

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Burkholder Administrative Center

Work Session No. 51/Facilities and Operations

May 2, 2005

MEETING OPENING

51.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Facilities and Operations Committee Chairman Tessie Wilson convened the meeting in public session at 5:03 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Janet S. Oleszek (At Large)
Kathy Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Deputy Clerk Norma Bailey; Administrative Assistant Sherry Price; Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services Dean Tistadt; Transportation Operations Specialist Thomas Italiano; Director of Administrative Services Lee Ann Pender; Student Representative to the School Board Ian Hurdle was absent.

DISCUSSION

51.02 Review of RFP for Transportation Consultant (Exhibit A)

- Question how broad and how defined should the study be; response that to predefine the solution would be to set limits;
- need to have some kind of minimum start time whether it was 7:30 a.m., 7:45 a.m. or 8:00 a.m.; response that if a 10:00 a.m. start time option for elementary schools was acceptable, it could be done with no cost;
- if the School Board should consider recommended changes for the 2006-2007 school year, they would need results by the end of August 2005;
- purpose of RFP was to review the entire transportation system including managing and hiring drivers, keeping buses up to date, looking at bell schedules, and trying to come up with alternative start times;
- question what the board was willing to pay for a study; response that general agreement was for \$75,000 for the study that may not be able to look at the whole transportation system versus only bell schedules;
- attempt will be to accomplish cost-effective changes with no additional buses, because of limited bus drivers;
- question about setting parameters for the study; response number of buses required, cost and factors, and multiple bell schedules; and

- staff to revise RFP to incorporate comments from Board members; draft to be shared with School Board and if no objections, would issue RFP as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.