

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

#### Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 59/**Facilities**

March 12, 2007

#### 59.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting manager Stu Gibson convened the meeting at 10:57 a.m. with the following members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)  
Brad Center (Lee; arr: 11:24)  
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)  
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)  
Kaye Kory (Mason)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large; arr: 10:59)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)  
Janet S. Oleszek (At Large; arr: 11:40)  
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)  
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)  
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)  
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Clerk Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow; Office of Transportation Director Linda Farbry; Office of Transportation Operations Specialist John Quast; Office of Transportation Operations Specialist Tom Italiano; and certain other individuals. Student Representative to the School Board Jessica Miller was absent.

### DISCUSSION

#### 59.02 Transportation Re-Engineering (Exhibit A)

- Transportation system operated under assumed standards in the absence of written policies and regulations;
- prior to establishing a formal policy, Board requested staff to: present current state of transportation system versus expectations, identify costs and resources to attain expectation level, and identify alternatives that Office of Transportation would accept in lieu of the ideal;
- staff recommended adding four supervisory positions as bus dispatchers which would allow supervisors to "ride along" for driver training and feedback; requested information on number of additional staff required to ensure compliance with state mandated safety guidelines;
- Office of Transportation spent considerable number of staff hours trying to determine the extent to which transportation was operating outside the current parameters; difficult to assess in absence of written policy;
- exception to ride policy required supervisory time to evaluate and resolve parent requests, need to identify solutions to reduce research time required, possibility of automation, without eliminating program;

- consensus to: determine cost to address safety issues and supervisor shortage; identify alternative solutions to decrease workload associated with exception to ride; determine special education versus regular education transportation costs; and
- consensus that the School Board needed to make a decision on the later start times issue before addressing transportation re-engineering.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.