

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Fairfax County School Administration Center

Work Session No. 58/**Facilities and Operations**

May 8, 2006

MEETING OPENING

58.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Facilities and Operations Chairman Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, convened the meeting in public session at 3:41 p.m. with the following Board members present:

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

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Clerk of the School Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant Pat Charbonneau; Administrative Assistant Dianna DiPasquale; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt; Director of Facilities Planning Gary Chevalier; and certain other individuals. Student representative to the School Board Samantha Kunkel was present.

DISCUSSION

58.03 South County Secondary School Scope of Boundary Study (Exhibit A)

- Discussion about whether South County should become just a high school since it was built as a high school; would not involve changing boundaries;
- suggestion that the community should be part of that decision and the Board should make a decision about that before beginning the boundary process;
- request for response from staff as to why we need a middle school at all;
- discussion that highest priority should be to balance enrollment at all three secondary schools—South County, Lake Braddock and Hayfield;
- discussion about keeping a buffer zone of 85-90% capacity and using these figures as a guideline, not a rule, to keep an even distribution of students; in a secondary school, this guideline would be for the whole school, not separate for the middle and high school;

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- request for information on enrollment figures at 90, 91, 92 and 93% capacity; staff to provide a response;
- suggestion that Board consider what would be the minimum level of acceptable overcapacity;
- discussion about possibility of using Mount Vernon High School which had space but there was not corresponding space at the middle school; would create a split feeder situation; and
- comment that Board was in general agreement with the three recommendations: direct that any boundary recommendation resulting from the study should not cause, or leave, schools overcrowded; should provide for equal utilization of the capacity at all three schools; and, to the extent reasonable, should provide a demographic balance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.