

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 15

March 8, 2007

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Daniel Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:25 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; dep. 10:10)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason; ABSENT)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mr. Center seconded, that the Board go into closed session to 1) discuss and consider the employment and performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); and 3) to consult with legal counsel regarding student assessment requirements pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Gibson not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Kory absent.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

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2.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – South Lakes High School Essence Dance Company**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:19 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 present.

Chairman Storck thanked the members of the South Lakes High School Essence Dance Company, under the direction of Terlene Terry-Todd, for their performance of the National Anthem.

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2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on March 8, 2007, 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 foregoing also shall be deemed to include the certification of each member of this School Board who served on a student disciplinary committee, since the last certification, that the closed meetings of the student disciplinary committees on which the member served during that time period are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by §2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia, as stated in the annual organizational meeting of the School Board held in January, and that only student disciplinary matters were heard, discussed or considered in the closed committee meeting or meetings attended by the member for that purpose. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Kory absent.

2.03. Announcements (Exhibit B)

Vice Chairman Smith announced that March 5-11 was National Sleep Awareness Week.

2.04 Recognition of National Athletic Training Month (Exhibit C)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner recognized National Athletic Training Month and invited the certified athletic trainers in the audience to join the Board for photographs.

2.05 Resolution Naming the Library at Franconia Elementary School (Exhibit D)

Mr. Center read a resolution Naming the Library at Franconia Elementary School.

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

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Mr. Center invited Ms. Jackson and her family and friends to come forward for a photograph with the Board and accept the resolution.

3. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

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3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Nonfiction Literacy at Flint Hill Elementary School (Exhibit E)

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Phyllis Payne addressed Sleep Awareness Week.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

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4.01 Motion to Amend - Amend the motion previously adopted by the Board on February 22, 2007, dealing with the approval of service area adjustments involving Kilmer, Frost, and Glasgow Middle School's Gifted and Talented Centers as related to the opening of a new Gifted and Talented Center at Jackson Middle School, effective for the 2007-2008 school year, and as detailed in the agenda item, by striking out the words 'and the Marshall Road Elementary School attendance area' in paragraph 1 and striking out the words 'other than those in the Marshall Road Elementary School attendance area' in paragraph 2 (SB; Exhibit G)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to amend the motion previously adopted by the Board on February 22, 2007, dealing with the approval of service area adjustments involving Kilmer, Frost, and Glasgow Middle School's Gifted and Talented Centers as related to the opening of a new Gifted and Talented Center at Jackson Middle School, effective for the 2007-2008 school year, and as detailed in the agenda item, by striking out the words 'and the Marshall Road Elementary School attendance area' in paragraph 1 and striking out the words 'other than those in the Marshall Road Elementary School attendance area' in paragraph 2.

Comments included the following: the Board's final vote at the February 22 Board meeting to determine the boundaries for the new Jackson Middle School GT Center had included an amendment that affected approximately seven Marshall Road Elementary students who would have attended the new GT

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Center at Jackson; if tonight's proposed amendment passed, those Marshall Road students would stay at Kilmer GT Center, as the original boundary main motion had specified.

The motion to amend the motion previously adopted by the Board on February 22, 2007, dealing with the approval of service area adjustments involving Kilmer, Frost, and Glasgow Middle School's Gifted and Talented Centers as related to the opening of a new Gifted and Talented Center at Jackson Middle School, effective for the 2007-2008 school year, and as detailed in the agenda item, by striking out the words 'and the Marshall Road Elementary School attendance area' in paragraph 1 and striking out the words 'other than those in the Marshall Road Elementary School attendance area' in paragraph 2 **passed 9-0-2**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner and Mrs. Oleszek abstaining, and with Mrs. Kory absent.

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

There were no additional appointments.

4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel two students for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Kory absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Hunt, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for possession of a weapon on school grounds. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault on school property. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for fighting, bullying, and harassing another student at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Storck 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 Mr. Center, Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for adjudication of delinquency for a crime in the community. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Belter moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.** *[Clerk's Note: Although Mrs. Kory was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for possession of a weapon at school. The motion **passed unanimously.** *[Clerk's Note: Although Mrs. Kory was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Kory, Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel two students for violation of the conditions of probationary school assignments. The motion **passed unanimously.** *[Clerk's Note: Although Mrs. Kory was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 5.01 **Minutes** - Approve minutes of February 22, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)
- 5.02 **Strategic Governance Manual** - Approve the proposed revisions to Section 2, Operational Expectations, and Section 4, Board Liaisons and Committees, of the Strategic Governance Manual, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit J)

Chairman Storck 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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- 6.01 **Goal 2. Essential Life Skills and Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community** - Recommendation to accept the reasonable interpretation and indicators for Goal 2. Essential Life Skills and Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community, as recommended by the Division Superintendent and as detailed in the agenda item (S; Exhibit K)

Alice Farling, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services, presented the reasonable interpretations and indicators for Goal 2. Essential Life Skills; she noted that the same framework for Goal 1 would also be used for Goals 2 and 3 and action teams would develop the specific measures and set the timelines; Goal 2 life skills would be imbedded throughout the curriculum for all students through individual learning plans, and would provide new opportunities for students to explore their interests and strengths; and staff would develop various surveys to measure perceptions and attitudes.

Comments included the following: appreciation expressed for the hard work of the Goal 2 committee members; request for written description of the assessment tool indicators; the individual learning plans would set both long and short term goals for students, serving multiple purposes, and would help teach students how to plan for their future; the learning plans would be developed next year at the upper grade levels and then piloted the following year.

Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Cluster VII, presented the reasonable interpretations and indicators for Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community; he noted that the three student achievement goals included high expectations, and with Goal 3 students would have an opportunity to give back to the community in various ways; the indicators were structured similar to those for Goals 1 and 2, and action teams would develop specific measures and timelines.

Comments included the following: appreciation expressed for the hard work of the Goal 3 committee members; suggestion that the K-3 social studies curriculum

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be reviewed for indicator possibilities; respecting different cultures could be measured through climate surveys and observing student attitudes; suggestion to consider including voting and working with service organizations as possible measures.

6.02 FY 2007 Third Quarter Budget Review - Recommendation to approve the adjustments reflected in the FY 2007 Third-Quarter Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; Exhibit L)

Deirdra McLaughlin, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the agenda item, noting a decrease in revenue of \$4 million and a decrease in expenditures of \$24.1 million; the net result of these actions would fund the remaining \$10 million required for the FY 2008 budget beginning balance, \$10 million would be allocated to the FY 2009 budget beginning balance, and the remainder would offset the expenditure increases and revenue losses identified in the agenda item.

Comments included the following: the \$800,000 increase in legal fees was primarily related to increased work in the areas of facilities, property acquisition and disposition, additional hearings, and the number of cases in litigation; the total budget for legal fees was \$2.8 million, of which \$2.3 million paid for outside counsel fees; prior to the establishment of the Division Counsel's Office all legal fees had been paid out of the insurance fund, but in the future all these fees would be combined and reflected in the Division Counsel's Office; this year's snow removal expenses had increased because of the costly ice storm in February.

6.03 Award of Contract - Recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of the visitor side exterior bleacher at Fairfax 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 M)

Staff noted that FCPS performed the property management for Fairfax High School, and the Fairfax City School Board reimbursed FCPS for any expenses.

6.04 Award of Contract(s) - Recommendation to award the contract(s) for the electrical site work for the ten-classroom modular buildings at Herndon Elementary School and Mountain View Alternative High School, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract(s) on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

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6.05 Award of Contract(s) - Recommendation to award the contract(s) for the site work and concrete slab for the ten-classroom modular buildings at Herndon Elementary School and Mountain View Alternative High School, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract(s) on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

6.06 Appointment of Agents - Recommendation to appoint Susan Quinn and Valecia Witt as Agents of the School Board to examine, approve, and order payment of financial obligations of the Board (FS; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

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8. REPORTS AND BOARD MATTERS

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February 23, 2007, Governance Committee - Kathy Smith, Chairman

Aspen Group assisted in a debrief of data analysis presentation.

February 23, 2007, Linkage Committee – Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman

Met with Aspen Group; the formation of the key communications group and use of community engagement tools such as Study Circles.

March 8, 2007, Forum on Board Topics – Daniel Storck, Chairman

Robert's Rules of Order procedures; participation in Virginia Board of Education or Department of Education special education public hearings; policy on telecommunications lease to be scheduled for future forum

9. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed the February 22, 2007, meeting and tonight's meeting.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.