

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 7

November 2, 2006

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Ilryong Moon convened the Board in public session at 6:33 p.m. with a quorum of 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)

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Gibson 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**.

#### 2. **MEETING OPENING**

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##### 2.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Carson Middle School Orchestra**

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:04 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 Jessica Miller was also present.

Chairman Moon thanked the members of the Carson Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Teresa Maclin, for their performance of the National Anthem.

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

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on November 2, 2006,

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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 that 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**.

### **2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)**

Mr. Center announced that November 11 was Veterans Day; that November 12-18 was American Education Week; and that November was National Adoption Awareness Month.

### **2.04 Resolution Naming the Computer Lab at Mount Vernon High School (Exhibit C)**

Mr. Storck read a resolution naming the computer lab at Mount Vernon High School "The Cook Lab."

Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, to adopt the Resolution Naming the Computer Lab at Mount Vernon High School "The Cook Lab." The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mr. Storck invited Mr. and Mrs. Cook and family members and friends to join the Board for photographs.

### **2.05 Resolution Naming the Library Media Center at Mount Vernon High School (Exhibit D)**

Mr. Storck read a resolution naming the library media center at Mount Vernon High School "The Calanthia Tucker Media Center."

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to adopt the Resolution Naming the Library Media Center at Mount Vernon High School "The Calanthia Tucker Media Center." The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mr. Storck invited Ms. Tucker and her family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

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### **3.01 Spotlight on Support – Night Shift@Network Operations Center (Exhibit E)**

Board members thanked the staff members of the Network Operations Center for their dedication in providing 24/7 support.

### **3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)**

No citizens requested to address the Board.

### **3.03 Update on English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Testing in Virginia – Jack Dale, Division Superintendent (Exhibit G)**

Dr. Dale said that Ann Monday, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and Teddi Predaris, Director of ESOL, had worked on the ESOL testing issue for the past two weeks; that the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) had denied Virginia's request to use the Stanford English Language Proficiency (SELP) test for levels 1 and 2 Limited English Proficient (LEP) students as a "proxy" test for the reading SOL tests because it was not a grade level achievement test; that he had asked the Virginia Department of Education (VADOE) to re-appeal the USDOE decision; that USDOE had agreed and a meeting had been scheduled for December with three other Virginia school jurisdictions to discuss the use of SELP on temporary basis until a more appropriate assessment for LEP students had been developed; that the Virginia guidelines for NCLB required reading assessments for LEP students in grades 3 through 8 had been provided to all FCPS principals; that if the USDOE granted the appeal, FCPS would use the SELP test and that would count in Annual Yearly Progress calculations; if the USDOE denied the appeal, FCPS would use the Standards of Learning (SOLs), the Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA), or not test students at all.

Discussion included the following comments and questions: what guidance would be given to staff; response that once a decision was made, specific guidance would be given to schools on how to make a decision on using VGLA; that for a portion of students in lower levels the VGLA might be appropriate but not for a large majority of LEP level 1 and 2 students; whether a denial from the USDOE would result in any consequences should FCPS decide to continue with SELP and hold off implementation of VGLA in broad-based way; response that there would be larger numbers of LEP students who had not been tested; that the largest percentage of LEP students were at schools already at risk and that they could not afford to fail in a membership category.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

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

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously**.

- 4.02 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel three students for possession of a weapon at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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

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

## 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 5.01 Minutes** - Approve minutes of October 19, 2006, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)

- 5.02 Award of Contract** – Award the contract for the replacement of the lintels and windows at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology to Clyde McHenry, Inc., in the amount of \$483,983, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit J)

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

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

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There were no new business items.

### 7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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### 8. **REPORTS AND BOARD MATTERS**

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#### **Forum on Board Topics, November 2; Ilryong Moon, Chairman**

Restrictions for overseas travel for students and alternative spending plans for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.