

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 6

October 25, 2007

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Dan Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:20 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; arr. 7:45)	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)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Oleszek seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider the employment and performance of a specific public employee 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); and 3.) to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(4); and 4.) to consult with legal counsel regarding an employee grievance pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) The motion passed **10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center not present for the vote; and with Mr. Gibson away from the table.

#### 2. **MEETING OPENING**

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##### **2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present. Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Deputy Clerks Linda Sabo and Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was present.

##### **2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on October 25, 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 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**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center not present for the vote.

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

Student Representative James Rosenquist announced that November 2007 is Native American Heritage Month.

### **2.04 Recognition of National Career Development Month (Exhibit C)**

Mrs. Kory recognized November 2007 as National Career Development Month and invited the career center specialists present to join the Board for photographs.

### **2.05 Recognition of National School Psychologist Month (Exhibit D)**

Mrs. Wilson recognized November 2007 as National School Psychologist Month, and invited those school psychologists present to join the Board for photographs.

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

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### **3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit E)**

Four speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Sandra Evans addressed drowsy driving; Stephanie Glashow addressed Pine

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Ridge community boundaries; Kim Luckabaugh addressed Attendance Policy, and Doug Payne addressed later start times for high schools.

### **3.02 Student Achievement Goal 1.3 Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts (Exhibit F)**

Dr. Dale introduced Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, who reviewed a powerpoint presentation on the performance measures to be used for successful attainment of Student Achievement Goal 1.3.

Comments and questions included the following: need to identify programs that were no longer working and apply resources toward things that may be more valuable; question did we invent the measurement rubric or obtain it from an outside source; response that the rubric came from a George Mason University professor and FCPS staff members had modified it; request that the Board be sent the entire rubric and in the future that the Board be provided with notes that were embedded in the powerpoint presentation; question about the cost of these programs; response that it would be presented as part of the FY 2009 budget; concern about every sixth grader being required to take an art or music assessment; that the value of assessment was for learning (critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity), not of learning (proficiency).

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to accept the report as a reasonable interpretation of the Board's goals, including indicators to measure attainment of the goals, the timeline, and the aspirational expectation of Student Achievement Goal 1.3 – Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts. The motion passed 11-1, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Hunt voting "nay".

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

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### **4.01 Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan - Adopt the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan, as detailed in the agenda item (A; Exhibit G)**

Comments included the following: the action plans included in the document had not been discussed by the Board; concern if the action plans were in alignment with the Board's objectives.

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that the following be included on page 5 of the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan document: Note: In light of the school system's current transitional status adjusting to the new governance process, the action plans listed in Part II of the Comprehensive Plan are

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illustrative and are not specific plans to be implemented by the Superintendent. The action plans will be developed as the details associated with the measurement of each student achievement goal is presented to the School Board for approval. The motion passed **10-2**, 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 voting "nay".

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to adopt the Divisionwide Comprehensive plan, as detailed in the agenda item and as amended to include the following: Note: In light of the school system's current transitional status adjusting to the new governance process, the action plans listed in Part II of the Comprehensive Plan are illustrative and are not specific plans to be implemented by the Superintendent. The action plans will be developed as the details associated with the measurement of each student achievement goal is presented to the School Board for approval. The motion **passed unanimously.**

- 4.02 Strategic Governance Manual Revision** - 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 H)

Comments included the following: the Board had a great deal of discussion associated with the role of the Board's advisory committees during the Strategic Governance process; had decided that the committees would continue to function for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school; the timeframe had passed and, by removal of the note, the current role of the advisory committees would remain in force.

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, 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. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

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

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### 4.04 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Oleszek moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for conviction of specific crimes in the community. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center and Mrs. Kory away from the table.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center and Mrs. Kory away from the table.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Belter seconded, to expel a student for damaging school property. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel two students for violation of the conditions of probationary school assignments. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to exempt from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254(B)(1). The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center and Mrs. Kory away from the table.

The School Board has been asked to determine whether an employee matter is grievable or not. Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, for the Board to decide that the matter is not grievable and to authorize the Chairman to so notify the employee and Division Superintendent of this decision and its reasoning in writing. The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; and with Mr. Center and Mrs. Kory away from the table.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that the teacher identified in closed meeting be dismissed from employment. The motion **passed 9-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; with Mrs. Wilson abstaining; and with Mr. Center and Mrs. Kory away from the table.

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### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 5.01 **Minutes** - Approve the minutes of October 11, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit J)
- 5.02 **Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations as indicated below for the period beginning September 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2007 (HR; Exhibit K)
- 5.03 **Quarterly Separation Report** - Confirm the appointments and separations for the period July 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2007 (HR; Exhibit L)
- 5.04 **Easement** - (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 M)
- 5.05 **Easement** - (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 N)
- 5.06 **Easement** - (i) Approve the conveyance of the 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 O)
- 5.07 **Easement** - (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 P)
- 5.08 **Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Approve the following charge to the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee for 2007-2008: Provide recommendations on how the school system can support and meet the unique needs of gifted students in achieving the School Board's three student achievement goals (SB; Exhibit Q)
- 5.09 **Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - 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 R)
- 5.10 **Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - 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 S)

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- 5.11 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - 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 T)

Chairman Storck stated that, without objection, the eleven 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 2008 FCSB Legislative Program** - Recommendation to adopt the 2008 Draft Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program (S; Exhibit U)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 School Board Policy** - Recommendation to approve Policy 8541, Recycling Requirements for All Fairfax County Public Schools Facilities (FTS; Exhibit V)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 “Cool Schools” Resolution** – Recommendation to approve the accompanying resolution that declares Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to be a “Cool Schools” public school system and commits FCPS to continue to take innovative and cost effective steps to help our country achieve climate stabilization; to help students become educated in environmental stewardship responsibilities; and to use their critical thinking and communication skills to debate – as may be needed – the appropriate societal, family, and personal solutions. (Exhibit W)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to approve the following charge to the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities for 2007-2008: Develop recommendations on how the school division can build on current efforts and develop new ones that foster reading-skill development for elementary and secondary students with disabilities (SB; Exhibit X)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - Recommendation to approve the following charge to the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee

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for 2007-2008: Determine how to best establish a partnership between minority families and schools so that parents become informed advocates for their children to be successful in school (SB; Exhibit Y)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.06 Secondary Course Offerings** - Recommendation to approve changes to the list of middle and high school course offerings for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Course Review Committee and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit Z)

There was no discussion of this item.

### **7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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

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#### **October 12, 2007, Work Session**

Linkage Committee: Linkage strategies

#### **October 15, 2007, Work Sessions**

Legislation: 2008 Draft School Board Legislative Program

Operational Expectations: Accountability and Audit Monitoring Report

Budget: FY 2009 Budget Preparation

Governance: Boundary Process Guidelines

Linkage: Update on Community Leadership Council

Policy: Policy 1710.6, Citizen Advisory Committees to the School Board and deleting the "note" paragraphs on pages 37 and 41 in the Strategic Governance Manual regarding committees.

#### **October 22, 2007, Work Session**

Governance Committee: School Board Work Plan Calendar; Accountability and Audit Operational Expectation #1 wording; Process for monitoring student achievement goals.

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### **October 25, 2007, Work Sessions**

Audit Committee: Quarterly Status Report; Family and Early Childhood Education Program Petty Cash Audit for FY 2006 (draft)

Forum on Board Topics: Charge to the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee; Revised Charge to the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee; Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

### **10. DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.