

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 17

April 12, 2007

#### 1. CLOSED MEETING

Chairman Daniel Storck convened the Board in public session at 5:05 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; arr. 5:40)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large; arr. 5:20)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville; arr. 5:07)
Ilryong Moon (At Large; arr. 5:10)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that the Board go into closed session to 1) discuss and consider the performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2- 3711(A)(1); and 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2). The motion passed 8-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Oleszek, and Mrs. Strauss not present for the vote.

#### 2. MEETING OPENING

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##### **2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Laurel Ridge Elementary School, Laurel Ridge Singers**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:06 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 Laurel Ridge Singers, under the direction of Jessica Stowe and Janice Smith, 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 session meeting on April 12, 2007,

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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 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 10-0-2**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Hunt and Mr. Moon abstaining.

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

Vice Chairman Smith announced that April 2007, is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mr. Storck announced that the FCPS wireless network and access to the Internet is now available to the public in attendance during School Board meetings and that the Board would be testing the BoardDocs electronic voting feature tonight.

### **2.04 Recognition of National Volunteer Week (Exhibit C)**

Mrs. Strauss recognized National Volunteer Week and invited the volunteers in the audience to join the Board for photographs.

### **2.05 Resolution Naming the Cafeteria at Hunters Woods Elementary School (Exhibit D)**

Mr. Gibson read a resolution Naming the Cafeteria at Hunters Woods Elementary School.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the resolution Naming the Cafeteria at Hunters Woods Elementary School. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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Mr. Gibson invited Ms. Johnson and her family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

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

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**3.01 Spotlight on Learning** – Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX)  
(Exhibit E)

**3.02 Citizen Participation** (Exhibit F)

Three speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Stephen McLaughlin addressed Agenda Item No. 4.01, Award of Contract; Mike Grasso addressed proposed agreement with Fairness In School Sports (FISS); and Scott Crissey addressed powerlifting in FCPS high school weight rooms.

### 4. **ACTION ITEMS**

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**4.01 Award of Contract** - (i) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; (ii) award the contract to Atlas Tracks, Inc., for installation of a synthetic turf field at Madison High School; and (iii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit G)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to (i) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; (ii) award the contract to Atlas Tracks, Inc., for installation of a synthetic turf field at Madison High School; and (iii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Comments included: this action represented a commitment by the Board to be a part of the broader community and would provide a significant contribution to the playing time for not only school sports but for the many groups that used FCPS fields; the contract was made possible by proffer money from the Metro West development and surrounding youth groups; each Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) would be specific to a school and the Board would vote on each one.

The motion to (i) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; (ii) award the contract to Atlas Tracks, Inc., for installation of a synthetic turf field at Madison High School; and (iii) authorize the

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Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board **passed unanimously.**

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

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

- 4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault. The motion **passed 10-0-2**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mrs. Oleszek and Mrs. Strauss abstaining.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed 10-0-2**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mrs. Oleszek and Mrs. Strauss abstaining.

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to deny the parents’ request for a student’s assignment to a regular program, but permit attendance at an alternative program, on the terms recommended by the Division superintendent. The motion **passed 11-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting “aye”; with Mrs. Oleszek abstaining.

## 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 5.01 Minutes** – Approve minutes of March 22, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)
- 5.02 School Board Policy** – Adopt Policy 8240.5, Construction, Bids, Contracts, Bonds, Conflict of Interest, Protection, and Guarantees, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session (FTS; Exhibit J)
- 5.03 Award of Contract** – Award the contracts for the replacement of the automatic temperature control systems at Crossfield Elementary School to Energy Management Systems Consultants Inc., in the amount of \$290,150, and at Union Mill Elementary School to Pritchett Control, Inc., in the amount of \$280,400, and

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authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit K)

- 5.04 Memorandum of Agreement** – Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Fairfax County Park Authority and Board of Supervisors for the installation of Park Authority bond-funded turf fields on school sites, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit L)

Chairman Storck stated that, without objection, the four 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 Operational Expectations** – Recommendation to accept the Superintendent's reasonable interpretation and indicators for Instructional Program and Treatment of Students operational expectations (IS,SS; Exhibit M)

Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Ann Monday and Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Alice Farling briefed the Board on the changes that had been made to the reasonable interpretation and indicators for Instruction Program and Treatment of Students as a result of the discussion at the work session and a meeting with the consultants from Aspen Group, Inc.

The question what was the definition or background of the terminology "capacity building"; response that capacity building meant to develop within people the knowledge and skills to be able to perform at a different level.

- 6.02 Operational Expectations** – Recommendation to accept the Superintendent's reasonable interpretation and indicators for Professional Learning and Training operational expectations (PLT; Exhibit N)

Assistant Superintendent for Professional Learning and Training Terri Breeden briefed the Board on the changes that had been made to the reasonable interpretation and indicators for Professional Learning and Training as a result of the discussion at the work session and a meeting with the consultants from Aspen Group, Inc.

Comments included: the revisions had strengthened the document and the language was strong; this was the beginning of what the Board was looking do when they established the Professional Learning and Training department.

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- 6.03 Proposed 2007 School Bond Referendum** – Recommendation to adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve and take appropriate action to place on the ballot for the November 6, 2007, general election a School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$365,200,000 (FTS; Exhibit O)

Director of Facilities Planning Services Gary Chevalier presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2007 school bond referendum.

Discussion and requests included: request that information be provided at the April 23 work session on the differential in the original projected cost of \$63 million for the renovation of Edison High School and the new figure of \$85 million, and information on the new capacity of Edison High School; technology network upgrades included additional cables in some school areas that were not previously used for instruction; most technology upgrades would be provided to specific schools that were not close to renovation and had inadequate infrastructure to meet technology requirements; request for a side by side comparison of the bond referendum and the current CIP and what projects would be funded by this bond; request for information on the amount already spent from the 2005 school bond referendum and when we would start using funds from the 2007 bond.

- 6.04 Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contract to replace the baseball field lighting at Chantilly High School to R.E. Lee Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$254,163 and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

- 6.05 Award of Contracts** – Recommendation to award the contracts for re-roofing projects, phases 1-07 through 6-07, at Falls Church and Langley High Schools, Franklin Middle School, and Bailey's, Fairview, and Mantua Elementary Schools, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

- 6.06 Legislative Recommendations for 2008** - Recommendation to approve the legislative recommendations for 2008 for presentation to the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Legislative, Policies, and Resolutions Committee, as detailed in the agenda item (S; Exhibit R)

Discussion included: the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) had moved up their date for the presentation of legislative recommendations and a work session discussion would not be held; that the General Assembly should be asked to conduct an audit on the calculation of the Local Composite Index (LCI)

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to determine who would the winners and losers be if the method of calculation was changed; that the recommendations were congruent with the Board's current legislative program; request for calculation of how various changes to the LCI would affect FCPS.

### 7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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### 8. **REPORTS AND BOARD MATTERS** (Exhibit S)

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#### **March 12, 2007, Work Sessions - Brad Center, Meeting Manager**

**Operational Expectations:** Instruction and Professional Learning and Training  
**Instruction:** High Schools of the Future

#### **March 16, 2007, Work Session, Kathy Smith, Chairman**

Governance Committee update.

#### **March 16, 2007, Work Session, Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman**

Linkage Committee update.

#### **Legislative Report; Kaye Kory and Janet Oleszek, Legislative Liaisons**

May 8 Legislative Breakfast.

### 9. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.

### 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk of the Board