

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 7

November 3, 2005

#### 1. CLOSED MEETING

Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the Board in public session at 6:22 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, that the Board go into closed session: 1) to discuss the performance 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 discuss and consider the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2-2-3711(A)(3) and 4) to consult with legal counsel regarding bond referenda pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion **passed 9-0**, with Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter and Mr. Hunt not present for the vote; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

#### 2. MEETING OPENING

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0015

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

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 6:44)	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; arr. 6:30)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were 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. Student Representative to the School Board Samantha Kunkel was present.

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner thanked the members of the Longfellow Middle School String Orchestra and Chorus, under the direction of Susan Kervick and Molly Khatcheressian, for their performance of the National Anthem.

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

Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on November 3, 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 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 10-0-1**, with Mr. Center, 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. Gibson absent.

### **2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)**

Vice Chairman Moon announced that the theme, *A Strong America Starts With Great Public Schools*, would be celebrated during American Education Week, November 13-19. Mr. Center announced that November was National Adoption Awareness Month. Student Representative Samantha Kunkel recognized teacher Jeffrey Nodo, who had supported her candidacy for Student Representative.

### **2.04 Recognition of National Career Development Month (Exhibit C)**

Mrs. Smith announced that National Career Development Month would be celebrated during November; and FCPS Career Center Specialists, School Counselors, and Career and Technical Education staff members who were in attendance joined Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Ann Monday and Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Alice Farling for photographs with the Board.

### **2.05 Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week (Exhibit D)**

Mrs. Strauss announced that Custodian Appreciation Week had been recognized by FCPS from October 17-21; and the custodial staff members who were in attendance joined Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services Dean Tistadt for photographs with the Board.

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### 3. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0539

#### 3.01 **Spotlight on Learning – Chess Clubs** (Exhibit E)

Falls Church High School Principal Janice Lloyd introduced Dan Evans, who had been supporting the school's Chess Club for the past seven years. A video highlighting the Chess Clubs at Falls Church High School and Louise Archer Elementary School was viewed.

#### 3.02 **Citizen Participation** (Exhibit F)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Phyllis Payne and Sandra Evans addressed the transportation study.

### 4. **ACTION ITEMS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1057

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

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. 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"; with Mr. Gibson absent.

#### 4.02 **Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for engaging in gang activity at school. The motion **passed 9-0-2**, with Mr. Center, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter and Mr. Hunt abstaining; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel two students for violating the conditions of a probationary placement. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mr. Center, 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. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for conviction of a crime against another student in the community. The motion **passed 9-0-1**, with Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs.

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Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter abstaining; with Mrs. Kory not present for the vote; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for conviction of a felony in the community. The motion **passed 9-0-1**, with Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mr. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter abstaining, with Mrs. Kory not present for the vote; and with Mr. Gibson absent.

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for adjudication of delinquency based on charges in the community. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for breaking into a Fairfax County public school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for breaking into a Fairfax County public school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for adjudication of delinquency based on charges in the community. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for vandalizing a Fairfax County public school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that the employee identified in closed meeting be dismissed due to conviction of a crime, as specified in School Board Regulation 4293.5, Just Cause for Dismissal. 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 absent.

- 4.03 Pending Action** (action scheduled 12/1/05) - Middle School Science Textbook Adoption - Adopt science textbooks for grades six, seven, and eight, as

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recommended by the Middle School Science Textbook Review Committee (IS; Exhibit H)

- 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 I)

### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1068

- 5.01. Minutes** - Approve minutes of October 20, 2005, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit J)
- 5.02 Award of Contract** - 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 at an additional cost of \$2,603,303; 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 K)
- 5.03 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 L)

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

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1324

The following items were introduced for new business with no discussion.

- 6.01 Draft Legislative Program** -- Recommendation to adopt the 2006 Draft Legislation Program, as reviewed and discussed by the Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues Committee (S; Exhibit M)
- 6.02 High School Course Offerings** - Recommendation to approve changes to the list of high school course offerings for the 2006-2007 school year, as

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recommended by the High School Course Review Committee, and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit N)

- 6.03 School Board Policy** - Recommendation to adopt Policy 3310, Focus School Initiative and Implementation (K-12), as reviewed and discussed by the Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues Committee (IS; Exhibit O)
- 6.04 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the renovation of South Lakes High School 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 P)
- 6.05 Easement** - Recommendation to grant an easement at Devonshire Center to the Lee Graham Square Condominiums, for compensation in the amount of \$18,000 (FTS; Exhibit Q)
- 6.06 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award a contract to The Aspen Group International, Inc., to provide consultation, facilitation, and expert services in support of the design and implementation of a strategic planning and governing approach; that the contract, in the amount of \$72,000, be effective upon approval by the School Board and authorized for 12 months through November 2006 (SB; Exhibit R)
- 6.07 Amendment of Contract** – Recommendation to amend the contract to Peck Peck and Associates, Inc., to provide for human resources consulting services provided by Linkage, Inc., in the amount of \$93,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the amendment on behalf of the School Board (HR; Exhibit S)

### **7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1407

#### **7.01 Superintendent Matters**

Dr. Dale announced that 99 percent of FCPS schools had been fully accredited by the State. Dr. Dale said that Governor Warner had spoken on the state of education in Virginia at the Governor's Luncheon the previous week; and that the event had been sponsored by the FCPS Education Foundation.

### **8. SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1458

#### **8.01 Committee Reports**

##### **Governance; October 21 and 22; Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman**

Development of drafts of mission and goals statements that would subsequently be presented to the community for input.

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### 8.02 Board Member Announcements

#### **Tessie Wilson, Braddock District**

Expression of appreciation to those involved in the FCPS *Bright Beginnings for Babies* program run in conjunction with the Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

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

Thanks to Stuart High School Principal Mel Riddile and Assistant Cluster Director Cecelia Krill for organizing a tour for *The Pearl of Africa*, a Ugandan orphanage choir, that had visited the school and joined several classes.

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

Thanks for the dinner invitation with school librarians earlier that evening.

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

Congratulations to Stuart High School parent Nelly Samaniego on her nomination as the Virginia PTA Volunteer of the Year. Thanks to parents in the Glasgow Middle School pyramid who participated in a recent meeting regarding construction of the new building; although capacity figures were being reexamined, the Board was committed to maintaining the published timeline. Encouragement for citizens to support the School Bond Referendum on November 8.

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

Encouraged citizens to exercise their rights by voting on November 8.

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

Congratulations to Boy Scouts pursuing their Citizenship in the Community Badges.

### 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-1755

9.01 The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.