

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 5

October 6, 2005

#### 1. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0014

##### 1.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem— Annandale High School Singers**

Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 8 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)
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.

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner thanked the members of the Annandale High School Singers, under the direction of Carleen Dixon, for their performance of the National Anthem.

##### 1.02 **Announcements (Exhibit A)**

Vice Chairman Moon announced that the week of October 9-15, 2005, had been designated National Fire Prevention Week; that FCPS would recognize National School Lunch Week from October 10-14; that the After School Alliance had designated October 20<sup>th</sup> as Lights On After School Day, and that more than 7,500 communities nationwide would participate and celebrate after-school programs.

#### 2. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0174

##### 2.01 **Spotlight on Learning – Science Kits in the Elementary Schools – London Towne Elementary School (Exhibit B)**

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### 2.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Mary Ann Putnam addressed Oakton Elementary School split feeders.

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0655

#### 3.01 Additional Appointments – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit D)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3.02. Award of Contract - Award the contract for the construction of the tenant build-out of the FCPS Central Administration Building I to Donohoe Construction Company, in the amount of \$10,523,120, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit E)

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to award the contract for the construction of the tenant build-out of the FCPS Central Administration Building I to Donohoe Construction Company, in the amount of \$10,523,120, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3.03 Pending Action (action date TBA) - Annual Contract - Authorize the staff to negotiate professional services contracts for construction testing and inspection services with selected architectural and engineering (A&E) firms and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit F)

### 4 CONSENT AGENDA

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0751

#### 4.01. Minutes – Approve minutes of September 22, 2005, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit G)

#### 4.02 Award of Contract - Approve the award of contract for providing flexible spending account administration to Fringe Benefits Management Company (FBMC), effective January 1, 2006, as recommended by the Selection Advisory Committee (HR; Exhibit H)

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Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner stated that, without objection, the two items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda passed unanimously.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0792

- 5.01 **Middle School Science Textbook Adoption** - Recommendation to adopt science textbooks for grades six, seven, and eight as recommended by the Middle School Science Textbook Review Committee (IS; Exhibit I)
- 5.02 **High School Literature Textbook Adoption** - Recommendation to adopt high school literature basal texts for English grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, as recommended by the High School Literature Textbook Review Committee (IS; Exhibit J)
- 5.03 **Divisionwide Six-Year Improvement Plan 2006-2012** - Recommendation to adopt the Divisionwide Six-Year Plan 2006-2012, as detailed in the agenda item (A; Exhibit K)
- 5.04 **Award of Annual Contract** - Recommendation to award the annual contract for carpet and floor tile installation to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit L)
- 5.05 **Award of Annual Contract** - Recommendation to award the annual contract for locker refinishing, refurbishing, and installation to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit M)
- 5.06 **Confirmation of Nomination** – Recommendation to approve the candidacy of Catherine A. Belter as the Fairfax County School Board nominee for vice president of the Northeastern Region of the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) (SB; Exhibit N)

### 6. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0886

- 6.01 Dr. Dale said that staff members were monitoring the impact of increased fuel costs; that FCPS had implemented many practices to maximize energy efficiency, and that a reduction in the number of school days was not being considered. Dr. Dale announced that the Channel 21 program *School Scene* was celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting; that the program would be video streamed and made available on line, to increase the viewing audience; and he acknowledged the grant from the Nestle/Nesquick Corporation that provided funding for that program. Dr. Dale congratulated the 18 FCPS National Achievement Scholarship Program semifinalists, and he wished them good luck as they competed for \$2.5 million in awards. Dr. Dale announced that 13 employers had been recognized by staff members in the Career and Transition

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Offices of the Department of Special Education for the outstanding contributions that had been made to support student employees in their transition to the public world of work; that FCPS was particularly lucky to have so many businesses supporting the needs of public school students.

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

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1021

#### 7.01 **Committee Reports (Exhibit O)**

##### **Strategic Planning; September 30 and October 1, Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman**

The Aspen Group International, Inc., facilitated a discussion among Board members to set the vision and values for FCPS.

#### 7.02 **Board Member Announcements**

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

Thanks to Congressman Tom Davis and the Seaman's Corporation for a \$10,000 donation to the JEB Stuart High School PTSA; that the PTSA was considering donating some of those funds to the JEB Stuart Scholarship Fund. Open invitation to participate in community meeting at the Lacey Center on October 18 to solicit input about converting the Center into an elementary school.

##### **Stuart Gibson, Hunter Mill District**

Admonishment to the community to develop cross-cultural sensitivity regarding scheduling events on religious holidays; encouragement that people exercise their conscience when deciding to participate in events that excluded segments of the community.

##### **Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District**

Congratulations to Bill Strauss and Judy Bowns for excellent Cappies Benefit program for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Congratulations to Hollin Meadows Elementary School community on the school's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

##### **Janet Oleszek, At Large**

Thanks for invitations to Back-to-School Night programs, which were very instructional and exciting.

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

Congratulations on the Boys and Girls Club expansion which was announced at Hutchison Elementary School; thanks to Gary McCollum from Cox Communications for his dedication to the expansion; and thanks to Congressman Wolf for an award of \$25,000 check to establish the program. Thanks to Fairfax Families Care (FFC) for its support of the Cappies benefit show that raised approximately \$7,000 to support relocated victims of Hurricane Katrina; that approximately 1,200 individuals from the Gulf Coast were known to have relocated to Fairfax County, with 200 students attending FCPS; and that the FFC had amassed \$50,000.

### **Ilryong Moon, At Large**

Commendations to the Kevin North and the Recruitment Office of the Department of Human Resources for having organized its second Asian/Korean Employment Expo on September 24 at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College, and to the volunteers who worked there.

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

Best wishes for a happy Homecoming season.

### **Stephen Hunt, At Large**

Concern that FCPS endorsed minimum state standards for academics for student athletes which could hamper students' chances to be awarded athletic scholarships.

### **Catherine Belter, Springfield District**

Thanks for invitations to Back-to-School Night programs, that were very enjoyable.

### **Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District**

That a meeting had been held at Oakton Elementary School on September 28 to address the fact that Oakton Elementary was a split feeder school; and that he had asked staff members to evaluate the situation.

## **8. CLOSED MEETING**

- 8.01** Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the Board in public session at 8:45 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that the Board go into closed session: 1) to discuss the performance

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of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); 3) to consult with legal counsel regarding personnel issues pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7); and to consult with legal counsel regarding personnel and student issues and actual litigation pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion **passed unanimously.**

### 8.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit P)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on October 6, 2005, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.1-3712(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 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 11-0-1**, 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 abstaining.

### 8.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel two students for conviction of a crime against another student in the community. The motion **passed 11-0-1**, 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 abstaining.

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Belter, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for assaulting another student and striking a staff member who attempted to stop the assault. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254(B)(1). The motion **passed unanimously.**

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**  
**TAPE REFERENCE:**

**9.01** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.