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Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 60/Forum on Board Topics

June 30, 2005

MEETING OPENING

60.01 Call to Order

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 6:00 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; ABSENT)
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; and certain other members of staff.

DISCUSSION

60.02 Forum Topics

School Board Committee Structure/Policy Governance (Niedzielski-Eichner)

- Suggestion that the current School Board committee structure remain in place until after the School Board had an opportunity to discuss and consider adopting a policy governance model;
- agreement by School Board members that the decision on the model should be made by December, 2005;
- on September 19 the School Board would meet with three visiting Board members from Aspen, Colorado, Jefferson County, Colorado, and Beaufort, South Carolina, to discuss their experiences with the policy governance model; and
- Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner and Mrs. Wilson would be meeting with Clark County, Nevada, Board members at the end of September for their perspective on policy governance.

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ESOL Families Moving Out of Fairfax County (Strauss)

- Clarification from Superintendent for information on numbers of ESOL families and students leaving Fairfax County, and where they were going—Prince William County, or Loudoun County;
- concerns expressed about whether the needs of eighth and ninth grade students leaving regular high schools to attend alternative schools were being met; and
- request for Board members to be provided with talking points on the achievement gap to be used when meeting with community groups; information would present the facts and show that FCPS was being proactive.

ADJOURNMENT

60.03 The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.