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Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 24/Forum on Board Topics

November 15, 2005

MEETING OPENING

24.01 Call to Order

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; ABSENT)	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; arr. 5:45)	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 of the Board Pat Charbonneau; Administrative Assistant Dianna DiPasquale; and certain other members of staff.

DISCUSSION

24.02 Forum Topics

Strategic Planning (Niedzielski-Eichner)

- Proposed timeline would be decided after the December 4 strategic planning session with The Aspen Group;
- the Board was scheduled to adopt the newly created goals by March/April 2006, and then the Superintendent would be tasked to create measures for the goals;
- discussion about how the Board should solicit feedback regarding the vision, mission, and beliefs; that wordsmithing was not appropriate on those issues;
- the community could comment on the goals and where they saw the school division going in the future, and what kind of education should be provided to students;
- the community engagement process would provide the Board an opportunity to dialogue with their constituents; comment that the discussion should be a mix of something very formal and smaller breakout groups, and include PTA leaders, members of the Superintendent's Business and Industry Advisory Council, homeowners associations, students, district advisory councils, employee groups, and other organizations, as opposed to a magisterial town hall meeting format;

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- Keep in Touch system could be used to reach groups that did not normally attend meetings to get their input, asking open ended questions similar to a focus group setting;
- question how long it would take the Superintendent and staff to create new measures; response possibly two years; and
- the regular Board business meetings would begin to focus on student performance and achievement under "Presentations" starting in December with school profiles.

Recognition of State and National Academic and Athletic Student Awards (Kunkel)

- At the Board's request, the student representative had discussed with the Student Advisory Council (SAC) an appropriate recognition event of academic and athletic students awards;
- the consensus of the SAC was that the district Board member (or an at large member) would attend the school's recognition event; that sports banquets were held every fall, winter, and spring, and academics were usually recognized at the end of the year;
- request for the high school principals to give feedback on this concept, with the SAC's recommendation considered; and
- request for the Superintendent to provide the Board with the schedule of those recognition ceremonies.

Student Representative to the School Board (Storck)

- Suggestion to have an alternate student representative who could attend meetings when the other student representative could not; the alternate would need to not be a senior so they could theoretically run for the student representative position the following year after learning the process;
- the SAC had requested a change to Policy 1802.7, Student Representative to the School Board, two years ago to allow the student representative's election in February (instead of June) to allow time for the new student representative to learn the process, but the term was limited to one year to allow others the chance to serve;
- consensus of the Board that it would be too confusing to have an alternate or member-elect; and
- the Clerk would work with the current student representative to ensure that the next student representative would be indoctrinated and trained as soon as the February election (although any payroll would not start until July 1).

ADJOURNMENT

24.03 The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.