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Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 48/Forum on Board Topics

April 28, 2005

MEETING OPENING

48.01 Call to Order

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 6:30 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; arr. 6:40)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully; ABSENT)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Director of Facilities Planning Gary Chevalier; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the Board Ian Hurdle was absent.

DISCUSSION

48.02 Forum Topics

West Springfield Proposed Boundary Study (Belter) (Exhibit A)

- West Springfield community had submitted a request for the Board to reconsider the proposed boundary study, and invited Board members to attend a community meeting to discuss;
- reminder that the Board's action to include south Hunt Valley in the West Springfield attendance area had evolved from the original staff recommendation to send south Hunt Valley to Lake Braddock; Board members had not agreed with Lake Braddock move;
- July 2005 work session was already scheduled to discuss the entire boundary process;
- request for information on the number of pupil placements at West Springfield High School and Lake Braddock & West Springfield student populations; staff to provide information at the July work session;
- letter to be sent to the West Springfield community in the next few weeks explaining the process and schedule for the proposed boundary study, including some historical context for clarification;

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- staff would review boundaries with PTA leadership in May/June, and then schedule a series of town meetings with the community in the fall; staff would make recommendations to the School Board in January 2006, and the Board would take action in February 2006;
- important to discuss the entire boundary process in July prior to discussing any individual school boundaries; request that Board members submit their recommendations for any improvements to the boundary process to the Chairman of the Facilities & Operations committee by June; and
- consensus to move forward with timeline associated with proposed boundary study for the West Springfield area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.