

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 2

July 21, 2005

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the Board in public session at 6:20 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board go into closed session: 1) to discuss and consider the employment, appointment, and performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(1); and 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2). The motion passed 10-0, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye".

2. **MEETING OPENING**

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

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

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 6:55)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)	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)	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 Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Norma J. Bailey; and certain other members of staff.

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

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on July 21, 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

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were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion passed 10-0-1, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter abstaining; and with Mr. Center absent.

2.03 Announcements

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner announced that Mr. Center was out of town, and he recognized Boy Scouts Jacob Luftglass from Troop 1533 and Jake Smith from Troop 1128, who were in attendance.

Mrs. Kory said that Emmanuel Calloway had been an FCPS employee for more than 30 years; that as the building supervisor, he had cared for Luther Jackson Middle School, and the needs of the School Board, with diligence and patience; that Mr. Calloway had recently received awards for the cleanliness of the school and its compliance with safety regulations; that the School Board wanted to join in the recognition of his continued excellent performance; and she invited Mr. Calloway to join the Board members for photographs and presentation of a plaque.

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner announced that Deputy Executive Assistant to the Board Norma Bailey would be retiring at the end of August after 32 years of service to FCPS; that she had worked in the School Board Office since 1997, and among many duties, she managed the student disciplinary appeal process and performed technology troubleshooting; and he commended Mrs. Bailey for her patience. The Board presented Mrs. Bailey with a clock to commemorate the time she had served FCPS, and photographs were taken.

All the Board members wished Mrs. Bailey the best of luck in her retirement, saying that she would be missed, and she would be remembered for her kindness and patience.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0914

3.01 Spotlight on Support – School Resource Officers (Exhibit B)

Dr. Dale introduced School Liaison Commander Lieutenant Charlie Bond and Holmes Middle School principal Roberto Pamas. Lieutenant Bond said that the video presentation spotlighted Private First Class Traci Sontheimer, who worked at Holmes Middle School and had been nominated for the 2005 Distinguished SRO award; and the video was viewed. Lt. Vaughn introduced Swim Coach Arthur Lopez, who lauded PFC Sontheimer's contributions to a community swimming program; and team members thanked PFC Sontheimer for her

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friendship. Discussion included the following: expressions of gratitude to Officer Sontheimer and Mr. Lopez (Belter, Hunt, Niedzielski-Eichner, Wilson); and that SROs were important members of the school communities (Hunt).

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. William Schilling addressed elementary curriculum.

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner announced that speakers' written testimony comments would be posted on the FCPS website effective July 1, 2005.

Discussion included the following: the request that the Board be briefed on the correlation between the FCPS elementary level Program of Studies (POS) and the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) (Gibson); the response that the POS encompassed, and went beyond, the SOLs; that there was a need to clarify to all teachers that the essential knowledge included in the SOLs should be covered first (Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Ann Monday).

4. CONSENT AGENDA

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1630

- 4.01. Minutes** – Approve minutes of July 12, 2005, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit D)
- 4.02. Monthly Report of Separations** - Confirm separations for the period beginning June 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2005 (HR; Exhibit E)
- 4.03. Quarterly Employment Report** - Confirm appointments and separations for the period beginning April 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2005 (HR; Exhibit F)
- 4.04. Award of Contracts** - 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 G)
- 4.05. Land Acquisition** - 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 H)

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner stated that, without objection, the five items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda passed 11-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, 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. Center absent.

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5. **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1710

- 5.01 FY 2005 Final Budget Review** - Approve FY 2005 final budget review, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; Exhibit I)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that the Board approve revenue and expenditure adjustments in the FY 2005 final budget review, as detailed in the agenda item.

Mrs. Wilson said that she was pleased that Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) would be available at all schools, and thanked Board members for their support.

The motion that the Board approve the FY 2005 final budget review, as detailed in the agenda item **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, 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. Center absent.

- 5.02 Appointment of VSBA Delegate and Alternate** - Appoint a delegate and an alternate to the Virginia School Boards Association 2005 Annual Conference (SB; Exhibit J)

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board appoint Stuart Gibson as a delegate and Kathy Smith as an alternate to the Virginia School Boards Association 2005 Annual Conference. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, 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. Center absent.

- 5.03 Additional Appointments** -- Appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit K)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that the Board appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, 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. Center absent.

- 5.04 Confirmation of School Board Committee Chairmanships** -- Confirm committee chairmanships as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit L)
Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board confirm committee chairmanships as follows:

Resource Management and Evaluation -- Jane K. Strauss, Chair; Stephen M. Hunt, Vice Chair; Facilities and Operations -- Brad Center, Chair; Kaye Kory,

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Vice Chair; Instruction, Special Services and Youth Development -- Kathy Smith, Chair; Janet Oleszek, Vice Chair; Legislation, Policy and Future Issues -- Stuart Gibson, Chair; Catherine Belter, Vice Chair.

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board confirm committee chairmanships as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, 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. Center absent.

5.05 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter abstaining; and with Mr. Center absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, to expel three students for violation of the conditions of probationary placements. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for a conviction of malicious wounding. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for assaulting another student. The motion **passed unanimously**.

*[Clerk's Note: At the Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board meeting held at the Government Center on July 29, 2005, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to appoint Patrick K. Murphy as the Assistant Superintendent of Accountability, effective August 8, 2005, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting these actions. The motion **passed 9-0**; with Mrs. Belter, Mr.*

Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Oleszek and Mr. Storck not present for the vote, and with Mr. Center absent.

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6. **NEW BUSINESS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1888

- 6.01 Curriculum Advisory Committees** - Recommendation to appoint individuals to serve on the English Language Arts, Family Life Education, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Curriculum Advisory Committees and on the High School Course Review Committee, as listed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

6.02 Challenged Materials Interdepartmental Review Committee –

Recommendation that six School Board members appoint individuals to serve on the Challenged Materials Interdepartmental Review Committee, as listed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Annual Contract** - Recommendation that the School Board award the annual contract for architectural and engineering (A&E) services for facility modifications to the lowest responsive and responsible offerors, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1940

7.01 Committee Reports

Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues; Stuart Gibson, Chairman

The Commonwealth of Virginia had requested amendments to the Accountability Workbook of No Child Left Behind (NCLB); in response to the waivers requested, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) granted some, denied some, and deferred ruling on the remainder; the DOE had not acted on the request to reverse the order of sanctions for schools working on improvement, specifically Title I schools; the State had also requested that mandatory increases in achievement be established at four percent per year, which was similar to the accountability plan approved for Florida, but a decision had not been made; and the DOE had granted the state's request to change the number of students required to report scores separately for subgroups to either 50 students or one percent, whichever was greater, up to a maximum of 200 students.

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Board Forum, July 21; Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman

Discussion of grade point average (GPA) for participation in school-sponsored athletic programs; discussion of the methodology of computing population projections; and report on transportation issues.

7.02 Board Member Announcements

Tessie Wilson, Braddock District

Some schools operating under a modified calendar would open in August; and best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable summer.

Catherine Belter, Springfield District

The Virginia School Boards Association's recent Governor's Conference provided opportunities to meet board members from other jurisdictions; Charlotte County public schools had developed a buddy system to support children with special needs; and best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable summer.

Kaye Kory, Mason District

Congratulations to John Ponton, the new principal of Annandale High School.

Samantha Kunkel, Student Representative

Best wishes for a happy retirement to Mrs. Bailey.

8. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2290

- 8.01** Dr. Dale announced that FCPS's cable television station, Red Apple 21, won three awards in electronic media from the National Public School Relations Association; and he congratulated the Office of Community Relations for developing the programming, and the Department of Information Technology for producing the programs. Dr. Dale congratulated the 15 FCPS graduates of the Class of 2005 who had recently received National Merit Scholarships.

9. ADJOURNMENT

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2337

- 9.01** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.