

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Burkholder Administrative Center

Work Session No. 4/**Facilities and Operations**

July 11, 2005

MEETING OPENING

4.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Facilities and Operations Committee Chairman Tessie Wilson convened the meeting in public session at 3:35 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield)	Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee)	Janet Oleszek (At Large)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mil; Absent)	Kathy Smith (Sully)
Stephen Hunt (At Large)	Daniel Storck (Mount Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane Strauss(Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Deputy Clerks Norma Bailey and Linda Sabo; Administrative Assistant Madge Artley; Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services Dean Tistadt; Director of Facilities Planning Services Gary Chevalier; Director of the Office of Transportation Services Linda Farby; Transportation Planner Tom Italiano; Coordinator of the Planning Section John Bertocchi; and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the School Board Samantha Kunkel was not present.

DISCUSSION

4.02 Data Presentation Format for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Exhibit A)

- Modification of the CIP was proposed by several Board members to improve the historical analysis, explanation of, and clearer reference for, funded and unfunded CIP projects, and to provide analysis of CIP recommendations;
- draft prepared by staff of FY2007-2010 CIP Cluster Analysis section was submitted for review by the Board;
- draft provided a clearer description of school capacity/enrollment and demographics, and provided a better delineation of funded and unfunded projects;
- recommendation summary clearly explained through charts; and
- presentation was an improvement that provided an easier format for general public review.

4.03 Review of Boundary Policy (Exhibit B)

- Issue had been raised by several Board members that the boundary process could be improved with better communication and enhanced identification of affected areas;
- possible review of the criteria used to determine boundaries;
- consideration of the improvements to town meeting format/process and use of survey tool or FCPS web;
- proposal to initially articulate the objectives for each boundary study to avoid moving in other directions than originally stated;

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- proposal to include numbers of children attending private schools when determining student projections, and any transportation implications of boundary proposals;
- staff to provide School Board with documentation from the 1980's county-wide boundary review;
- staff asked to use range of numbers for projections rather than definite numbers; also suggested was the use of consultant, either internal or external, that could present a different way to project these figures;
- communication to community was an important issue with setting forth flexible objectives to clarify process for community; and
- consensus by the Board not to revise the current boundary policy at this time.

4.04 Facilities Impact of Full-Day Kindergarten (Exhibit C)

- FY 2006 budget provided full-day kindergarten at five elementary schools—Gunston, Herndon, Columbia, Franconia, and Centre Ridge;
- with the addition of more full-day K programs, there would be a cost for facility modifications, trailers, permanent classrooms, or modular additions;
- for all FCPS elementary schools, a kindergarten risk index value was established which was based on the percentage of students with limited English proficiency (LEP) and percent of students participating in free or reduced cost meal programs; the current FCPS risk index value was 20;
- staff proposed that an additional seven elementary schools whose risk index value was over 20 should be considered for full-day K program—Freedom Hill, Shreveewood, Greenbriar East, Cunningham Park, Fairhill, Cardinal Forest, and Little Run;
- for the original five elementary schools included in the budget, there would be a net addition of eight rooms at a cost of \$139,900;
- for an additional 12 elementary schools (the original five in the budget and the added seven schools with the risk index value over 20), there would be a net addition of eight rooms at a cost of \$225,000;
- to implement a total full-day K program throughout FCPS in the 2005-06 school year there would be an additional 89 rooms for a cost of \$21.2 to \$43.1 million;
- anticipated staffing costs would be approximately \$8.9 million for 2005-2006 and \$9.2 million for 2009-2010; these costs excluded any additional technical, clerical, or custodial staffing that may be required;
- staff to look at the impact of population changes when the new western Fairfax elementary school was built since it would impact full-day K rating; and
- recommendation that the impact of full-day K be discussed at a future joint BOS/School Board meeting.

4.05 Middle and High School Capacity Analysis (Exhibit D)

- Data indicated that there were substantive deficits and excess capacity at some middle, high, and secondary schools that had prompted a review of school capacities and projected enrollments through FY 2010;
- staff recommended that the West Springfield High School proposed boundary study be initiated in the Fall of 2005 but limit the scope to address split feeders;
- staff recommended that a high school boundary study be initiated in the Fall of 2007 to include Westfield, Oakton, Chantilly, Centerville, Herndon, and South Lakes High Schools;

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- staff recommended that the Board consider a middle school Gifted and Talented boundary study be initiated in the Fall of 2006 to address overcrowding and long transportation routes;
- staff recommended that FCPS acquire property adjacent to Rachel Carson Middle School to provide for the potential conversion to a secondary school to accommodate high school capacity in the western part of Fairfax County; this acquisition should only occur if FCPS received substantive cash proffers for rezonings in that area; and
- Board consensus to proceed with staff recommendations.

4.06 Motion for Closed Session

The Board went into closed meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the School Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider the acquisition and disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3); and 2) to discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds and to discuss the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(30). The motion passed with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Wilson voting "aye" and with Mr. Gibson absent.

4.07 Certification of Closed Meeting

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that in order to comply with the Code of Virginia, it is necessary for the Board to certify that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on July 11, 2005, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, the Fairfax County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in that closed meeting, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion passed with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Wilson voting "aye" and with Mr. Gibson absent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.