

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 55/Forum on Board Topics

April 27, 2006

MEETING OPENING

55.01 Call to Order

Chairman Ilryong Moon convened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee; arr. 5:50)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 6:02)
Ilryong Moon (At Large, arr. 5:44)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Janet S. Oleszek (At Large; arr. 5:44)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr. 5:48)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko, Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the Board Samantha Kunkel was present.

DISCUSSION

55.02 Forum Topics

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) Federal and

State Funding

- Proposal that the Superintendent and the Chairman develop a proposal for creation of a possible blue ribbon commission to make recommendations on how to handle future facility needs for TJHSST (example: Maggie Walter in Richmond);
- George Mason University (GMU) had been in discussions with the Superintendent about possible participation by some students, with more opportunity for high-level graduate programs; and
- comment that GMU, federal and state government needed to be involved in developing a structure for consortium to help provide an appropriate facility for the students.

Incentives for Teachers (Exhibit A)

- Request for staff to develop alternative incentives for new teachers besides compensation by incorporating creative approaches, including housing and potential tuition subsidy for those who lived outside Fairfax County;

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- possible incentives would be to pay some teachers of special needs students on a slightly different salary scale, and teacher barracks or system-owned apartments; important to target high demand teachers;
- staff comment that currently some apartment complexes waived the security deposit with the “Smooth Transition” program, and Apple Federal Credit Union offered a \$3,000 loan with no interest to new teachers; staff was investigating the possibility of low cost apartments units being made available to first-year teachers, but there was a minimal amount of apartments involved at this point; and
- staff would continue to pursue other alternatives for teacher incentives

Policy 8335, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities and Regulation 8335, Procedures for Seeking Approval of Telecommunications Monopoles and Associated Facilities (Exhibit B)

- Discussion regarding the understanding that both Board members and staff members had of the existing policy; that previously the PTSA and Boosters had played a role in whether or not a monopole was constructed at a school, but the new policy and regulation and changed contract language required staff to only notify PTSA or Boosters;
- staff would notify the PTSA or Boosters and affected neighborhoods about a pending telecommunications lease; there was a public process with the Planning Commission, and the SB would ultimately vote on every monopole, but the neighborhood organizations would not be a participant in the process;
- the telecommunications carrier was required to submit an application to FCPS for review, and if staff thought it was appropriate then the principal would be consulted; if they thought it was feasible the notification process would be initiated, with the principal notifying the faculty, and Facilities Department notifying the School Board, the Planning Commission, and the BOS; the carrier would then submit an application to the Planning Commission;
- comment that many PTA/PTSA had indicated a desire to not be included in the process, since they did not have the expertise to make a decision;
- there were sufficient opportunities for the public to comment on any proposal—either before the Planning Commission or at a School Board meeting when the agenda item was introduced for new business and action;
- request for information on any contractual issues with the telecommunications carrier either in terms of performance or the contract itself; and
- staff reassurance that proper notification would be ensured for all people with an interest.

Process for Naming the Administrative Center (Exhibit C)

- Request for the Chairman to consider formally soliciting proposals for naming the center, and develop a proposal that would include criteria for a suggestion;
- comment that the name suggestions should not be limited to deceased persons, and would be solicited from both active and retired FCPS employees and county residents; and
- comment that any ribbon-cutting ceremony would not need to be contingent upon a naming ceremony, but could be scheduled separately.

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ADJOURNMENT

55.03 The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.