

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 53/Resource Management & Evaluation

May 16, 2005

MEETING OPENING

53.01 Call to Order

Resource Management and Evaluation Chairman Jane Strauss convened the meeting at 8:02 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)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large, arr. 4:35)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Sabo; Chief Financial Officer Deirdra McLaughlin; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the Board Ian Hurdle was absent.

DISCUSSION

53.02 FY 2006 Approved Budget (Exhibit A)

- Request that School Board resume membership in the VSBA Legal Assistance Fund for \$500 per year; would be included in the School Board Office budget;
- question whether the formative assessment system would be restored in the approved budget; response that it would be included in the year-end budget review, and would be substantially less than the \$5.2 million initially requested;
- on question #81 why building rental accounts had increased by \$1 million due to leases, when there should have been some savings recognized from the central administrative building move; response that there would be modest savings but not all buildings would be vacated in FY 2006;
- question whether there were escalator clauses in existing leases that caused the increase; staff to provide response;
- on question #83 why costs per student for alternative programs had increased, while enrollment had decreased; staff to provide response;
- on question #85 why funding for students to attend Richard Milburn was the same as last year when there were fewer students attending because of transportation issues and only one available location; staff to provide response;

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- question whether schools would be required to hire a full-time school-based technology specialist (SBTS) or could use the funds elsewhere; response that a school could trade for other positions or resources;
- on question #86 why contract services funding for salaries was so high, with seven positions and almost \$700,000 in salaries; question how often a staff member visited a student who was in a program in another state; staff to provide response;
- on question #90 why funds were included for portable buildings in the operating account; response those funds covered location and connectivity of moving trailers from site to site, and doing modifications to the facilities, such as adding a parking lot; staff to provide additional information;
- question whether the assessment and instructional coaches would be analyzed against the current staff development model; response that the job-imbedded training associated with the coaches would keep teachers in the classroom and stop the pullout of teachers from the classroom; that depending on the feedback, this could reengineer staff development;
- question whether there would be cost avoidance or cost savings from the coaches and the 11-month teaching positions; response that ultimately there would be savings and
- question what would be anticipated costs relative to technology backlog; response that last year the Board of Supervisors had set aside funds for technology and staff anticipated that would occur again.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.