

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 18

April 28, 2005

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

There was no closed meeting.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0008

2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with a quorum of 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)	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 student representative to the Board Ian Hurdle; Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk of the Board Norma J. Bailey; and certain other members of staff.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance

Since no closed meeting was held, no certification was necessary.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit A)

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner announced that Mrs. Smith was out of town.

Mr. Moon announced that April 2005 had been designated Autism Awareness Month; that Asian- and Pacific-American Heritage Month would be celebrated during May 2005; and that May 2005 had been designated Pride in America Month.

2.04 Recognition of 2005 Distinguished School Resource Officer (Exhibit B)

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Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner recognized the following officers: Colonel David Rohrer, Chief of Police; Lt. Col. Charles Peters, Deputy Chief of Patrol Operations; Major Sharon Smith, Patrol Bureau, Division II Commander; Capt. Debi Burnett, Youth Services Division Commander; Lt. Charles Bond, School Liaison Commander; and Fred Ellis, Director of Safety and Security, for his efforts in bringing forth this award.

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner said that Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Police Department had established a mutually-beneficial relationship over the past decade, and one of the hallmarks of that relationship was the School Resource Officer (SRO) program; that SROs helped ensure a safe learning environment for students and provided school administrators and staff with the law enforcement resources and expertise necessary to maintain order, prevent truancy, and enforce the rules and codes of student conduct; that, at Mrs. Kory's suggestion, a committee had been created to establish and select the Distinguished School Resource Officer Award to annually recognize the efforts of outstanding SROs. The 2005 selection committee members--Fred Ellis; Betsy Fenske, Cluster V Assistant Superintendent; and Lieutenant Charlie Bond, School Liaison Commander--had used the following criteria: establishing positive relationships with students and staff, enhancing curriculum through classroom participation, developing and implementing safety programs, demonstrating commitment to the school community, developing innovative solutions to unique safety and security issues, acting with valor, and other contributions that merited recognition

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner introduced and presented plaques to the School Resource Officers who had been nominated by their principals as stellar examples of the outstanding officers working in our schools: Officer Paul Marinero, Liberty Middle School; Officer Marvin Goodley, Sandburg Middle School; Officer Robert Miller, Whitman Middle School; Officer Rudolph Coffield, Lee High School; Officer Anthony Jankowski (not present), Key Middle School; Officer Ilsa Blaney, Thoreau Middle School; Officer Tracy Sontheimer, Holmes Middle School; and Officer Dave Tipton, South Lakes High School.

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner presented the 2005 Distinguished School Resource Officer Award to Master Police Officer David A. Poach, of Langley High School, who was joined by Langley Principal, Bill Clendaniel, and Commander Lt. Erin Schaible for photographs with the Board; and all of the nominees and Officer Poach gathered for a group photograph.

2.05 Recognition of Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week (Exhibit C)

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Mr. Moon announced that May 2-6, 2005, was Child Nutrition Employee Recognition Week; those nutrition employees who were in attendance were recognized; and photographs were taken.

2.06 Recognition of School Nurse Day (Exhibit D)

Mr. Moon announced that School Nurse Day was May 11, 2005; the school nurses and the clinic aides who were in attendance were recognized; and photographs were taken.

2.07 Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week (Exhibit E)

Mr. Moon announced that FCPS was celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-7, 2005; the teachers who were in attendance were recognized; and photographs were taken.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1081

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

Nine speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Gerald O'Dell, Frank Pimentel, Ruth Ku, Joe Bartling, Lisa McCoy, Kelly Stuckey, and Anita Persavich addressed Agenda Item No. 5.04, Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee Recommendations; Diane Barbera and Sean Dunn addressed Agenda Item No. 6.05, Telecommunications Lease at Bryant AHS.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

TAPE REFERENCE:1-2422

4.01. Minutes – Approve minutes of April 14, 2005, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit G)

4.02 Monthly Report of Separations - Confirm separations for the period beginning March 1, 2005, and ending March 31, 2005 (HR; Exhibit H)

4.03 Quarterly Employment Report - Confirm appointments and separations for the period beginning January 1, 2005, and ending March 31, 2005 (HR; Exhibit I)

4.04 Award of Contract - Award the contract for an addition to Westfield High School to Caldwell & Santmyer, Inc., in the amount of \$7,401,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit J)

4.05 Award of Contract - Award the contract for conversion of ten classrooms to five science labs at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology to Q

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Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$449,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit K)

4.06 Award of Contract - Award the contract for the replacement of the HVAC system at Franconia Elementary School to Edw. Kocharian & Co., Inc., in the amount of \$291,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit L)

4.07 Award of Contract - Award the contract for replacement of the HVAC system at Clifton Elementary School to Caigeann Mechanical Company, Inc., in the amount of \$680,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit M)

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner stated that, without objection, the seven 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, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith absent.

5. **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2546

5.01 School Bond Referendum – Adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve and take appropriate action to place on the ballot for the November 8, 2005, general election a School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$244,326,000 (FTS; Exhibit N)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the School Board adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve and take appropriate action to place on the ballot for the November 8, 2005, general election a School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$244,326,000.

Mrs. Wilson highlighted the agenda item and urged everyone to support the Bond.

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.

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

There were no additional appointments.

5.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

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Since no closed meeting was held, no confirmation was necessary.

- 5.04 Pending Action Item** - Recommendation to approve videotapes for: 7th and 8th grade Mental Health, 9th grade Biology, and Category B special education female students grades 5-12 for Human Growth and Development; instructional materials for: Category B special education students grades 5-12, 10th grade Personal and Community Health, adult-age students at Mountain View Alternative High School; and proposal to support objective for 11th and 12th grade Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug education, as reviewed and recommended by the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (FLECAC) (IS; Exhibit P)

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Ann Monday said that on May 12 the Board would act on the recommendation to replace teaching materials used in the current 10th grade lesson on contraception; that the FLECAC had recommended two pamphlets to replace an 18-year-old video that was currently in use, although FLECAC had indicated that neither pamphlet was inclusive; that staff members had evaluated the proposed pamphlets in response to concerns expressed by Board and community members; that staff members recommended that only the pamphlet entitled *Birth Control Facts* be used, after some revisions had been made, including replacing the information about emergency birth control with a statement about opportunities seeking medical advice in medical emergencies; that FCPS was not promoting the use of contraception but wanted to encourage students to think about choices; that staff recommended providing a separate pamphlet related to abstinence, with abstinence defined as not participating in any sexual activity and promoted as the best choice for teenagers, reinforcing the abstinence-based curriculum; that although students would be provided with information about contraceptives without suggesting that they be used by students, the next step would be for staff to amend the scripted lesson where religious and moral concerns would be addressed with the conclusion that abstinence was the only safe and effective way to prevent pregnancy; and that another lesson focused exclusively on abstinence, and other lessons in the 10th grade curriculum focused on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Discussion included the following: the question why FCPS staff members were not developing the new materials (Center); the response that FCPS did not have medical professionals on staff; that the proposed pamphlets had been recommended by the FLECAC (Monday); that it was encouraging that the publishing company was willing to revise its publication; that FCPS did not want to encourage or redefine sexual activity (Strauss); the request that staff members review *Teen Talk*, the brochure developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Belter, Strauss, Wilson); the question whether the pamphlets would only be available as classroom resources and would not be sent home with students (Kory); an affirmative response; that if the Board approved the materials they would be made available for parental review (Monday); the

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request for clarification regarding supplemental materials covering abstinence and whether the emotional impacts were addressed (Hurdle); the response that students would be provided with a proposed separate pamphlet with information about abstinence; that information from another lesson that dealt exclusively with the emotional, social, and health benefits of abstinence would be included in the lesson on contraception (Monday); the question whether the brochure on abstinence would be produced by staff members (Wilson); a negative response (Monday); the question when the Board would have an opportunity to review the scripted lesson (Hunt); the response that the material would be developed during the summer months (Monday); the question whether the lesson would be presented to the Board for approval (Hunt); a negative response; that the Board approved lesson objectives and materials and staff then wrote the curriculum (Monday); the question why the supplemental materials were not made available on the FCPS website (Hunt); the response that student access could not be controlled in that situation (Monday); and that the materials were only intended for use by high school students (Dale).

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0302

Discussion continued as follows: the question whether a summary of the 10th grade FLE curriculum was available online (Storck); an affirmative response (Monday); the request that the focus on abstinence be clarified (Storck); the response that abstinence was incorporated throughout the curriculum and that 8 of the 14 lessons had a specific emphasis on abstinence (Monday); that the FLE curriculum helped students develop skills they could use for the rest of their lives; that it was insulting and misleading to suggest that anyone in FCPS was encouraging students to engage in premarital sex (Gibson); the request that staff members outline their efforts to involve parents in the FLE curriculum (Niedzielski-Eichner); the response that parents were provided with opportunities to review the materials approved for use, and that they were able to opt their children out of any or all of the lessons; that homework activities were designed to be completed with parental involvement; and that students were able to make healthy decisions when they were provided with good information and strong support from their families (Monday).

- 5.05 Pending Action Item** - High School Literature Textbook Adoption Committee - Recommendation to appoint individuals to serve on the High School Literature Textbook Adoption Committee, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.06 Pending Action Item** - Middle School Science Textbook Adoption Committee - Recommendation to appoint individuals to serve on the Middle School Science Textbook Adoption Committee, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit R)

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There was no discussion of this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0745

- 6.01 Annual Special Education Plan and Applications for Federal Funds, 2005-2006** - Recommendation to approve the 2005-2006 annual special education plan, Part B funding application and Section 619 Preschool Grant Application (SS; Exhibit S)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Student Responsibilities and Rights** – Recommendation to endorse proposed modifications to the student code of conduct and related procedures to be included in Regulation 2601.19P, Student Responsibilities and Rights (SS; Exhibit T)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the addition to Jackson Middle School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit U)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the fire alarm system replacement project at Centreville High School to Pruitt Corporation, in the amount of \$352,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit V)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Telecommunications Lease** -Recommendation the School Board authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate and sign a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at Bryant Alternative School (FTS; Exhibit W)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.06 Contract Amendment** - Recommendation that the School Board further amend the contract for the Energy Performance Services with Noresco, LLC, dated November 8, 2002, to include improvements for a fifth group of schools, at an

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additional cost of \$1,999,905—all the terms negotiated by school officials, with the advice of the School Board attorney; and that the School Board authorize Dean Tistadt, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, to execute the agreements and related documents for these services/improvements on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit X)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0820

7.01 **Committees**

Student Advisory Council; Ian Hurdle, Student Representative

Introduction of Lake Braddock Secondary School student Samantha Kunkel, who would be serving as the next student representative to the Board for the 2005-2006 school year.

Legislation, Policy and Future Issues; Stuart Gibson, Chairman

Virginia Senator George Allen had introduced legislation to amend the *No Child Left Behind* Act (NCLB) called the "Flexibility for Champion Schools Act."

Facilities and Operations Subcommittee; April 20, 2005; Tessie Wilson, Chairman

Discussion of new format for data presentation for the Capital Improvement Program.

Forum on Board Topics; April 28, 2005; Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman

Discussion of request from the West Springfield community to postpone the proposed boundary study; work session scheduled for July to discuss boundary study process.

7.02 **Board Member Announcements**

Kaye Kory, Mason District

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Announcement of Gang Prevention Through Targeted Outreach Conference on May 9 to be held at the Boys and Girls Clubs site at the Culmore United Methodist Church.

Stuart Gibson, Hunter Mill District

Reminder during prom season for students to drive carefully. Announcement of his absence from the May 12 regular business meeting to attend his daughter's graduation from the University of Miami.

Jane Strauss, Dranesville District

Encouragement to attend the many plays and musicals being presented in Fairfax County schools.

Tessie Wilson, Braddock District

Congratulations to her daughter on her upcoming graduation from Boston University.

Stephen Hunt, At Large

Expression of thanks to community members for input on FLE materials; that the abstinence message had to be consistent throughout the FLE curriculum.

Catherine Belter, Springfield District

Congratulations on successful teen driving presentations.

Philip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District

Congratulations to Timber Lane Elementary School on its 50th anniversary.

8. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1272

- 8.01** Dr. Dale announced that FCPS would receive an award for an innovative physical education program at the Healthier U.S. Fitness Festival on May 2, in recognition of the pilot snowshoeing program at Dogwood, Flint Hill, and Great Falls Elementary Schools, and at Liberty Middle School and Marshall High School. Dr. Dale congratulated Harriet Hopkins of Facilities Planning Services on having been recognized with a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-1320

9.01 The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.