

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 37/
Instruction, Special Services, & Youth Development

December 18, 2006

CLOSED MEETING

37.01 Closed Meeting

(The following motion for this closed meeting was made at the December 7, 2006, regular School Board meeting: Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to convene a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2006, at Gatehouse Administration Center 1, prior to a scheduled School Board work session at 7 p.m., in order to discuss and consider the performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion passed unanimously.)

MEETING OPENING

37.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Janet Oleszek, Instruction, Special Services, & Youth Development Committee Chairman, convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence; arr. 8:08 p.m.)
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 (Mount Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 6:50 p.m.)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock; arr. 6:30 p.m.)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Deputy Clerk Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Dianna DiPasquale; and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the School Board Jessica Miller was present.

37.03 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on December 18, 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

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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, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner not present for the vote.

DISCUSSION

37.04 Annual Report to the School Board – Foundation for Applied Technical Education, Inc. (FATE) (Exhibit B)

- Discussion about providing more access for students to these programs and comment that the report from the transportation consultant indicated that additional demands would collapse the system; and
- discussion about what students worked on while waiting for permit approvals—site work, landscaping, modular construction, site tours and visits to classroom-on-the-mall.

37.05 Annual Report to the School Board – Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee (CTEAC) (Exhibit C)

- Diane Pruner, director of Career and Technical Education Office, presented copies of 2007 FCPS planning calendars and CTEAC Year in Review brochures to the Board;
- discussion about articulation agreements with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and George Mason University (GMU) and dual enrollment; there were currently 39 agreements in place;
- concern about the lack of student interest in the integrated technology (IT) field which had been largely influenced by the media's reporting of layoffs; students thought there were limited opportunities;
- comment that schools requested that IT courses be offered within their own buildings and program be restructured from two to one credit courses so students could stay in their base schools;

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- comment that FCPS could do more to get students involved and get the community focused; suggestion to start talking with parents (through the PTAs) at the elementary school level to expose students to career options; and
- Board members congratulated the committee for the recent senior survey.

37.06 Annual Report to the School Board – Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee (ACE) (Exhibit D)

- Ray Worley introduced Indrit Haxhiu, the student member of the committee, who made a few comments about adult and community education; and
- discussion regarding efforts that should be made with parents of ESOL elementary students where English was not spoken in the home.

CLOSED MEETING

37.07 Closed Meeting

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider the performance of specific public officers pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion **passed unanimously**.

37.08 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit E)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on December 18, 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**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.