

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 3

September 7, 2006

1. **MEETING OPENING**

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

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 8:05 p.m. with the following Board members present.

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee)	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)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Clerk Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the School Board Jessica Miller was present (dep. 10:30).

Mr. Moon said that on the fifth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, he asked everyone to remember those who had died.

1.02 **Announcements (Exhibit A)**

Vice Chairman Center announced that September 15 through October 15 was National Hispanic American Heritage Month, and he recognized members of Boy Scout Troop #1137 from Centreville, who were working on their communications and citizenship in the community badge.

1.03 **Resolution Naming the College and Career Center at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Exhibit B)**

Mrs. Kory read a resolution naming the college and career center at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) the Elizabeth V. Lodal College and Career Center.

Mrs. Kory moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to adopt the resolution Naming the College and Career Center at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Kory invited Mrs. Lodal and her family and friends to join the Board for photographs, and several Board members made remarks; Mrs. Lodal expressed her thanks to the Board members, Leadership Team members, and community.

2. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

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2.01 Spotlight on Learning – Online Campus (Exhibit C)

2.02 Opening of Schools Report (Exhibit D)

Dr. Dale reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the opening of school and noted the following: that 26,000 students had attended summer school; the projected enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year was approximately 164,000 students; the new Eagle View Elementary School had opened its doors on September 5; South County Secondary, and Herndon and McLean High Schools had opened with altered bell schedules to enhance learning for students; on-line testing had doubled to 115,000; and FCPS students had outpaced state and national average SAT scores.

Discussion included the effects of a \$130 million calculation error made by the state in sales tax revenue, which had resulted in a \$17 million revenue deficit to FCPS; to offset that, the Superintendent had swept up 42 percent of unencumbered FY 2006 carryover funds from principals and reduced the FY 2007 instructional materials budget by 15 percent, which collectively amounted to \$17 million; and if the General Assembly ultimately decided to hold schools harmless and reimburse the funds, his recommendation was to apply that revenue to the FY 2008 budget.

2.03 Citizen Participation (Exhibit E)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

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3.01 Student Achievement Goal – Approve the reasonable interpretation and indicators for student achievement goal 1.1.1., English language arts (reading, writing, communication), as recommended by the Division Superintendent and as detailed in the agenda item (S; Exhibit F)

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Dr. Dale announced that this would be the first presentation regarding the Board's newly adopted student achievement goals. Dr. Moniuszko and Ann Monday (Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services) reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of the goals, the staff's reasonable interpretation of student achievement goal 1.1.1., English Language Arts (reading, writing, and communication), and the four recommended indicators.

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to approve the reasonable interpretation and indicators for student achievement goal 1.1.1., English language arts (reading, writing, communication), as recommended by the Division Superintendent and as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments by Board members included: recognition that this was a work in progress; that using the Standards of Learning (SOL) and Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) scores as indicators of success were a beginning measure but the strategic governance initiative came with a different set of expectations, and it was important to capture the potential of every child; that other indicators should be developed that could measure the value of the Board's expectations for students and what they should achieve; that the reasonable interpretation should be expanded in more detail; that special education students would have the same expectations and were to be included in the process; that the implementation of the reasonable interpretation and indicators was a multi-year process that might be developed incrementally, and that should be demonstrated in the indicators; that it was important to recognize that the implementation involved revenue implications; that the Board valued the perspective of principals and teachers on the reasonable interpretations and indicators and looked forward to the Superintendent incorporating those views in the revised indicators; and agreement that the agenda item was not ready for a vote tonight.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to postpone the vote on the agenda item until the September 19, 2006, Board meeting and direct the Superintendent to revise the agenda item to reflect consensus comments by Board members.

After some discussion about the Board's meeting schedule, the following amendment was proposed:

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to amend the motion to vote on the agenda item at the first Board meeting in October. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to postpone the vote on the agenda item until the first Board meeting in October and direct the Superintendent to revise the agenda item to reflect consensus comments by

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Board members. The motion **passed unanimously.** [Clerk's note: The first October Board meeting is October 5, 2006.]

- 3.02 Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit G)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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- 4.01 Minutes** - Approve the minutes of July 27, 2006, regular School Board meeting, and July 25 and 31, 2006, special School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

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- 5.01 Award of Contract(s)** – Recommendation that the School Board award the contract(s) for the replacement of chillers at Cameron and Garfield Elementary Schools to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract(s) on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit I)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.02 Annual Contracts for Time and Materials (T&M) Rates for Facilities Modifications and Construction** – Recommendation that the School Board award annual contracts for time and materials rates for facilities modifications and construction-related services to responsive and responsible bidders and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

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- 5.03 Award of Contracts** - Recommendation that the School Board award multi-prime, owner-paid material contracts for the renovation/addition at Woodson High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.04 Woodson High School Renovation Project** - Recommendation that the School Board authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to procure and contract in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (including the issuance and execution of all necessary and appropriate documents including, without limitation, contracts and contract change orders) on behalf of the School Board for the purchase of construction, goods and services specifically related to the W.T. Woodson High School renovation project, provided each such individual purchase transaction does not exceed \$1,000,000.00 and does not, when aggregated with all prior purchase transactions, exceed the total funds budgeted by the School Board for this Project (FTS; Exhibit L)

Mrs. Wilson asked Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services Dean Tistadt to explain the two Woodson High School agenda items. Mr. Tistadt said that the school system would be acting as the general contractor for this renovation project; that staff would need some flexibility on a series of bids and contract to move more quickly in order for the project to stay on schedule.

- 5.05 Citizen Task Force for Enrollment Projection Analysis** - Recommendation that the School Board appoint individuals to serve on the Citizen Task Force for Enrollment Projection Analysis, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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The Division Superintendent may present items for information.

7. **REPORTS AND BOARD MATTERS**

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This portion of the meeting may include Board committee reports and Board matters.

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8. **CLOSED MEETING**

8.01 Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that the Board go into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2 3711(A)(2). The motion **passed unanimously.**

8.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit N)

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on September 7, 2006, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and since Section 2.2.3712(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 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 unanimously.**

8.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for possession of a weapon at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for possession of a weapon and use of that weapon to injure two students at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession of a weapon and participation in a gang-related mob assault at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel two students for participation in a gang-related mob assault at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for vandalism of school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel five students for violation of the conditions of probationary school assignments. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mr. Hunt 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, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for possessing and brandishing a weapon at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Storck, Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for indecent exposure at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel two students for violation of the conditions of probationary school assignments. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel two students for distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for sexual harassment of other students at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for vandalism of school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Hunt 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. Smith, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for conviction of crimes in the community. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of an imitation controlled substance at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory moved, and Mr. Hunt 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 Mr. Moon, Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for assault of a staff member at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.