

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Burkholder Administrative Center

Work Session No. 34/**Legislation, Policy & Future Issues**

February 14, 2005

34.01 CLOSED MEETING

[Clerk's note: The following motion was made at the February 10, 2005, regular meeting: Mrs. Strauss moved, Mr. Center seconded, that the Board go into closed session on Monday, February 14, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at the Burkholder Administrative Center 1) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); 2) to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(4); and 3) consult with legal counsel regarding employment issues and telecommunications law pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion passed **unanimously**.]

MEETING OPENING

34.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Legislation, Policy & Future Issues Committee Chairman Stuart Gibson convened the Board in public session at 12:32 p.m. with the following members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield; arr. 11:07 a.m.)

Brad Center (Lee; arr. 11:15 a.m.)

Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)

Stephen Hunt (At Large)

Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 11:09 a.m.; dep. 12:30 p.m.)

Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)

Janet Oleszek (At Large)

Kathy Smith (Sully)

Daniel Storck (Mt. Vernon; absent)

Jane Strauss (Dranesville)

Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk Linda Sabo; Management Technician Diane Sullivan; Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Alice Farling; Director Office of Student Services Eleanor Barnes; West Springfield High School Principal David Smith; South County Secondary School site Principal Dale Rumberger; eLearning/On-Line Campus Coordinator Mike Kowalski; and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the School Board Ian Hurdle was absent.

34.03 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance and Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on February 14, 2005, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia required a certification by the School Board that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, the Fairfax County School Board hereby certified 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 closed meeting, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion **passed 9-0**, with Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter and Mrs. Kory not present for the vote; and with Mr. Storck absent.

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Mrs. Strauss moved and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault. The motion **passed 8-0-1**, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Center abstaining; with Mrs. Belter and Mrs. Kory not present for the vote; and with Mr. Storck absent.

Mrs. Smith moved and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed 8-0-1**, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Center abstaining; with Mrs. Belter and Mrs. Kory not present for the vote; and with Mr. Storck absent.

Mr. Gibson moved and Mrs. Smith 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 8-0-1**, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Center abstaining; with Mrs. Belter and Mrs. Kory not present for the vote; and with Mr. Storck absent.

DISCUSSION

34.04 Home Schooling (Exhibit A)

- Question on the practice and experience of other school systems; response that Prince William County would allow home schooled and privately enrolled students on a space available basis; Loudoun County had started to offer options for home schooled students;
- request for staff to obtain information on how many part-time students could become full-time students;
- question on procedure for enrolling a home schooled student in a regular FCPS class; response that staff would draft a policy referencing guidelines;
- question on what class level a home schooled student would be placed; response that the determination would be made centrally;
- comment that FCPS received a \$250 reimbursement per student, per class from the state;
- question on whether home schooled students who were taking FCPS classes were required to adhere to SR&R and disciplinary procedures; affirmative response;
- request for information on scheduling and transportation problems encountered in Chesterfield County; and
- consensus to start a two-year pilot for home schooled students to take a maximum of two courses with implementation in the fall 2005.

34.05 Policy 4920, Workforce Diversity Commitment (Exhibit B)

- Consensus to adopt language as proposed by staff; and
- policy to be added to regular meeting agenda for School Board approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.