

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 40/Forum on Board Topics

February 9, 2006

#### **MEETING OPENING**

##### **40.01 Call to Order**

Chairman Ilryong Moon convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 5:43)	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)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr. 5:40)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 5:55)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville; arr. 5:48)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were the Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Sabo; and certain other members of staff. The Student Representative to the Board Samantha Kunkel was also present.

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **40.02 Forum Topics**

###### School Board Office Staffing for Strategic Planning (Niedzielski-Eichner)

- Consensus that a work session would be scheduled to discuss School Board Office staffing needs in relation to the strategic planning process; and
- additional discussion that at the work session the Board would also ascertain whether the office was staffed appropriately to meet the needs of the Board members.

###### Board Support for Focus/District Planning Meetings (Wilson)

- Question whether the Board Members would be provided a budget for their district dialogue meetings to cover postage, refreshments, or other expenses; affirmative response and the consensus that each Board member would be allotted \$200 for their district dialogue;
- the School Board office staff would create and maintain a master calendar to track all the meeting dates;

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- a Strategic Planning web page would be created on the School Board web page; and
- agreement that Board members would use Keep-in-Touch for one group message about the meeting schedule, PTA newsletters, and local newspapers to get the message out to the public for the meetings.

### Professional Development Funds for Board Members (Wilson)

- The *Code of Virginia* required Board members to attend one professional development course each year;
- Board members could decide which professional development opportunities they wanted to attend; consensus that only activities directly associated with a conference would be covered by professional development funds; and
- request that the Clerk of the Board provide the current professional development policy to Board members.

### Orientation for School Board Advisory Committee Members (Smith)

- Concern that community members appointed to School Board advisory committees could benefit from an orientation;
- consensus that the Board would provide a yearly orientation meeting for advisory committee members; and
- Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Smith would develop a format for an orientation.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.