

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 3

September 8, 2005

1. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0014

1.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem**

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner 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, ABSENT)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large; ABSENT)	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 Clerks Linda Sabo and Pat Charbonneau, and certain other members of staff.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner thanked the members of the Spring Hill Elementary School Advanced String Ensemble, under the direction of Ruth Donahue, for their performance of the National Anthem.

1.02 **Announcements**

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner asked that the moment of silence be dedicated to those who had suffered the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. He announced that Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt were out of town, and he recognized Boy Scouts from Troop 1313 in Reston; Troop 1102 in Mount Vernon; Troop 1145 in Springfield; Troop 1533 in Fairfax; Troop 1130 in McLean; and Troop 55 in Great Falls, who were all working on their Citizenship in the Community badges.

1.03 **Recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Adult and Community Education** (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Oleszek said that the Fairfax County School Board first instituted an Adult Education Program in September 1955; that the Adult and Community Education Program had flourished since that time, with annual enrollment exceeding 80,000, and had enhanced the quality of life in Fairfax County.

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2. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0257

2.01 **Spotlight on Learning – Adult and Community Education Program** (Exhibit B)

Dr. Dale introduced Director of the Office of Adult and Community Education (ACE) Bonnie Moore, who said that Fairfax County was a community of lifelong learners; and a video was viewed. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner invited individuals associated with the ACE program to accept a certificate recognizing 50 years of service. Dr. Ray Worley, Chairman of the ACE Advisory Committee, expressed his appreciation to the Board; and photographs were taken.

2.02 **Opening of Schools Report** (Exhibit C)

Dr. Dale said that the theme of the 2005 Leadership Conference had been *A Community of Learners*; that children from more than 30 families evacuated from the Gulf Coast due to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina had been enrolled in FCPS; that more than 2,500 students had been enrolled at the new South County Secondary School; that more than 1,600 new teachers had been hired; that he was pleased with the increased participation rates in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs during the 2004-05 school year; that streaming technologies provided greater information access in all schools; and that almost 25,000 students had taken summer school courses.

2.03 **Citizen Participation** (Exhibit D)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Lawrence Whitener addressed school transportation and safety issues.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1414

3.01 **Curriculum Advisory Committees** -- 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 items (IS; Exhibit E)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, that the Board 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 items.

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Mr. Moon asked to include the appointment of Sea Young Woo to the Social Studies Curriculum Advisory Committee.

The motion that the Board 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 items, and as amended, **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

- 3.02 Challenged Materials Interdepartmental Review Committee** -- Appoint individuals to serve on the Challenged Materials Interdepartmental Review Committee, as listed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit F)

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board appoint individuals to serve on the Challenged Materials Interdepartmental Review Committee, as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

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

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that the Board appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

- 3.04 Appointment of Deputy Clerk** -- Appoint Pat Charbonneau Deputy Clerk of the School Board (SB; Exhibit H)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that the Board appoint Pat Charbonneau Deputy Clerk of the School Board. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

- 4. CONSENT AGENDA**
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- 4.01. **Minutes** – Approve minutes of June 18, 2005, School Board conference, and July 21, 2005, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)
- 4.02 **Annual Contract** -- Authorize staff to negotiate professional services contracts with selected firms, for architectural and engineering services for facilities modifications, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit J)

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner stated that, without objection, the two items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda passed 10-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1618

- 5.01 **Award of Contracts** -- Recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate professional services contracts with selected firms, for the architectural design of certain projects contained in the school bond referenda, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to award the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.02 **Telecommunications Lease** -- Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate and sign a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc. (Milestone Communications) at Oakton High School (FTS; Exhibit L)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.03 **Telecommunications Lease** -- Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate and sign a telecommunications lease with Nextel at Centreville High School (FTS; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.04 **Conveyance of Easements** -- Recommendation to authorize (i) conveyance to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation (VDOT), of the easements described in the attached draft Deed, and (ii) payment of \$15,000 to VDOT in exchange for VDOT constructing and installing a sanitary sewer extension to the School Board's property on Lorton Road; and that the School Board authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation

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Services to execute, on behalf of the School Board, a deed and any necessary related documents, all as approved by School Board counsel, to accomplish the conveyance (FTS; Exhibit N)

6. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1697

- 6.01** Dr. Dale said that more schools had met Virginia Standards for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) during the 2004-05 school year than previously. Dr. Dale reported that FCPS had received its eleventh consecutive Certificate of Excellence for Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International. The Superintendent congratulated Maribeth Luftglass on her selection as the 2005 Educational Technology Leader for Region IV in Virginia.

7. **SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1772

7.01 Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

7.02 Board Member Announcements

Samantha Kunkel, Student Representative

Best wishes for a new school year, and condolences for the losses in New Orleans.

Brad Center, Lee District

The independent transportation consultant was analyzing FCPS bus schedules, including the feasibility of implementing later start times for high schools, with input from an advisory committee. Thanks to members of the Bond Committee for their efforts.

Tessie Wilson, Braddock District

Invitation to a *Paying for College* presentation that would be delivered in Spanish on Monday, September 19, at Hayfield Secondary School, and on Saturday, December 3, at Stuart High School; and thanks to Sallie Mae and the Fairfax Scholarship Fund for sponsoring the presentations. The Sallie Mae Latino Bus Tour would be at Annandale High School on September 19 and at Falls Church High School on September 20.

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Catherine Belter, Springfield District

Congratulations to staff members on a smooth opening of school, and school librarians for providing diverse materials for a diverse study body.

Kaye Kory, Mason District

A *Virtual Tour* of the new school had been presented at Glasgow Middle School's Back to School Night. Encouraged community support of the school bond referendum in November.

Dan Storck, Mount Vernon

The school bond referendum was critical to the FCPS Capital Improvement Plan. Congratulations to Stratford Landing Elementary School on the completion of a new modular addition. Thanks to Dr. Dale and Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner for having visited many schools in the Mount Vernon District on the first day of school.

Janet Oleszek, At Large

Expression of appreciation to FCPS principals for their contributions. Thanks to Director of Alternative School Programs Teresa Zutter and Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Alice Farling on having organized an Alternative High School Conference; with alternative programs, FCPS operated 28 high schools. Congratulations to Flint Hill Elementary School on its 50th anniversary.

Jane Strauss, Dranesville District

Thanks to the Dranesville District community for a wonderful first day of school. Invitation to countywide student talent show on September 24 at Hayfield Secondary School to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

8. CLOSED MEETING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2530

- 8.01** Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the Board in public session at 9:18 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that the Board go into closed session: 1) to discuss and consider the appointment and performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 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

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motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

8.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit O)

Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on September 8, 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, discussed, or considered. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

8.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to appoint Leslie Butz as Cluster VI Assistant Superintendent of the Robinson-Lake Braddock-West Springfield pyramid, effective September 9, 2005, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting these actions.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner introduced Ms. Butz and commended her for her work at Marshall High School. Ms. Butz said the selection process had been a rewarding experience, that she was honored to take this position; and that she looked forward to working closely with those in Cluster VI and taking them to next level.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel two students for assaulting another student. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel two students for possessing and distributing a controlled substance at a school bus stop. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

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Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for possessing illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel two students for participation in a burglary and theft of school system property. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

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

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for threatening and sexually harassing another student. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hunt absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for violating the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel two students for violating the conditions of probationary placements. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for threatening a staff member and creating a major disruption. The **motion passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel two students for involvement in mob assaults on another student. The **motion passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]*

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for possessing and distributing illegal drugs on school property. The **motion passed unanimously.** [Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for violating the conditions of a probationary placement. The **motion passed unanimously.** [Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Gibson was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for possessing illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed unanimously.** [Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for possessing a controlled substance on school property. The motion **passed unanimously.** [Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered its decision.]

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for misconduct including bullying other students and discharging a BB gun at another student. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel two students for possessing controlled substances on school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for violating the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3183

9.01 The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.