

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 1

July 12, 2005

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the Board in public session at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that the Board go into closed session to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2). The motion passed 9-0; with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye".

#### 2. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0011

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

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members present:

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| Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)      | Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence) |
| Brad Center (Lee)                      | Janet S. Oleszek (At Large)                 |
| Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; ABSENT) | Kathy L. Smith (Sully)                      |
| Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)             | Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)               |
| Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 6:38)           | Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville; arr. 6:20)    |
| Ilryong Moon (At Large)                | Tessie Wilson (Braddock)                    |

Also present were student representative to the Board Samantha Kunkel; 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; and certain other members of staff.

##### 2.02 **Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on July 12, 2005, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia required 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 the closed meeting, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard,

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discussed, or considered. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

### 2.03 Announcements

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner announced that Mr. Gibson was out town; and he welcomed Student Representative Samantha Kunkel to her first regular business meeting of the Board.

### 2.04 Resolution Naming a Classroom at Hollin Meadows Elementary School (Exhibit B)

Mr. Storck offered the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NAMING ROOM 24 AT THE HOLLIN MEADOWS SCIENCE AND MATH FOCUS SCHOOL "THE MARIE BAILEY CLASSROOM"**

**WHEREAS**, Marie Bailey served with distinction in public education as a teacher for 43 years until her retirement in June 2003 and for 37 years as a kindergarten teacher at Hollin Meadows Science and Math Focus School; and

**WHEREAS**, she led in the development of Fairfax County's kindergarten program by teaching one of the first seven kindergarten classes, piloting the program for the County in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided a warm, welcoming, and nurturing environment for the children in her kindergarten, empowering them to cross the bridge from preschool to first grade, and giving them the basic tools for learning to read; and

**WHEREAS**, she enriched the Hollin Meadows community by sharing her wisdom and experience with her colleagues, kindly and with humor, and the larger community by teaching so many of our children that she became one of the threads weaving together the members of our neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, she taught her kindergarteners in Room 24 throughout her 37 years at Hollin Meadows;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fairfax County School Board names Room 24 at Hollin Meadows Science and Math Focus School, "The Marie Bailey Classroom" in recognition of Mrs. Bailey's years of service to the children, families, and faculty of the Hollin Meadows community.

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the Resolution Naming Room 24 at Hollin Meadows Science and Math Focus School. The motion **passed 11-0-0**, Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

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Ms. Bailey accepted the resolution, and photographs were taken with friends and family. Ms. Bailey expressed her thanks to the Board and the Hollin Meadows community for their support.

### 3. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0376

#### 3.01 **Spotlight on Learning – Mountain Biking Club at Lanier Middle School** (Exhibit C)

Dr. Dale introduced Lanier Middle School Principal Rodney Moore, and physical education teacher Pam Clingenpeel. Ms. Clingenpeel discussed the program, and a video was viewed.

#### 3.02 **Citizen Participation** (Exhibit D)

No speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

### 4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0646

#### 4.01 **Minutes** – Approve minutes of June 30, 2005, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit E)

#### 4.02 **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for classroom modular building sitework at Louise Archer Elementary School to Creative Finishes, Inc., in the amount of \$267,398, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit F)

#### 4.03 **School Board Policy** – Adopt Policy 1818.2, School Board Conferences (SB; Exhibit G)

#### 4.04 **School Board Policy** – Adopt Policy 2611.7, Procedures for Hearing and Appeals to School Board (SS; Exhibit H)

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner stated that, without objection, the four items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda passed 11-0, Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

### 5. **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0708

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### 5.01 **Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit I)

No committee appointments were made.

### 5.02 **Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for being under the influence of alcohol on school property and for displaying gang-like behavior. The motion **passed 11-0** Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed 11-0**, Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for conviction of charges of sexual battery in the community. The motion **passed 11-0**, Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for participation in a gang-related mob assault. The motion **passed 10-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”, Mr. Storck voting “nay”; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to reassign a student from the regular program to an alternative program, where online courses can be accessed, on the terms recommended by the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 11-0**, Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Storck, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possessing, brandishing, and discharging a weapon on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Storck, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for possessing, consuming, and distributing a controlled substance on school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for involvement in an assault on another student. The motion **passed unanimously.**

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0857

#### **6.01 FY 2005 Final Budget Review** – Recommendation to approve FY 2005 final budget review, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; Exhibit J)

Chief Financial Officer Deirdra McLaughlin said that the net available balance at year end was \$29 million, and she reviewed the agenda item.

Discussion included the following: that approximately \$5 million would be added to the base budget; that she was pleased that Automated External Defibrillators (AED) would be available at all schools (Strauss); that she was pleased that funds for building maintenance and bus purchases could be restored (Kory); the request for clarification of the role of the auditor position (Niedzielski-Eichner); and the response that the auditor's office and the Department of Accountability would be charged with developing a continuing performance improvement process (Dale).

#### **6.02 Award of Contracts** – Recommendation that the School Board award contracts for university intern programs to George Washington University in the amounts of \$383,180, \$198,000, and \$86,253; to George Mason University in the amounts of \$83,612 and \$9,600; and to Marymount University in the amount of \$77,500 (HR; Exhibit K)

Director of Office of Salary Services Tom Bowen said that 71 individuals would be employed as interns and 17 as Instructional Assistants; that the programs had

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been operating for many years, and the vast majority of individuals participating were hired by FCPS when they completed the program.

- 6.03 Land Acquisition** - Recommendation that the School Board approve the transaction to purchase the property located at 8429 Woodlawn Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22310, and authorize the Division Superintendent or his designee, with the counsel of the School Board attorney, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the School Board such agreements and related documents as are necessary and advisable (FTS; Exhibit L)

There was no discussion of this item.

### 7. **SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1240

#### 7.01 **Committees** (Exhibit M)

##### **Instruction, Special Services, and Youth Development, July 11; Cathy Belter, Chairman**

Presentation of Annual Report of the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities.

##### **Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues, July 11; Janet Oleszek, Vice-Chairman**

Discussion of draft policy on focus schools.

##### **Resource Management Evaluation, July 11; Jane Strauss, Chairman**

Discussion of FY 2005 year end review, and review of FY 2007 fiscal forecast.

##### **Facilities and Operations, July 11; Tessie Wilson, Chairman**

Presentation of new format proposed for Capital Improvement Program (CIP); discussion of current boundary policy; discussion of facilities impact of full day kindergarten programs; and presentation of data on middle and high school capacities and enrollment.

##### **Board Forum, July 12; Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman**

Discussion of the use of paperless Board meeting software.

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### **7.02 Board Member Announcements**

#### **Samantha Kunkel, Student Representative**

Expression of thanks for widespread support.

#### **Kaye Kory, Mason District**

Congratulations to Annandale High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator Erin Albright on having received the Board President's Award from the IB Foundation.

#### **Jane Strauss, Dranesville District**

Announcement that the Herndon Planning Commission had voted to support FCPS's application to situate additional trailers at Herndon Elementary School to implement a full day kindergarten program.

### **8. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1860

**8.01** Dr. Dale congratulated the Calvary Presbyterian Church on having been named the Business Partner of the Year for its support of Mount Eagle Elementary School. Dr. Dale thanked the staff members of the Department of Educational Accountability for the mentoring program they had developed with Woodburn Elementary School. Dr. Dale announced that more than 25,000 students had enrolled in summer school.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1922

**9.01** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.