

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board School Administration Center

Work Session No. 53/**Facilities and Operations**

April 3, 2006

MEETING OPENING

53.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Facilities and Operations Committee Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting in public session at 4:00 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine Belter (Springfield; abs)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Stephen Hunt (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason; abs)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Janet Oleszek (At Large)
Kathy Smith (Sully)
Dan Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Clerk Pat Charbonneau, Administrative Assistant Joann Kinney and Catherine Walton; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt, and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the School Board Samantha Kunkel was present.

DISCUSSION

53.03 Transportation Consultant Study (Exhibit A)

- Decision to fund transportation study had been postponed in order to add additional components;
- each element of the evaluation was parallel and discreet but results did impact each other;
- shortage of school bus drivers was still a problem; needed to examine the cost efficiency of a busing program currently in trouble;
- once study results were delivered, there would still be a long discussion on how best to implement any plan;
- if students were not able to reach the programs to which they were entitled because of lack of transportation, FCPS could be liable for a lawsuit for denying access;
- important to gather information so the School Board and the community would know what options were available.

53.04 South County Secondary School Boundary Study Options

- Boundary study for fall 2006 would avoid extending the flex schedule at South County one additional year;
- less likely that capital improvements would be needed to accommodate excess enrollment;
- would not meet the desired three-year moratorium on boundary changes, and could affect some students twice during their secondary school years;
- another work session would be scheduled to refine the scope of the study.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.