

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 5

October 11, 2007

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Dan Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:40 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)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stephen M. Hunt (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider the appointment 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 10-0, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Smith 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 – Cooper Middle School Advanced Orchestra

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:21 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 James Rosenquist was present.

Chairman Storck thanked the members of the Cooper Middle School Advanced Orchestra, under the direction of Alexandra Caldwell, for their performance of the National Anthem.

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2.02 Announcements (Exhibit A)

Mr. Rosenquist announced that October 15-19 was National School Lunch Week.

2.03 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit B)

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on October 11, 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 Section 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 11-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mrs. Strauss abstaining.

Chairman Storck said that he was pleased to announce two new appointments to the Leadership Team.

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to appoint Linda L. Burke as Cluster Assistant Superintendent VII of the Centreville-Chantilly-Fairfax pyramid, effective October 25, 2007, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting this action. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to appoint Barbara M. Hunter as Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Community Outreach, effective November 19, 2007, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting this action. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Dr. Dale said he was pleased to welcome Ms. Burke and Ms. Hunter to FCPS; Ms. Burke and Ms. Hunter thanked the Board and Dr. Dale for their support and said how proud they were to join FCPS.

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2.04. Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week (Exhibit C)

Mrs. Kory recognized the efforts of all bus drivers and noted that there were no bus drivers in the audience because they all had to get up so early to drive the school buses.

2.05 Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week (Exhibit D)

Mr. Moon recognized the custodians in the audience and invited them to join the Board for photographs.

2.06 Resolution Naming the Gymnasium at Fairfax Villa Elementary School (Exhibit E)

Mrs. Wilson read a resolution naming the gymnasium at Fairfax Villa Elementary School "The Robert L. Glynn, Jr., Gymnasium."

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the Resolution Naming the Gymnasium at Fairfax Villa Elementary School "The Robert L. Glynn, Jr., Gymnasium". The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center and Mrs. Strauss not present for the vote.

Mrs. Wilson invited Mr. Glynn and his family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

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3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

No speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

3.02 Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Languages (Exhibit G)

Dr. Dale noted that this was the first monitoring report in a series of reports related to Student Achievement Goal 1. Academics, and that seven reports would be presented to the Board over the next few months before a final overview of the entire goal; he then introduced Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, who reviewed a powerpoint presentation on the performance measures to be used for successful attainment of the Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Languages with the expectation that

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students would be communicatively competent based on established proficiency standards after a continuous sequence of language instruction beginning in elementary school.

Comments and questions included the following: request that the Board be more involved in setting the parameters for the selection of schools and languages associated with a FLES program; request for information on why performance expectations for students receiving English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services would be 5 percent over baseline in 2010-2011; request for further information on the Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA) and the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) for English Language Learners (ELLs) being used as assessment tools for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students; staff recommendation that the Board fund the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) test for each high school senior (at \$100 per student) who was exiting the foreign language instruction program; additional recommendation to advocate that the Virginia Department of Education fund the new statewide WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessment tool starting in 2008-2009; although FCPS funded both the VGLA and the current English language proficiency assessment, the Board's draft 2008 legislative program advocated pursuing funding from the state for the LEP testing; request for staff to provide Board members with a list of the various assessment acronyms and definitions used; the Governance Committee would review the Board's process for determining whether reasonable progress was being made on a student achievement goal monitoring report and then have a full Board discussion; and appreciation expressed for a well-done and comprehensive report.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously.**

4.02 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed 11-0-1,**

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for conviction of crimes in the community. The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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- 5.01 Minutes** - Approve minutes of September 17, 2007, Operational Expectations work session and September 27, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)
- 5.02 Request for Waiver of Verified Credit (SOL)** - Request waiver of verified credit requirements, as detailed in the agenda item, for a student identified to School Board Members (SS; Exhibit J)
- 5.03 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the renovation of the Edsall Park Adult Education Center (FTS; Exhibit K)
- 5.04 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the re-roofing of Key Middle School to J.E. Woods & Sons, Co. in the amount of \$1,399,031, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit L)
- 5.05 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Approve the following charge to the Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP/Head Start) Parent Policy Committee for 2007-2008: Find and recommend ways to increase parental involvement (SB; Exhibit M)
- 5.06 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Approve the following charge to the District Advisory Council for the Fairfax County Compensatory Education Title I Program for 2007-2008: Determine ways to strengthen family involvement in schools and focus on how schools can best support families in developing children's literacy skills (SB; Exhibit N)
- 5.07 Appointment of Deputy Agent** - Appoint Dennis Shelton as Deputy Agent of the School Board to examine, approve, and order payment of financial obligations of the Board in the absence of the Agents (SB; Exhibit O)
- 5.08 Strategic Governance Manual** - Approve the proposed revision to Section 4, Board Committees, page 38, of the Strategic Governance Manual, which would add a representative from Fairfax County's Therapeutic Recreation Services to the membership of the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD), as recommended by ACSD and as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit P)

Chairman Storck stated that, without objection, the eight items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda **was adopted.**

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6. NEW BUSINESS

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- 6.01 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of a chiller at Centreville 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 Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Easement** - Recommendation to (i) approve the conveyance of a sanitary sewer easement at Bull Run Elementary School to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors , and (ii) authorize the Chief Operating Officer of Facilities and Transportation Services to execute, on behalf of the School Board, the Deed and any related documents as approved by School Board counsel to accomplish the conveyance (FTS; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Easement** - Recommendation to (i) approve the conveyance of a sanitary sewer easement at West Springfield High School to the Board of Supervisors, and (ii) authorize the Chief Operating Officer of Facilities and Transportation Services to execute, on behalf of the School Board, the Deed and any related documents as approved by School Board counsel to accomplish the conveyance (FTS; Exhibit S)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Easement** - Recommendation to (i) approve the conveyance of a water line easement at Hayfield Secondary School to the Fairfax County Water Authority, and (ii) authorize the Chief Operating Officer of Facilities and Transportation Services to execute, on behalf of the School Board, the Deed and any related documents as approved by School Board counsel to accomplish the conveyance (FTS; Exhibit T)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Easement** - Recommendation to (i) approve the conveyance of a water line easement at Bull Run Elementary School to the Fairfax County Water Authority, and (ii) authorize the Chief Operating Officer of Facilities and Transportation Services to execute, on behalf of the School Board, the Deed and any related documents as approved by School Board counsel to accomplish the conveyance (FTS; Exhibit U)

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There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.06 Strategic Governance Manual Revision** - Recommendation to remove from the School Board's adopted Strategic Governance Manual, Section 4, Board Committees, the "note" paragraph at the beginning of 7.B. Legally Required Committees (page 37) and the "note" paragraph at the beginning of 7.C. Other Committees (page 41), and confirm that all matters related to School Board advisory committees be governed by the current version of Policy 1710, Citizen Advisory Committees to the School Board (SB; Exhibit V)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.07 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** -Recommendation to approve the following charge to the School Health Advisory Committee for 2007-2008: Determine the elements of a comprehensive school health policy, compare those elements to the current Wellness Policy and other FCPS health-related written policies, and determine if a comprehensive school health policy should be established for FCPS (SB; Exhibit W)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.08 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to approve the following charge to the Human Relations Advisory Committee for 2007-2008: Determine how member organizations and other community groups can support students achieving Student Achievement Goal 2, Essential Life Skills (SB; Exhibit X)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.09 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to approve the following charge to the Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee for 2007-2008: Analyze how ACE programs and services align with and support the student achievement goals (SB; Exhibit Y)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.10 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to approve the following charge to the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee for 2007-2008: Evaluate the School Board's three Student Achievement Goals (1-Academics, 2-Essential Life Skills, and 3-Responsibility to the Community) through the lens of gifted and talented services being offered by Fairfax County Public Schools (SB; Exhibit Z)

There was no discussion of this item.

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7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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Forum on Board Topics: Proposed charges to Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee, School Health Advisory Committee, Human Relations Advisory Committee, Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee; and "Cool Schools."

Mrs. Wilson requested that Dr. Dale respond to a recent letter sent to the Board by Dr. Charles Dane regarding the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan, and send a copy of his response to Board members.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

10. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.