

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 20

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1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Ilryong Moon convened the Board in public session at 6:18 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; arr. 6:50)	Janet S. Oleszek (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board go into closed session: 1) to discuss to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); and 2) to discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including consideration and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(30). The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center not present for the vote.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0015

2.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present. Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk Linda Sabo; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the School Board Samantha Kunkel was present.

2.02 **Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on May 25, 2006, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, the Fairfax County School Board

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hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, 1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting, and 2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion **passed 11-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon; Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center abstaining.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Vice Chairman Center announced that June was National Safety Month, and that boy scouts from Troop 1538 in Springfield were in attendance working on their Citizenship in the Community badge; and he recognized another scout in the audience.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0150

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

Five speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Jeffrey Wagonhurst addressed Agenda Item No. 6.03, Award of Contract for Contribution, Use, and Installation of Synthetic Turf Field at West Springfield High School; Mohammed Rahman addressed Annandale High School destaff issue; David Nolan, Diana Barbera, and Lois Passman addressed Agenda Item No. 6.02, Telecommunications Lease.

4. ACTION ITEMS

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-0654

4.01 FY 2007 Approved Budget – Adopt the FY 2007 approved budget, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; Exhibit D)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that the School Board adopt the FY 2007 approved budget, to include revenue and expenditure adjustments as detailed in the agenda item.

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to amend the FY 2007 approved budget so that 50 percent of any FY 2006 end-of-year funds that are not a part of the budgeted beginning balance for FY 2007, undelivered orders, and specified carryover accounts that are expended in the FY 2007 budget be allocated to facility costs to include Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects, and that the

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same allocation occur with any FY 2007 end-of-year funds that are expended in the FY 2008 budget.

Chairman Moon ruled the amendment out of order, explaining that the FY 2006 year-end surplus would be dealt with at a subsequent meeting, as would the FY 2007 end-of-year surplus; that year-end surpluses had always been handled at meetings specifically scheduled for that purpose; and that the amendment also mentioned FY 2008 without specifying a specific amount, which would deprive future Boards of the opportunity to deal with year-end surpluses when they had all the necessary data. Mr. Hunt appealed, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, the decision of the chair. Mr. Moon called for discussion on the appeal.

Mr. Hunt stated that his amendment dealt with this particular budget and focused on how projects would be allocated at year end; that the amendment addressed carryover funds into and out of this budget and the subsequent meeting would address the specific projects to be affected; that the FY 2008 issue dealt with rollover to that budget, which related directly to the budget being voted on now and, consequently, was relevant at this time; that he had specified a percentage and as the total amount became known, a figure could be calculated, and it was not necessary for the amendment to include a specific dollar amount.

Comments regarding the appeal included the following: that the amendment would commit funds this year and next that might not even exist; that he felt the amendment was more in the nature of policy, and the Board should consider it as such; that he agreed with the chair's ruling (Gibson); that she agreed with the chair's ruling, but thought Mr. Hunt's action would be more appropriate for consideration at the first meeting in July when the year-end budget actions would be presented to the Board (Strauss); that the Board could consider the issue as a proposed policy for future budget considerations, but the format was not appropriate for this budget decision (Niedzielski-Eichner); that she had not planned to support the amendment but had seconded the motion because she felt Mr. Hunt had the right to address it; that she regretted that the amendment could be ruled out of order rather than allowing discussion and then a vote (Wilson); that the amendment would not commit funds, and there would still be 50 percent of available funds at the head of the line; that he disagreed this was a policy issue, because he was only applying it to this budget, as opposed to a permanent policy for every budget; that needs and requirements could not be known that far in advance and the Board would not want its hands tied; that he felt it was appropriate to discuss it while this budget was being adopted (Hunt).

Mr. Moon clarified that a vote in favor of the appeal would overturn the decision of the chair. The motion to overrule the decision of the chair ruling the amendment out of order failed 5-6-1, with Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Storck, and Mr. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Strauss voting "nay"; and with Mrs. Oleszek abstaining.

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Discussion of the main motion proceeded as follows: that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) had allocated to the school system an additional \$8 million to be used for recurring expenses, raising the increase in the transfer from the BOS to 6.56 percent; that the BOS had also agreed to allocate to the School Board another \$8 million from their end-of-year balances for one-time expenses; that the Board had discussed how these funds would be expended in several public work sessions; that she thanked everyone who had worked so hard to bring this budget to a close—the community members who were an active voice in budget decisions, the Superintendent for building a budget that reflected the priorities established by the School Board, the staff members in the Office of Budget Services and the Department of Special Services for responding to the many questions, and the Leadership Team and Superintendent for squeezing the final budget to cover the major areas of priority with less funding than they had hoped for; that everyone working as a team had done an exemplary job of covering the areas that would most improve instruction for children in classrooms (Strauss); that she thanked Dr. Dale and her colleagues for reinstating the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP) and for their vote of confidence in the program (Kory); that he thanked Mrs. Strauss for her leadership on polling the Board's perspectives on the budget over the past months; that he was disappointed in the inability to fund the improvement of the Masters' degree salary scale as had been included in the original budget and he believed there needed to be continued emphasis at that level, and he looked forward to trying to make it happen next year (Niedzielski-Eichner); that he appreciated staff providing him with the data necessary to delve into the budget; that of those budget items that touched students directly, and within schools themselves, 80 percent of funds went to students, 12 percent to administrative overhead, and 72 percent into the classrooms; that countywide, about 62 percent touched students directly, with 56 percent of funds going directly to the classroom; that about 18 percent went to administrative costs across the county; that teachers' annual average pay was approximately \$62,000, and instructional assistants' (IAs) annual average pay was about \$26,000; that he hoped the Board would consider salaries for IAs with Bachelors' degrees in the future, since there was differentiation for teachers who had undergraduate and advanced degrees; that when there were excess funds at year end, it was critical that they be spent on non-recurring costs; that whenever funds identified at mid-year, third-quarter, and year-end reviews were rolled into recurring costs, it automatically increased the budget for the following year; that many things the Board may want to do—such as the Superintendent's Teacher Leadership plan, with potential 11-month contracts for teachers—would increase recurring amounts in the next budget; that one critical area of non-recurring costs where surplus funds could be directed would be facilities, possibly even capital improvements; that often these amounts were not significant for recurring costs—such as last year's \$15 million for the beginning balance and \$14 million in allocations, out of a \$2.1 billion budget—but \$5 to \$7 million could have a significant impact on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the number of buses needed to allow the system to

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begin addressing start times, renovations for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), moving up other renovations or jump-starting the preventive maintenance program; that he hoped the Board would consider these ideas in July; that one percent of the budget was \$21 million, and it was important to remember that these funds were provided by the people of Fairfax County, and the School Board had an obligation to use the money wisely and ensure good results (Hunt).

Further comments included the following: that she agreed that year-end funds should be spent on non-recurring costs, and it was the Board's decision how budget funds were allocated; that the FY 2007 budget was fully allocated through a process, that she would caution the Board against spending operating funds on school bond projects, when there were other facilities items that the funds could be used for if that was what Board members wanted; that there were no easy choices, and such decisions would mean not funding other things; that there was no unallocated money (Strauss); that he commended Mr. Hunt for his budget analyses; that this required applying assumptions, and he felt the Board needed more debate on the issue; that some of the conclusions drawn by Mr. Hunt would not necessarily be his own; that he valued such a detailed look at the numbers, looked forward to the opportunity to debate the assumptions to be used, and admired Mr. Hunt's persistence in pursuing the issue of whether to fund CIP items out of the operating budget; that on principle, this was not good fiscal practice and was not demonstrated by any organization with a sound fiscal management program; that he disagreed that this would be an appropriate use of resources and the implication that there were enough funds in the operating budget to do all that was needed to be done for children and money could be siphoned off for capital projects; that he was concerned about where it would stop once the Board started down that road, and how such action could be defended to the community when seeking support for bond referenda (Niedzielski-Eichner); that the school system was still between \$25 and \$30 million short of what the School Board said was needed to educate the children of Fairfax County when the advertised budget was approved in February; that this was not just a partnership with the Board of Supervisors and property owners in Fairfax County, but also the General Assembly in Richmond, which was just now passing a budget 30-some days before the beginning of the next fiscal year; that it was also a partnership with Congress and the President, who had voted to cut federal spending on K-12 education in the current fiscal year below the level it was in the previous fiscal year; that while the school system was 75 percent dependent on funds from Fairfax County property owners, 75 percent of the mandates did not come from those property owners, but from federal and state governments who were not paying their fair share; that the NSBA (National School Boards Association) had commissioned a poll of likely voters in the coming 2006 fall elections, and the results had revealed that the public thought Congress was headed in the wrong direction, regardless of party affiliation; that the poll asked voters what percent of the federal budget was spent on K-12 education, and the mean response was 20 percent; that the federal government

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actually spent about 1.5 percent of its budget on K-12 education; that as the costs for war and hurricane relief went up, the amount spent on education went down; that he would like to explore with staff and the Board of Supervisors the idea of educating citizens about who was paying for the federal government's mandates; for example, the federal government promised to pay 40 percent of the cost of special education over 30 years ago and also promised to pay a significant portion of the cost of complying with the *No Child Left Behind* Act, but had kept neither promise; that he would like to determine how much of taxpayers' property taxes were going toward paying for Congress's unfunded promises; that he thought it would be appropriate to notify taxpayers on their assessments that of the 89 cents per \$100 assessed value, probably 14 cents paid for the federal government's unfunded education mandates; that he supported the budget, but also supported efforts to get Congress to pay their fair share (Gibson); that it was the Board's challenge and responsibility to identify needs and then decide how to spend the money given those needs; that if the School Board decided that a capital need was more important than an operating need at a particular moment in time, then he strongly urged the Board to spend the money for that purpose; that the line between capital expense and operating expense was often vague, and the Board had to decide when to cross the line when it was appropriate and in the best interests of our students (Storck); that although the School Board did not have taxing authority, it was the Board's job to allocate funds transferred to the school system, and to articulate the needs of the schools and to advocate for them; that she thought the Board had not done that part of its job very well this year; that normally the Board did not talk about CIP funding when the operating budget was being adopted; that there was a line in the operating budget related to the construction fund, and she would like to clarify the CIP for the coming year; that there were a number of different versions of the school system's CIP—the Superintendent's proposed CIP, the motion passed by the School Board, the CIP recommended to the BOS by the Planning Commission, and the CIP approved by the BOS and returned to the School Board; that there was a big difference in the bottom line amounts for the coming year; that she wanted to thank the Board of Supervisors for allocating \$155 million for this year's CIP; that because the School Board's original CIP motion was for \$130 million, it was important to clarify how that money was being spent; the request that the School Board chairman send a memo to the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, with a copy to the Planning Commission, detailing exactly how that money would be spent (Kory); the clarification that what was received from the BOS was the authority to spend up to \$155 million of the bonding capacity approved by the community, and was not an actual appropriation from the BOS (Niedzielski-Eichner).

The motion to adopt the FY 2007 approved budget, to include revenue and expenditure adjustments as detailed in the agenda item **passed 11-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mr. Hunt abstaining.

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- 4.02 Requests for Waiver of Verified Credit (SOL)** – Request waivers of Standards of Learning (SOL) verified credit requirements for certain identified students as detailed in the agenda item (SS; Exhibit E)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to request waivers of Standards of Learning (SOL) verified credit requirements for certain identified students as detailed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously.**

- 4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for possession at school and distribution of illegal drugs. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mr. Center abstaining, and with Mrs. Kory not present for the vote.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel three students for violation of the conditions of probationary school assignments. The motion **passed 10-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mr. Center abstaining, and with Mrs. Kory not present for the vote.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Moon, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Moon, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for possession of controlled substances at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Moon, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of imitation illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Moon, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for assaulting a staff member at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for numerous acts of misconduct at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of imitation illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to go into closed meeting on Monday, June 5, 2006, at 6 p.m. at the Fairfax County Public Schools Administration Center at 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22142-1203, to discuss the performance of a specific public employee pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2499

- 5.01 **Minutes** - Approve minutes of May 11, 2006, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit F)
- 5.02 **Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations as indicated below for the period beginning April 1, 2006, and ending April 30, 2006 (HR; Exhibit G)
- 5.03 **Award of Annual Contracts** - Award the annual contracts for time and materials rates for facilities modifications to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the Board (FTS; Exhibit H)
- 5.04 **2006-2011 Local Plan for the Gifted** - Approve the 2006-2011 Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted (IS; Exhibit I)
- 5.05 **Legislative Recommendations for 2007** - Recommendation to approve the legislative recommendations for 2007 for presentation to the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Legislative, Policies, and Resolutions Committee, as reviewed and discussed by the Legislation Committee (S; Exhibit J)

Chairman Moon stated that, without objection, the five items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda **was adopted.**

[Clerk's Note: Mrs. Oleszek noted that her name had been misspelled in the May 11 minutes and requested that it be corrected.]

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2578

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- 6.01 Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contract for review of Fairfax County Public Schools student projection methodology and accuracy rates upon successful negotiation with selected consulting firm(s) and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Telecommunications Lease** - Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a telecommunications lease with Smartpole, Inc., (Milestone Communications) at Mount Vernon High School (FTS; Exhibit L)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner noted that Dean Tistadt, Chief Operating Officer, would be offering testimony before the Planning Commission on May 31 regarding this matter, and Mr. Tistadt wanted to be sure that he received any guidance the Board might want to offer prior to that testimony. Board members offered the following comments: that there were differing opinions in the community about this lease; that he would not be supporting it due to concerns about the placement of the pole and the space it required at the school site (Storck); that in the absence of other comments, he presumed that Mr. Tistadt had enough guidance from prior Board deliberations to give testimony on May 31; the request that action on approving the lease (currently scheduled for action June 8), be postponed until the June 22 meeting, in order to ensure that the community had every opportunity to review the final lease agreement, as designated in Board policy (Niedzielski-Eichner). Mr. Moon asked Mr. Tistadt whether postponing action until June 22 would pose any problem for staff. Mr. Tistadt responded that June 22 would be satisfactory, and Mr. Moon so ordered the action date moved to June 22.

- 6.03 Award of Contracts for Contribution, Use, and Installation of Synthetic Turf Field at West Springfield High School's Main Stadium** - Recommendation that the School Board (i) enter into a Contribution and Use Agreement with The Springfield, Virginia Youth Club, Inc. ("SYC") for the funding and use of a synthetic turf field at the main stadium of West Springfield High School ("WSHS"); (ii) award a contract to Atlas Track & Tennis for provision and installation of a synthetic turf field at WSHS; and (iii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to further negotiate the contractual terms, if deemed advisable, and to execute the above-referenced contract documents on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the building replacement at Glasgow Middle School to the lowest responsive and responsible

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bidder and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of select HVAC piping at Herndon High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-2880

7.01 **Superintendent Matters**

Dr. Dale reported that he had surprised two support employees—Nancy Gunderman, a school bus driver in the McLean High School pyramid, who was named the school-based support employee of the year, and Scott Springston, multimedia technician in the Department of Information Technology, the guy behind the camera usually filming other people being surprised, who was named the non-school based support employee of the year; that these two employees would be honored by the Board on June 8; that Magda Cabrero, Spanish teacher at Falls Church High School, was named Victoria D. deSanchez 2006 Northern Virginia Hispanic Teacher of the Year; that Fairfax County had been the only school division in the state of Virginia to receive the Highly Distinguished Title I School Division Award for raising achievement for academically disadvantaged students and for exceeding the state accreditation standards and the annual objective for *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB); that this was a special commendation for Title I schools in recognition of the dramatic turnarounds they had accomplished; that Pine Spring Elementary School had also been named a Distinguished Title I School; and that he congratulated all of the Title I staff, principals, teachers, IAs, and everyone who made it all work at those schools.

8. **SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS**

TAPE REFERENCE: 1-3067

8.01 **Committee Reports** (Exhibit P)

Strategic Planning; May 19, Ilryong Moon, Chairman

Refined and revised student achievement goals after reviewing community feedback.

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Resource Management and Evaluation, May 22; Jane Strauss, Chairman

FY 2007 approved budget.

Forum on Board Topics; May 25; Ilryong Moon, Chairman

Discussion of administrative boundary changes when forecasted population exceeds projections, providing charges to School Board Advisory Committees; length of time students on suspension while awaiting hearing decisions.

8.02 Board Member Announcements

Samantha Kunkel, Student Representative

Hoped students were being careful and making good decisions about prom and graduation celebrations; wished all good luck in closing out the 2006 school year.

Jane Strauss, Dranesville District

Congratulated the Math Counts Team of Fairfax County on earning first place in the nation, particularly Barbara Burnett, an outstanding math teacher at Longfellow Middle School and the team coach, as well as Vern Williams, Longfellow teacher who tutored many of the students; congratulated Herndon Dulles Chamber of Commerce for recognition as most honored school partnership this year and thanked Eileen Curtis, executive director of the chapter, and Pat Wilson, chamber director; congratulated Colvin Run Elementary School for earning special honors from the National Wildlife Federation for their garden initiative.

Janet Oleszek, Member at Large

Congratulated Pimmit Hills High School computer arts students for accolades in the 11th Congressional Art Show at the Ernst Center at Northern Virginia Community College; congratulated Elizabeth Link and Frank Bensinger who were awarded honors at the Martin Luther King Scholarship Annual Luncheon, Ms. Link for developing Project Opportunity and Mr. Bensinger, principal of Forest Edge Elementary School, for supporting students.

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District

Congratulated the Hispanic Leadership Alliance for their conveyance of scholarships to very fine candidates and that he valued the enthusiasm and energy of the group; noted that it was sometimes construed that the \$155 million CIP cash flow was funding directly allocated from the Board of Supervisors, however, the funds were authorized by the voters in bond referenda, and the

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Board of Supervisors provided a ceiling for annual borrowing from the bond program.

Kaye Kory, Mason District

Congratulated Fairfax County Partnership for Youth for opening a Support on Suspension service at Culmore that was a valuable and much needed effort; congratulated Lynn Riggs, science teacher at Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, for being named *The Washington Post* 2006 Fairfax County Teacher of the Year.

Stephen Hunt, Member at Large

Reminded everyone to spend some time remembering those who had sacrificed for their country on Memorial Day.

Stuart Gibson, Hunter Mill District

Noted that South Lakes High School would inaugurate its sports hall of fame on May 31, and one of the initial honorees would be Grant Hill, who now played for the Orlando Magic; thanked the PTO leadership at Crossfield Elementary School for having Mrs. Smith and himself attend their recent meeting, and Laura Taets for gathering all the questions and sending them in advance of the meeting; that he and Mrs. Smith had discussed putting the answers in a Frequently Asked Questions section of the FCPS web site, and had agreed to hold a community meeting in the greater Reston area to acquaint people with the International Baccalaureate programs at Hughes Middle School and South Lakes High School.

Catherine Belter, Springfield District

Thanked the Springfield Youth Club (SYC) for the time and energy spent on the artificial turf project, and for the positive commitment between FCPS and the SYC.

Tessie Wilson, Braddock District

Asked students to be careful during prom and graduation celebrations.

Ilryong Moon, Member at Large

Noted that a target presentation had gone into late hours at the last School Board meeting; that none of the Board members had known at that time that the father of Dr. Audra Sydnor, Cluster I Assistant Superintendent, had passed away the day before the presentation; that in spite of that, Dr. Sydnor had insisted on completing the presentation as scheduled, and had done a marvelous job; and

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on behalf of the School Board, he thanked Dr. Sydnor for her professionalism and for setting an example for professional staff throughout the county.

Mr. Center, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Storck had no comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

TAPE REFERENCE: 2-0139

9.01 The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.