

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 5/**Budget**

July 16, 2007

5.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting manager Jane Strauss convened the meeting at 9:22 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 10 a.m.)	Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)	Janet Oleszek (At Large; ABSENT)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy Smith (Sully)
Steve Hunt (At Large)	Dan Storck (Mount Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant Pam Goddard; Deputy Clerks Pat Charbonneau and Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Dianna DiPasquale; Chief Financial Officer Deirdra McLaughlin, and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was absent.

DISCUSSION

5.02 FY 2007 Final Budget Review (Exhibit A)

- Discussion of Virginia Grade Level Assessment (VGLA); request that FCPS communicate to our senators and congressman that the additional costs for testing will be passed on to taxpayers;
- requested further definition of what was meant by VGLA appropriateness; and
- question whether the money in the health fund reserve could be used to reduce the amount which was being deducted from employee paychecks; affirmative response.

5.03 FY 2009 Fiscal Forecast (Exhibit B)

- Board requested that changes be made to wording in the PowerPoint presentation for clarification purposes: preliminary assumptions were for planning purposes only, as the Board had not taken any action on the assumptions; request to also include dates for decision-making process; and
- staff had found a mechanism to keep the school bus fleet replaced at a reasonable rate—about every seven years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.