit E)

Dr. Draeger introduced Program Specialist Lorraine Walker and Specialist Jennifer Rhodes. Ms. Walker said that volunteers from the Office of Adult and Community Education contributed over 22,000 hours of service; and a video was viewed. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Smith thanked the participants for the presentation.

#### B. **Citizen Participation** (Exhibit F)

No speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0187

#### A. **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

1. **Minutes** – Approve minutes of June 10, 2004, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit G)
2. **Monthly Report of Separations** – Confirm separations for the period beginning May 1, 2004, and ending May 31, 2004 (HR; Exhibit H)
3. **Appointment to the ERFC Board of Trustees** – Approve the appointment of Nitin M. Chittal as the individual trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (*ERFC*) for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2004 (ERFC; Exhibit I)
4. **Reappointments to the ERFC Board of Trustees** – Reappoint Brad Draeger, Deirdra McLaughlin, and Tom Bowen to the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (*ERFC*) Board of Trustees for a one-year term (ERFC; Exhibit J)
5. **Amendment to ERFC** – Approve proposed Amendment Number 9, to *ERFC* and *ERFC 2001*, as detailed in the agenda item (ERFC; Exhibit K)
6. **Use Agreement** – Authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the interim use agreement with the Fairfax County Park Authority to use school property for park purposes (FTS; Exhibit L)
7. **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for renovation of Wolfrap Elementary School to Meridian Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$7,490,000, and

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- authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit M)
8. **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for fire alarm replacement at Fox Mill, Hybla Valley, and Washington Mill Elementary Schools to Ennis Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$217,990; and for sound system replacement at Newington Forest and Mount Vernon Woods Elementary Schools to Corbett Technology Solutions, Inc., (CTSI) in the amount of \$159,200; and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit N)
  9. **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for fire alarm replacement at Marshall High School to Corbett Technology Solutions, Inc., (CTSI), in the amount of \$291,000; and for sound system replacement at Falls Church High School and Jackson Middle School to Life Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$355,000; and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit O)

Chairman Smith stated that, without objection, the nine items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

### B. Approval of Other Action Items

There were no other action items before the Board.

### C. Other Matters Requiring Board Action

#### 1. Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for discharging a weapon on school property. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; with Mrs. Kory abstaining, and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for improper touching of another student. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; with Mrs. Kory abstaining, and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for involvement in an assault on another student. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs.

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Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; with Mrs. Kory abstaining, and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; with Mrs. Kory abstaining, and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel two students for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for involvement in an assault on another student. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for threatening a staff member. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk’s Note: Although Mrs. Wilson was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk’s Note: Although Mrs. Wilson was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession, distribution, and being under the influence of illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk’s Note: Although Mrs. Wilson was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Gibson, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Gibson, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for theft of school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Gibson, Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for involvement in an assault on another student. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Gibson, Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for starting a fire in a school restroom. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254(B)(1). The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; with Mrs. Kory abstaining, and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, to authorize the Chairman of the School Board to execute, on behalf of the Board, contracts for the Leadership Tem members, as discussed in closed session. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

2. **Superintendent’s Designee** – Appoint Brad Draeger to serve as the Superintendent’s designee to attend any meeting of the School Board that the Superintendent cannot attend and to execute the official documents relating to state, federal, and impact aid requiring the Superintendent’s signature, effective July 1, 2004 (SB; Exhibit P)

Mrs. Kory moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to appoint Brad Draeger to serve as the Superintendent’s designee to attend any meeting of the School Board that the Superintendent cannot attend and to execute official documents relating to state, federal, and impact aid requiring the Superintendent’s signature, effective July 1, 2004. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

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3. **Appointment of School Board Advisory Committees** – Appoint individuals to serve for two-year terms ending June 30, 2006, on the Adult Education, Gifted and Talented, Human Relations, Minority Student Achievement Oversight, Professional Technical Studies, School Health, and Students With Disabilities Advisory Committees, as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit Q)

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to appoint individuals to serve for a two-year term ending June 30, 2006, on the Adult Education, Gifted and Talented, Human Relations, Minority Student Achievement Oversight, Professional Technical Studies, School Health, and Students with Disabilities Advisory Committees, as listed in the agenda item.

Mrs. Strauss requested the following reappointments be added: Beth Reisig to the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee, Page Shelp to the Adult Education Advisory Committee, Bernadette Saperstein to the Human Relations Advisory Committee, Barbara Boardman to the School Health Advisory Committee, and Judy Howard to the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee.

Mrs. Oleszek appointed Victoria Stewart to the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee.

The motion, as amended, passed 11-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

4. **Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on a committee as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit R)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that the School Board appoint an individual to serve on a committee as listed in the agenda item. The motion passed 11-0, Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0705

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to waive the reading of the new business items.

Mr. Gibson said that members of the community might not be aware of what the Board would discuss at its next regular business meeting, and that the items should be read as a public service.

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The motion to waive the reading of the new business items **failed 5-5**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Oleszek, and Mr. Storek voting “aye”; with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner voting “nay”; with Mrs. Strauss away from the table; and with Mrs. Wilson absent.

- A. Strategic Target 10** – Recommendation to adopt the 2004-2006 Divisionwide Strategic Target 10 as part of the 2004-2006 Divisionwide Strategic Targets, as reviewed and discussed by the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee (EA; Exhibit S)

There was no discussion of this item.

- B. Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contract for renovation of Greenbriar West Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit T)

There was no discussion of this item.

- C. Telecommunications Lease** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at Hayfield Secondary School (FTS; Exhibit U)

There was no discussion of this item.

- D. Telecommunications Lease** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at Oakton High School (FTS; Exhibit V)

There was no discussion of this item.

- E. Telecommunications Lease** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at McLean High School (FTS; Exhibit W)

There was no discussion of this item.

- F. Telecommunications Lease** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at Edison High School (FTS; Exhibit X)

There was no discussion of this item.

- G. Telecommunications Lease** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at Annandale High School (FTS; Exhibit Y)

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There was no discussion of this item.

- H. Telecommunications Lease** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at the Woodson grounds compound (FTS; Exhibit Z)

There was no discussion of this item.

### VI. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0833

#### A. Reports

There were no reports presented.

#### B. Referrals/Requests

##### Requests:

That staff develop an integrated approach to youth programming to optimize joint resources of FCPS and the county government (Niedzielski-Eichner).

That staff provide information on the internal controls in place to prevent fraud and embezzlement (Niedzielski-Eichner). *[Response from Dr. Draeger: KPMG conducted financial audits of the school division, and Farmer and Cox Associates conducted school activity fund audits; that Gibson Consulting and MGT had comprehensively evaluated FCPS business management practices during the past six years; and that further information would be provided.]*

Discussion continued as follows: the question whether Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner would consider including an evaluation of the ramifications of developing an Inspector General that would conduct systemic inspections across departments, conduct financial audits, and examine issues surrounding waste and fraud (Center); the response that he was primarily interested in a review of the controls currently in place (Niedzielski-Eichner); and that he would make a referral subsequently if there was continued interest (Center).

That staff evaluate whether the laws and constitution of the Commonwealth enabled an appropriating body, such as the Board of Supervisors, to establish a reserve to fund buses and technology (computers) for the school system, and to direct what was deposited in and withdrawn from such a reserve (Gibson).

##### Referrals:

**Human Resources** – Provide a report on the number of ethnic minority groups represented in the FCPS administration and on recruitment efforts to increase minority

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representation (Moon); include guidance counselors and directors of student activities in the analysis (Kory).

### **VII. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0945

Dr. Draeger congratulated the Office of Community Relations on having been one of eleven winners of the Gold Medallion Award from the National School Public Relations Association. Dr. Draeger extended his thanks to Chief of Staff Mary Ann Knox and her "consultant," Bill Knox, for their support during his term as Interim Superintendent. Dr. Draeger thanked the staff members and parents who organized and planned all-night graduation parties to help students celebrate safely.

### **VIII. BOARD MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1235

#### Andrew Ramish, Student Representative

*Comments:* The Board should maintain an atmosphere of open debate for all discussions, and include community input whenever possible. The student representative to the School Board should serve to remind Board members of their responsibility; and he had been honored to have had a part in the operation of FCPS for the past year.

#### Brad Center, Lee District

*Commendations:* To the individuals who had taken the time to comment on the report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on TJHSST. To Hayfield Secondary School, Lee, Edison, and West Potomac High Schools, and Bryant Adult Alternative High School for having invited Board members to participate in graduation ceremonies, and to the graduates of 2004. To the staff members at Key Center for having given him a tour of the facility.

#### Stephen Hunt, At Large

*Commendation:* To Mrs. Oleszek for attending 19 graduation ceremonies.

#### Catherine Belter, Springfield District

*Commendations:* To the graduates of 2004 at the eight ceremonies she had attended. To the new principals who would soon be assuming leadership of their schools. To the Cluster VI Office for sponsoring a breakfast meeting that morning.

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### Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District

*Comments:* Looked forward to working with Dr. Dale; and that while Frederick County was only one-fourth the size of Fairfax County, his predecessor had come to FCPS with less experience, and from a school system that was smaller than Frederick County.

### Ilyong Moon, At Large

*Commendation:* To Mr. Ramish for his service to the Board, and on his future accomplishments at Yale University.

### Jane Strauss, Dranesville District

*Commendations:* To Mr. Ramish for his service to the Board. To Dr. Dale on his appointment.

### Janet Oleszek, At Large

*Commendations:* To the graduating class of 2004. To Mrs. Strauss's husband, Bill, for his work on the Cappie Awards.

### Daniel Storck, Mount Vernon District

*Commendations:* To the graduating class of 2004, and to the Saudi Academy for having invited him to participate in its graduation ceremony.

### Stuart Gibson, Hunter Mill District

*Commendations:* To Mr. Ramish for his service to the students of FCPS, and on his future accomplishments at Yale University.

### Kaye Kory, Mason District

*Commendations:* To Mr. Ramish for his service to the Board. To the graduating class of 2004.

### Kathy Smith, Sully District

*Commendations:* To the Westfield High School Boys and Girls Track Teams for winning the state titles. To Mr. Ramish for his efforts on behalf of the students of FCPS.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-2148

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.