

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 7

November 4, 2004

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0006

- 1.01** Vice Chairman Kaye Kory convened the Board in public session at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Center seconded, that the Board go into closed session: 1) to discuss the assignment, performance, and salaries of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); and 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2). The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye".

#### 2. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0034

##### **2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem— Belvedere Elementary School Chorus**

Vice Chairman Kory convened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee)	Janet S. Oleszek (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	

Also present were student representative to the Board Ian Hurdle; Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Chief Academic Officer Brad Draeger; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Sabo; and certain other members of staff.

Mrs. Kory thanked the members of the Belvedere Elementary School Chorus, under the direction of Cindy Adkins, for their performance of the National Anthem.

##### **2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

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Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on November 4, 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 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 11-0**; with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

### **2.03 Announcements**

Mrs. Kory announced that Mrs. Smith was out of town. Mrs. Kory announced that FCPS would celebrate American Education Week November 16-22, and National Adoption Awareness Month during November. Mr. Center said that he was an adoptive parent, and he thanked the School Board, Leadership Team, County Council of PTAs, and community members for helping to focus awareness on National Adoption Awareness Month.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Strauss expressed its condolences to the family of community activist Sharifa Alkhateeb.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0383

#### **3.01 Spotlight on Learning – World War II Tribute – Rocky Run Middle School— (Exhibit B)**

Dr. Dale introduced Rocky Run Middle School Principal Dan Parris, and teachers Jamie Sawatsky and Donna Garrity. Mr. Sawatsky said that more than 30 World War II veterans had participated in Oral History Day at Rocky Run Middle School, bringing history alive for the students; and a video was viewed.

Mrs. Kory announced that, at its regular meeting on November 16, the Board would present honorary diplomas to several veterans who had not had an opportunity to complete high school because they were serving their country.

#### **3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)**

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Five speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Maria Allen addressed International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program; Lynn Terhar addressed adoption; Mark Glaser addressed teacher salaries; and Karl Polzer and Diana Barbera addressed cell tower contracts.

#### 4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1376

- 4.01. Minutes** – Approve minutes of October 21, 2004, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit D)

Vice Chairman Kory stated that, without objection, the one item 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, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

#### 5. **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1400

- 5.01 Superintendent’s Designee** – Authorize Dean Tistadt, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Transportation Services, to execute official documents relating to state, federal, and impact aid requiring the Superintendent’s signature, effective November 1, 2004 (SB; Exhibit E)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to authorize Dean Tistadt, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Transportation Services, to execute official documents relating to state, federal, and impact aid requiring the Superintendent’s signature, effective November 1, 2004. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mr. Hunt not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

- 5.02 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit F)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the School Board appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mr. Hunt not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

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### 5.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Hunt, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Kory 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. Hunt, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for constant and chronic noncompliance with school rules. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to appoint Ann G. Monday as Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, effective October 17, 2004, at an annual salary of \$143,369, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting these actions. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to set the annual salary for Dean Tistadt, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, at \$152,145, effective November 1, 2004, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting these services. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, that the School Board go into closed meeting on Monday, November 8, at approximately 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 10, at approximately 4 p.m., at the Burkholder Administrative Center, to discuss and consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, and the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3). The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to go into closed meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at approximately 4 p.m. at the Burkholder Administrative Center, for the following purposes: 1) to consult with legal counsel regarding legal issues pertaining to student disciplinary matters before the School Board which require the provision of advice by such counsel pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia; 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students that would involve the disclosure of information contained in

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a scholastic record pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; and 3) to discuss and consider the performance of specific public employees pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

- 5.04 Pending Action Item** (Action 12/2/04) – 2005 Legislative Program – Approve the 2005 Legislative Program as reviewed and discussed at the Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues work session (S; Exhibit G )

Discussion included the following: that the Board had discussed advocating a number of positions jointly with the Board of Supervisors (BOS); that Director of the Office of Government Relations Michael Molloy had communicated that the BOS had suggested that additional language be included in the position on After-School Programs for at-risk youth and anti-gang activities; that the addition would be provided to the Board as soon as possible (Gibson); that a Board of Education meeting would be held on November 10 to discuss the status of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act in Virginia; that any interested individuals could participate in the meeting, that would convene in Richmond in House Room C at 2 p.m. (Oleszek); that the package would enable the Board to advocate for proposed changes and the hearing would address whether Virginia should continue to be included in NCLB, and possible amendments to NCLB to acknowledge the role of state boards of education; that although 90 percent of FCPS schools were fully accredited under state standards, two schools that received Title 1 funds were required to offer the transfer option; that the State Board of Education would be making changes to the Standards of Accreditation on November 16 (Gibson).

- 5.05 Pending Action Item** (Action 12/2/04) – Science Textbook Adoption – Adopt textbooks and basal instructional materials for high school science courses in the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science (IS; Exhibit H)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.06 Pending Action Item** (Action 12/2/04) – Social Studies Textbook Adoption – Adopt social studies textbooks for World Cultures (grade 5), United States History to 1877 (grade 6), and United States History from 1877 to the Present (grade 7), and for the core social studies courses at the high school level: World History and Geography I and II (grades 9 and 10), United States History (grade 11) and Virginia/United States Government (grade 12) (IS; Exhibit I)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6. NEW BUSINESS**  
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1870

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- 6.01 High School Course Offerings** – Recommendation to approve changes to the list of high school course offering for the 2005-2006 school year, as recommended by the High School Course Review Committee and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contract for a classroom modular building at Canterbury Woods 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 K)

There was no discussion of this item.

### 7. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1915

#### 7.01 **Committee Reports**

##### **Instruction, Special Services, and Youth Development, November 4; Cathy Belter, Chairman**

Annual Report of Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee; discussion of International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner asked whether staff members had compiled any data yet on radiation emissions from monopoles; Mr. Tistadt replied that a preliminary study had been conducted at one school; and the RF density levels recorded were well below all established standards; that staff members were increasingly confident that there were no health or safety risks associated with monopoles, and would continue to collect data at all schools where monopoles were situated; and that the information would be available on the FCPS web site.

### 8. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2040

- 8.01** Dr. Dale congratulated Liberty Middle School Principal Audra Sydnor on her selection as FCPS Principal of the Year for 2005, and recipient of the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award; and he congratulated FCPS Teacher of the Year Joseph Hills on his selection as Virginia Teacher of the Year. Dr. Dale expressed his thanks to the members of the FCPS leadership team, principals, teachers, and students for their efforts to ensure that

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95 percent of Fairfax County schools were fully accredited by the State Board of Education.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2137

**9.01** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.