

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Burkholder Administrative Center

Work Session No. 43/Facilities and Operations

February 13, 2006

MEETING OPENING

43.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Facilities and Operations Committee Chairman Phillip A Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting in public session at 1:05 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield)	Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee)	Janet Oleszek (At Large)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy Smith (Sully; absent)
Stephen Hunt (At Large)	Dan Storck (Mount Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason; absent)	Jane Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Brad Draeger; Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Administrative Assistants Catherine Walton, Dianna Dipasquale, and Kathy Partlow; Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services Dean Tistadt; Director Activities and Athletic Programs Paul Jansen, and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the School Board Samantha Kunkel was absent.

DISCUSSION

43.03 Emergency Crisis Plan (Exhibit A)

- Overview of various components of emergency management implementation by the Office of Safety and Security;
- discussion of the many initiatives to provide emergency management direction, both at the school level and division-wide;
- FCPS was an integral partner with the county for emergency management plans and operations;
- security plan was in effect to keep spectators from being injured at athletic events and to ensure the well-being of the student body and the community attending these athletic events; and
- discussion regarding measures that would be taken to control adult behavior and misconduct.

43.04 Boundaries (Exhibit B)

- Question about the immediate effect on West Springfield High School if no boundary adjustments were made but pupil placements were allowed based on need; response that population would be slightly below capacity;
- question whether there was the opportunity for students at Lee High School to go to West Springfield for the AP program or West Springfield students to Lee for the IB program if there was sufficient room; response that the projections only applied if pupil placements were stopped; that 85 were pupil placed, but there had been as many as 125; that if pupil placements were limited to 125, population would remain under capacity;
- questions where the Daventry area was being pupil placed for the AP program; what was the number/percent of Daventry students that were pupil placed into West Springfield HS; and what was the impact of allowing pupil placements into West Springfield from Daventry; staff to provide responses;

- request for staff to provide number/percent of Rolling Valley ES students that pupil placed into West Springfield HS;
- consensus that the School Board agreed with staff recommendation regarding the new western Fairfax elementary school;
- discussions about the Haycock GT center, Churchill Road, and the possibility of creating a GT center at Jackson to relieve Kilmer and Frost;
- discussion about the South County attendance area and whether to do boundary changes to relieve overcrowding; the need to add trailers and have interior alterations if boundary study was not done soon; deadline for schools to submit request was March 15;
- discussion about creative ways to use space and what to renovate rather than add to South County; suggestion to wait until students signed up for classes before extra labs were built;
- discussion about administrative adjustments involving overcrowding at Lorton Station and Silverbrook; consensus among Board members to support the administrative adjustments;
- request for staff to provide information on the effect of moving just the middle school from South County;
- question what enrollment would be needed to be pulled out of South County to avoid facility improvements; staff to respond;
- request for information on the language and starting date to be used on the administrative boundary change for Silverbrook ES and Lorton Station Elementaries; staff to provide response; and
- staff to provide cost estimates for a consultant study of enrollment projections.

43.05 Contractor Scope of Work for Projecting Student Enrollment (Exhibit C)

- recommendation to hire a consultant to establish a realistic expectation of accuracy in FCPS enrollment projections and to measure level of accuracy in projections;
- consultant's scope would include evaluation of current methodology and option to recommend new methodology which would be validated prior to implementation;
- staff identified six or seven firms, will obtain preliminary feel for market by next month; staff was asked to research and report back; and;
- methodology must be able to project number of students returning from private schools to FCPS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.