

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Burkholder Administrative Center

Work Session No. 13/**Governance**

October 17, 2005

MEETING OPENING

13.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting in public session at 11:05 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large; Absent)
Kaye Kory (Mason)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Janet S. Oleszek (At Large)
Kathy Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon; Absent)
Jane Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Clerk Pam Goddard; and Deputy Clerks Pat Charbonneau and Linda Sabo. Student representative to the Board Samantha Kunkel was absent.

DISCUSSION

13.03 Governance Structure (Exhibit A)

- A conference call with Dot Kearns, Greensboro, NC, School Board member was held;
- Ms. Kearns shared her experiences on the Greensboro, NC, School Board regarding the adoption of Policy Governance and the decision 2½ years later to discontinue it as a method of governing; she expressed that one of the reasons for lack of success was a new superintendent and new administrative staff who did not understand the governance system or how to explain it effectively to the community, and that goals and targets were currently more concrete; and
- after the conference call, there was discussion among School Board members as to next steps; although some Board members wanted to move forward with setting the vision and goals at the October 21-22 work session, a different approach would be necessary to develop ends if adopting Policy Governance;
- ultimately there was consensus to proceed with developing strategic goals, not ends, at the October 21 and 22 meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.