

MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 26/**Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues**

November 6, 2006

MEETING OPENING

26.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Legislation, Policy, and Future Issues Committee Chairman Dan Storck convened the meeting in public session at 3:54 p.m. with the following Board members present:

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

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Deputy Executive Assistant Pat Charbonneau ; Administrative Assistant Darlene Chamberlain; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt; Division Counsel Anne Murphy; and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the Board Jessica Miller was absent.

DISCUSSION

26.02 Policy 8335, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (Exhibit A)

- Discussion requested for review of Policy 8335, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, to determine whether the policy was still effective and appropriate;
- policy had been previously revised to include wireless communication additions only if there was an existing vertical structure and adequate space;
- staff spent a great deal of time on the monopole issue and did not want to abandon the commitment to work with the county government to provide adequate cell service for the community by erecting monopoles; comment about the income to schools from monopoles and pressure from certain communities for cell access and school income; comment that income generated had been used to fund all blackberries for principals and school administrators at some schools;
- question whether there were legal requirements to continue offering sites to the wireless industry and for the School Board to vote on the erection of monopoles; a legal response to the School Board would be provided;
- question whether there would be consequences if no more applications were approved; response that there could be political consequences;

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- comment regarding the School Board's approval or rejection of applications to erect monopoles in the current version of Regulation 8335; that the School Board should not have to vote in favor of or against every application; suggestion to give approval authority to staff with advice from the principal and activities director of the school;
- question whether county staff could do the research on erecting monopoles; negative response since the sites were on FCPS property;
- available options concerning the policy were to keep it as written, to change the wording, to eliminate it, or to defer monopole decisions to staff;
- suggestion to have staff monitor the Board of Supervisors planning commission meeting findings on November 30, 2006, prior to any further action; and
- consensus for committee chair and vice-chair to bring a draft policy back to the School Board for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.