

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 6

October 20, 2005

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0035

Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the Board in public session at 6:52 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mrs. Kory moved, and Mr. Center 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 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 not present for the vote.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0048

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

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 7:05 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; arr. 6:53)	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 Clerk Linda Sabo; and certain other members of staff.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on October 20, 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 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

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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 unanimously.**

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner thanked the FCPS librarians for hosting a lovely reception for the Board earlier that evening. Vice Chairman Moon announced that FCPS would celebrate Native American Heritage month during November.

- 2.04** Mr. Storck recognized FCPS psychologists and those school psychologists who were in attendance joined the Board for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0220

3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Kids Cooking – Nutrition in Our Schools (Exhibit C)

Dr. Dale introduced Director of Food and Nutrition Services Penny McConnell who discussed the involvement of the office in the education of FCPS students; and a video was viewed.

Comments included the following: the question whether the food pyramid used in schools had been revised to conform with new federal guidelines (Storck); an affirmative response (McConnell); the question whether FCPS was involved with Virginia Action for Healthy Kids (Gibson); an affirmative response; that she was a member of that task force (McConnell); the question whether there had been positive results regarding the problem of childhood obesity (Gibson); an affirmative response; that FCPS had implemented the Governor's scorecard that included physical activity with nutritional guidelines, and that all school districts in the nation would be required to comply with a wellness policy effective July 1, 2006 (McConnell).

3.02 Public Hearing No. 1 – Six-Year Divisionwide Plan (Exhibit D)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Sandra Evans and Phyllis Payne addressed Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP).

3.03. Citizen Participation (Exhibit E)

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

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4. **ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0805

4.01 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Storck moved, to expel a student for conviction of felony charges in the community. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, to expel a student for vandalizing school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to deny the guardian's request for a student's assignment to a regular program, but instead to assign the student to an alternative education program, on the terms recommended by the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

4.02 Divisionwide Six-Year Improvement Plan 2006-2012 - Approve the Divisionwide Six-Year Plan 2006-2012, as detailed in the agenda item (A; Exhibit F)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to approve the Divisionwide Six-Year Plan 2006-2012, as detailed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously.**

4.04 Pending Action (action scheduled 12/01/05) - High School Literature Textbook Adoption - 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 H)

4.05 Pending Action (action scheduled 12/1/05) - Middle School Science Textbook Adoption - Adopt science textbooks for grades six, seven, and eight, as recommended by the Middle School Science Textbook Review Committee (IS; Exhibit I)

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0935

- 5.01. **Minutes** – Approve minutes of October 6, 2005, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit J)
- 5.02. **Monthly Separation Report** - Recommendation to confirm the separations for the period beginning September 1, 2005, and ending September 30, 2005 (HR; Exhibit K)
- 5.03. **Quarterly Separation Report** - Recommendation to confirm the appointments and separations for the period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending September 30, 2005 (HR; Exhibit L)
- 5.04. **Annual Contract** - Award the annual contract for locker refinishing, refurbishing, and installation to Red Hill Distributors, Inc., and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit M)
- 5.05. **Award of Annual Contract** - Award the annual contract for carpet and floor tile installation to Carpet Experts, Inc., and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit N)
- 5.06. **Confirmation of Nomination** - 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 O)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0957

- 6.01. **Award of Contract** - Recommendation to further amend the contract for Energy Performance Services with Noresco, LLC, dated November 8, 2002, to include improvements for a sixth group of school system buildings; enter into a lease/purchase financing agreement for such services and improvements with a recognized commercial financing company, all on the terms negotiated by school officials with the advice of the School Board attorney; and authorize Dean Tistadt, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, to execute the agreements and related documents for these services/improvements and the lease/purchase financing on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit P)

Mr. Gibson said that the Board had approved an investment of nearly \$8 million for Bundle 1, based on projected annual energy savings of \$678,846; and he asked that a report on actual savings be provided prior to the scheduled vote.

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7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1036

- 7.01** Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner noted that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) had recently directed County staff members to pursue an initiative on property owned by FCPS in the Lorton area; the question whether FCPS had been contacted by the County regarding that initiative; a negative response (Dale). Discussion included the following: that a joint meeting was scheduled with the BOS on October 31 at which FCPS would present enrollment projections (Dale); the request for a summary of the actions taken by the BOS (Strauss); the response that the BOS had directed the County Executive to meet with the Division Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services to discuss the possibility of moving the FCPS transportation in Lorton to a facility in Laurel Hill, that the Lorton school site be listed as surplus property, and the proceeds from its sale be dedicated toward the construction of a middle school in the south county area (Dale); the question whether the BOS had the authority to dictate the use of FCPS properties (Strauss); a negative response (Dale); that he and the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services had met with Supervisor Gerry Hyland to discuss the County's strong interest to support development in the Lorton area; that the intent of the motion recently passed by the BOS was to ensure that the possibility of using the Lorton site would be explored (Storck); the question whether the BOS was asking the Board to consider creating a new transportation facility and dedicate the funds from the sale of the existing facility to a new middle school (Hunt); an affirmative response (Tistadt); the questions whether the proceeds from the sale of the Lorton site could be expected to cover the renovations required for a new transportation facility, and whether any funding was dedicated to the construction of a new south county school (Center); the response that the cost of developing a new facility would be considerable; that the Board had previously indicated that the proceeds from the sale of any surplus property would not be dedicated to the benefit of any one specific project but that the established queue would be maintained (Tistadt); that the action of the BOS raised many concerns in the community (Belter, Center, Wilson); that the BOS had previously refused to approve the Board's request for a bond referendum unless it was changed to reflect the priorities of the BOS; that the BOS sought to dictate the priorities of the FCPS Capital Improvement Program (CIP), although it was outside the jurisdiction of the BOS (Gibson, Kory).

Dr. Dale congratulated Mel Riddile on having recently been named 2006 Metlife-NASSP High School Principal of the Year. Dr. Dale said that the testing results received for students enrolled in the eight International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs in FCPS were outstanding, in that 78 percent had received scores of four or higher.

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8. SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1583

8.01 Committee Reports (Exhibit Q)

Board Forum; October 20; Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman

At a recent retreat, the School Board had defined vision and beliefs and would continue to work on increasing effectiveness and defining mission and goals.

Instruction, Special Services, and Youth Development; October 17; Kathy Smith, Chairman

Presentations on vision for foreign language programs, positive behavior supports, and community-based summer school programs.

Legislation, Policy & Future Issues; October 17; Stuart Gibson and Cathy Belter, Chairmen

Review of 2006 Legislative Program (Legislative Breakfast was scheduled for November 14 at Marshall High School); discussion of Policy 3310, Focus School Initiative and Implementation (K-12).

Resource Management & Evaluation; October 17; Jane Strauss, Chairman

Report on teacher retention.

8.02 Board Member Announcements

Kaye Kory, Mason District

Congratulations to Mel Riddile. Thanks to Fairfax County Boys and Girls Club and expression of appreciation to Glen Forest and Beech Tree Elementary Schools for extending school library hours.

Stuart Gibson, Hunter Mill District

Congratulations to South Lakes High School on having 88 percent of its IB students earning scores of four or better. Expression of thanks to the Fair Oaks Academy, Fair Oaks Church, and Senior Pastor Reverend Stokes for having postponed the Teen Town Hall so it would not be held on Yom Kippur.

Jane Strauss, Dranesville District

Announcement that *Fairfax Families Care* would sponsor another fundraising event to support victims of Hurricane Katrina; that students at Colvin Run and

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Aldrin Elementary Schools were organizing a kids' fashion show to be held on November 5 at Tysons Corner Center.

Samantha Kunkel, Student Representative

Invitation for School Board members to attend Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting the following week.

Brad Center, Lee District

Comment that public boundary meetings provided opportunities for citizen input.

Tessie Wilson, Centerville District

Announcement that the Fairfax Scholarship Fund would have Financial Aid Champions placed in eight schools beginning November 1 to help students complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other financial aid forms.

Stephen Hunt, At Large

Citizenship involved respect for authority and students should be able to express themselves freely, without concern about repercussions; and that FCPS should ensure learning environments that supported diversity.

Catherine Belter, Springfield District

The American Association for the Advancement of Science recently held a 20th anniversary celebration and Instructional Services Department was encouraged to take advantage of materials available from that organization.

Kathy Smith, Sully District

The first meeting for the West Fairfax Elementary School boundary was held on October 11; and that information was available on the FCPS web site.

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District

Received valuable input at the recent Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee meeting; advisory committees should be involved to a greater extent in the strategic planning process; the Board's consideration of strategic leadership was distinguishing the role of the Board from that of staff members; and that individual concerns about the operation of schools should be brought to the attention of the Superintendent.

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9. ADJOURNMENT
TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2531

9.01 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.