

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 5

October 5, 2006

1. **MEETING OPENING**

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1.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – West Springfield High School Madrigal Singers**

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 8 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; ABSENT)
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; Deputy Clerks of the Board Linda Sabo and Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the School Board Jessica Miller was absent.

Chairman Moon thanked the members of the West Springfield High School Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Michael Dombrow, for their performance of the National Anthem.

1.02 **Announcements (Exhibit A)**

Vice Chairman Brad Center announced that Mrs. Oleszek was out of town. He also recognized October 9 through 13 as National School Lunch Program Week.

Dr. Dale expressed sympathy to the families and friends of those affected by the recent violent events in school systems in other states; noted that security and emergency plans were in place in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and were reviewed regularly; that electronic security system installations in all elementary schools would be completed within the next 18 months and school resource officers were assigned to all middle and high schools to ensure a safe environment.

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1.03 Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week (Exhibit B)

Mr. Storck recognized October 15 through 21 as National School Bus Safety Week. There were no bus drivers in attendance because school bus runs began so early in the morning.

1.04 Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week (Exhibit C)

Ms. Kory recognized October 16 through 20 as Custodian Appreciation Week, thanked our custodians for their excellent efforts, and invited those custodians present to join the Board for photographs.

1.05 Resolution Naming the Band Room at Westfield High School (Exhibit D)

Mrs. Smith read a resolution naming the Westfield High School Band Room "The Laura McBride Band Room."

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to adopt the resolution Naming the Westfield High School Band Room. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

Mrs. Smith invited Deborah Falatko, president of the Westfield High School Band Boosters to join the Board for photographs.

2. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

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2.01 Spotlight on Learning – Peer Mediation Program (Exhibit E)

2.02 Target Report – SAT and AP/IB (Exhibit F)

Cluster VII Assistant Superintendent Peter Noonan presented the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) update and Cluster IV Assistant Superintendent Brian Binggeli presented the Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (AP/IB) update. Mr. Noonan noted that there was a slight increase from 2003 to 2006 in the percent of students taking the SAT; that FCPS students' average scores were higher than Virginia and National average scores in both critical reading and math, as well as the writing section newly introduced in 2006; and that average scores had decreased slightly for all ethnic groups except Asian students, which had risen slightly. Dr. Binggeli reported that there had been a steady increase from 2003 to 2006 in the number of students across all subgroups taking AP exams, the number of AP exams taken, and the number

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that were scored 3 or higher. He also reported that there was a slight increase in the number of IB exams taken and those that were scored 4 or higher; and that the increases were across all subgroups except white students, which reflected a comparable decline in percent of enrollment.

Comments by Board members included: the question whether, with the 2006 format change in the SAT examination, data was comparable to previous years; the response that the College Board maintained that the scores were comparable; the question whether non-FCPS students taking the exam at an FCPS site were included in the data; an affirmative response; the comment that those of multiracial or other ethnic designations were not included in the data breakout and needed to be recognized; the request for information on the number of Asian students and other minority students who were English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students who had taken the SAT; request for the number of IB diplomas earned and the IB test scores for Montgomery County; request for comparison data between FCPS and other Virginia districts (such as Loudoun, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach) SAT scores.

2.03 Update on 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program (Exhibit G)

Chief Operating Officer and Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Transportation Services Dean Tistadt presented an update on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the effects of an anticipated eight percent inflation rate on available funds, and a review of projects that were anticipated for the 2008-2012 CIP; a summary of discussions with Board of Supervisors Chairman Connolly regarding a potential county/schools partnership to fund a Woodson High School 2,000-seat auditorium/fine arts performance center; and a recommendation that the auditorium not be funded without a county partnership.

Board member comments included: support for the new Woodson auditorium should be contingent upon funding from a county partnership with the school system; that funding for the auditorium not use funds designated for other school renovations; that a 2,000-seat auditorium was too large for most student productions; that renovation of the current Woodson auditorium was included in the current scope of work; that a county/schools partnership would need to be determined within two to four weeks to be effected; a question whether alternative options for renovations at aging facilities had been considered; response that staff had considered changing the scope on future projects for amenities that were not absolutely necessary; the question whether the Beech Tree Elementary School renovation included an addition that would replace modulars or trailers; and a request for information regarding the cost and options of a Wilton Woods replacement.

2.04 Citizen Participation (Exhibit H)

Six speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

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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 I)

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to postpone the vote on the agenda item indefinitely.

Mrs. Strauss noted that further Board discussion would be held at the October 16 work session on the student achievement goals encompassing all academic areas with an expanded motion for approval to be offered at a future Board meeting.

The motion to postpone the vote on the agenda item indefinitely **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

- 3.02 Award of Contract** – Award multi-prime/owner-paid material contracts for the renovation/addition at Woodson High School (Phase III) for concrete to Creative Finishers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,157,358 and for drywall/ceiling panels to Henley Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,235,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit J)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to award multi-prime/owner-paid material contracts for the renovation/addition at Woodson High School (Phase III) for concrete to Creative Finishers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,157,358 and for drywall/ceiling panels to Henley Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,235,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

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

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr.

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Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

- 3.04 Curriculum Advisory Committee** – Appoint individuals to serve on the English Language Arts, Family Life Education, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Curriculum Advisory Committees, and on the High School Course Review Committee, as listed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit L)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on the English Language Arts, Family Life Education, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Curriculum Advisory Committees, and on the High School Course Review Committee, as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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- 4.01 Minutes** - Approve minutes of September 19, 2006, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit M)

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** – Recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of the visitor side exterior bleachers at West Springfield 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 N)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.02 Telecommunications Facility** - Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a telecommunications

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lease with Smartpole, Inc. (Milestone Communications), at Mount Vernon High School (FTS; Exhibit O)

Comments by Board members included: that school staff had determined that the pole would not disrupt use of practice or athletic fields; that a significant number of community members had concerns about health issues, the size and location of the monopole, and access to athletic fields.

- 5.03 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to approve the award of contract for providing center-based model HMO benefits for FCPS employees to Kaiser Permanente, effective January 1, 2007, as recommended by the Office of Benefit Services (HR; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.04 Naming of Building** - Recommendation that the School Board name the new central administration building at 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, Virginia, "The Fairfax County Public Schools Administrative Center" (SB; Exhibit Q)

Board member comments included: that the proposed name was too long; that consideration should be given to future planning for the naming of a second building; that Board members should submit other name suggestions prior to the October 19 vote.

- 5.05 2007 Legislative Program** - Recommendation to adopt the 2007 Legislative Program, as reviewed and discussed by the Legislative, Policy, and Future Issues Committee (S; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

6. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

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7. REPORTS AND BOARD MATTERS

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8. CLOSED MEETING

8.01 Closed Meeting

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Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation currently pending against the School Board in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and known as "M.S. v. Fairfax County School Board," where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the School Board, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

8.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit S)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on October 5, 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 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

8.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, that the School Board approve the settlement of M.S. v. Fairfax County School Board on the terms generally described by counsel in closed session and authorize the Division Superintendent or his designee, on behalf of the School Board, to approve the final text of the settlement and to execute the settlement agreement and such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish this purpose. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Oleszek absent.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 p.m.