

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 25/Forum on Board Topics

December 1, 2005

MEETING OPENING

25.01 Call to Order

Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 5:55)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Janet S. Oleszek (At Large; arr. 6:05)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were the 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; and certain other members of staff.

DISCUSSION

25.02 Forum Topics

Foster Care Program in Fairfax County (Smith)

Mrs. Smith announced that she wanted to share information she had received recently from the County's foster care program and would also provide the information to the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Pupil Placements (Hunt)

- Concern expressed about inconsistencies that might exist when dealing with pupil placement requests across the County;
- some placements were for academics, and others were for athletic programs;
- consensus that a work session discussion was not necessary; and
- request for the Superintendent to review pupil placements in the following areas and provide information to the School Board: academics/curriculum, athletics, and consistency among clusters; information related to the percentage of

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students who were pupil placed and played sports and how that compared to the regular population would also be included.

Disease Prevention and Containment Protocol—Review and Recommendations (Hunt)

- Concern that because FCPS had such transient activity, how parents were notified if there was a contagious disease within a school and what else was required;
- consensus that a work session discussion was not necessary; and
- request for the Superintendent to provide information on the methodology on the inoculation policy and how parents were notified.

Naming the Central Administrative Building (Gibson)

- Question whether there was any interest among Board members to name the new central administrative building;
- that the process would be a public one and could be addressed at any time, as this was not a time sensitive issue; and
- consensus not to pursue at this time.

County Operations Center (Storck)

- Question whether the school system had any role in the County's new operations center; response that FCPS staff members had been involved in the design of the center; and
- a work session on the emergency safety plan was planned for February/March timeframe.

Community Cluster Meetings (Smith)

- Concern that the tentative plan for community cluster meetings in January/February 2006 were premature; request that the School Board continue working with the Aspen Group on the community engagement piece prior to scheduling any meetings; and
- consensus to not publicize the January/February dates at this time, and probably reschedule later in the year.

Renovation List and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (Strauss)

- Concern about TJHSST's place in the construction renovation queue; and
- consensus that TJHSST was no different than any other school that needed renovation; that after the CIP was presented there would be a discussion of the condition of existing buildings and the queue.

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ADJOURNMENT

25.01 The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.