

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 7

November 8, 2007

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

Chairman Dan Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)	Janet S. Oleszek (At Large; arr. 7:20)
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; arr. 7:10)
Ilryong Moon (At Large; arr 7:50)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.203711(A)(2); and 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding actual litigation pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion **passed 8-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Moon, Mrs. Oleszek, and Mrs. Strauss not present for the vote; and with Mr. Center absent.

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

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##### **2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – South County Secondary School Guitar Ensemble**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:05 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 South County Secondary School Guitar Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Ward, for their performance of the National Anthem.

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

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Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on November 8, 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 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Moon not present for the vote; and with Mr. Center absent.

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

Chairman Storck announced that Mr. Center was out of town on business and would not be at tonight's meeting, and Mr. Moon was attending his son's induction into the National Honor Society and would be arriving late. Mr. Hunt announced that November 11, 2007 was Veterans' Day; Student Representative James Rosenquist announced that November 11-17, 2007 was American Education Week; and that November 2007 was National Adoption Awareness Month.

### **2.04 Resolution Naming the Courtyard at Rolling Valley Elementary School (Exhibit C)**

Mrs. Belter read a resolution Naming the Courtyard at Rolling Valley Elementary School "The Gayle C. Andrews Courtyard".

Mrs. Belter moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to adopt the resolution Naming the Courtyard at Rolling Valley Elementary School "The Gayle C. Andrews Courtyard". The motion **passed 10-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Moon not present for the vote; and with Mr. Center absent.

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Mrs. Belter invited Ms. Andrews and her family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

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

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

Eight speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. David Bulova, Karen Edwards, Rebecca Davis, Joanne Theon, Jack Jennison, Gregory Feitel, John Byrne with Howie Lind addressed Agenda Item No. 4.02, "Cool Schools" Resolution; and Mike Grasso addressed safety of FCPS portable classrooms.

### 4. **ACTION ITEMS**

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#### **4.01 Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts - Accept the report as a reasonable interpretation of the Board's goals, including indicators to measure attainment of the goal, the timeline, and the aspirational expectation of Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts (IS; Exhibit E)**

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 goal, the timeline, and the aspirational expectation of Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts.

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 1.1.1. English Language Arts; that student achievement in core subjects would be reported as the percent of students scoring in specified "performance bands" that would reflect two levels—at or above proficient, or advanced.

Comments and questions included the following: request for data on the percent of grade 2 students scoring at or above proficient on the DRA grade-level benchmark broken down separately by year for 2005, 2006, and 2007; request for additional information on the trend lines for special education and Limited English Proficient (LEP) grade 2 students that were included in the average for

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the baseline figures; comment that information on student progress related to this goal would be reported annually, and individual learning plan data would be reported later in the spring.

The motion to accept the report as a reasonable interpretation of the Board's goals, including indicators to measure attainment of the goal, the timeline, and the aspirational expectation of Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts **passed 9-2**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mrs. Kory and Mr. Hunt voting "nay"; and with Mr. Center absent.

- 4.02 "Cool Schools" Resolution** - 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 (SB; Exhibit F)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, 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.

Comments included the following: staff was already performing some practical energy saving techniques and had made a commitment to continue, but there was a cost associated with some of the techniques; it was important for everyone to have a commitment to environmental stewardship; and policy decisions should be based on data.

The motion 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 **passed 10-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye"; with Mr. Hunt voting "nay"; and with Mr. Center absent.

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

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to appoint individuals to serve on committees as listed in the agenda item. 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 absent.

### **4.04 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed 8-0-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voting "aye"; with Mrs. Wilson abstaining; with Mrs. Kory and Mr. Moon not present for the vote; and with Mr. Center absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Center was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Center was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for assaulting school officials and another student at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Center was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson moved and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel three students for violations of the conditions of probationary school assignments. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Center was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 5.01 **Minutes** - Approve minutes of October 25, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 **Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the chiller replacement at Centreville High School to Boiler and Furnace Cleaners, Inc., Hurley Company Division, in the amount of \$820,900, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 **School Board Policy** - Approve Policy 8541, Recycling Requirements for All Fairfax County Public Schools Facilities (FTS; Exhibit J)
- 5.04 **Charge to School Board Advisory Committee** - 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 K)
- 5.05 **School Board Charge to Advisory Committee** - Approve the following charge to the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee 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 L)
- 5.06 **Secondary Course Offerings** - Approve changes to the list of secondary school course offerings for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Secondary Course Review Committee and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit M)

Chairman Storck stated that, without objection, the six 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 **FY 2008 Midyear Budget Review** - Recommendation to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2008 Midyear Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; Exhibit N)

Chief Financial Officer Deirdra McLaughlin reviewed the agenda item, noting the revenue and expenditure adjustments; \$5.9 million had been moved to the beginning balance for FY 2009, bringing the total to \$25 million; the general education student membership had been one percent higher than projected, or 1,500 students, and when the special education and ESOL membership were counted later in the year those enrollment figures were expected to increase similarly; and due to increased enrollment, 25 positions had been added to the staffing reserve.

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- 6.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the renovation of Franklin Sherman Elementary 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 O)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of the visitor side exterior bleachers at Falls Church 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 P)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to authorize staff members to negotiate professional services contracts with selected firms, for the architectural design of certain projects contained in the 2007 school bond referendum, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to award the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Sale of School Bonds** - Recommendation to approve the resolution, in the form attached, requesting the Board of Supervisors to issue and sell \$144,280,000 in school bonds approved by the voters in the November 4, 2003, School Bond Referendum, and authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman, with the advice of the School Board attorney, to negotiate and to execute, on behalf of the School Board, the Certificate of the School Board (substantially in the form attached) in connection with the issuance by the County of Series 2008A public improvement bonds (FS; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

### **7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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

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### **Forum on Board Topics, November 8, 2007**

As a component of the current transportation reengineering study, complete an analysis with findings and recommendations of the scope and implications of non-bus vehicles delivering students to our schools; FairfaxCorp: collaboration with the Park Authority to devise a program that is available to our students to support the range of park responsibilities and meets our “responsibility to the community” goal; and P8170, Naming School Facilities, R8170, Procedures for Naming School Facilities.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

### **10. DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight’s meeting.