

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 9

December 6, 2007

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

Chairman Dan Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:05 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield; arr. 6:42)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; arr. 8:00)	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; ABSENT)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock; ABSENT)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider performance of specific public employees and a specific public officer pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); and 3) to consult with legal counsel regarding a complaint filed with the Virginia Department of Education pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion **passed 8-0**, with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Storck voting "aye"; with Mrs. Belter and Mr. Center not present for the vote, and with Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson absent.

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

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##### **2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Sandburg Middle School Choralettes**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:30 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 Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was present (dep. 9:00 p.m.).

Chairman Storck thanked the members of the Sandburg Middle School Choralettes, under the direction of Meredith Green, for their performance of the National Anthem.

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

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on December 6, 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 9-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Storck voting "aye"; with Mr. Center not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson absent.

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

Mr. Hunt recognized Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; Chairman Storck announced that Mrs. Wilson was out of town at a conference; that Mr. Center was on his way back from an out of town business conference; and that Mrs. Strauss was with her family. Chairman Storck recognized a Boy Scout from Troop 875 from Annandale, who was in attendance working on citizenship in the community and communications merit badges; and recognized another Boy Scout in attendance, who was working on citizenship in the community.

### **2.04 Resolution Naming the Community Room at Dunn Loring Center (Exhibit C)**

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner read a resolution naming the community room at Dunn Loring Center.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to adopt the Resolution Establishing "The G. Ray Worley Community Meeting Room" at Dunn Loring Center. The motion **passed 9-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, and Mr.

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Storck voting “aye”; with Mr. Center not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson absent.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner invited Mr. Worley 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 D)**

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Lois Passman addressed Agenda Item No. 2.04, Resolution Naming the Community Room at Dunn Loring Center.

### 4. **ACTION ITEMS**

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#### **4.01 Student Achievement Goal 1.1.3., Science – 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 1.1.3., Science (IS; Exhibit E).**

Dr. Dale introduced Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, who presented the report on Student Achievement Goal 1.1.3., Science. Before presenting specific data, Mr. Noonan introduced Dr. Recardo Sockwell, Director, Office of Program Evaluation in the Department of Accountability, who reviewed the staff’s methodology used to create the performance band measures of “proficiency” and “advanced proficiency” to monitor student success; the performance bands would be used consistently through each academic area and progress would be reported to the Board annually; comment that the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) was a test given every three years to 15-year-old students in over 30 countries in reading, math, and science; request for staff to consider this type of assessment for high school students to measure whether they were meeting their full potential in science, and possibly math, instead of using results from an end-of-course or SOL test, as those available measures indicated that many students were already at a high level of proficiency; this spring, the Superintendent planned to present proposed project plans and prioritization of resources required to accomplish the student achievement goals. Mr. Noonan then reviewed the science data in a powerpoint presentation.

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Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Center 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 1.1.3., Science.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to amend the motion to direct the Superintendent to evaluate the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), or comparable alternatives, as a potential indicator to measure the Board's science goal and report back to the Board in a work session at the earliest appropriate date.

Comments included the following: the PISA would provide an alternative measure to assess those students already achieving at higher levels based on current assessment tools; there was a need to challenge the system to consider additional academic programming in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the amendment gave direction to the Superintendent and staff to gather background information on what would be the correct instrument to measure student achievement and then to schedule a work session discussion; confirmation that "the earliest appropriate date" meant that sometime during this year's cycle, and before the next monitoring report, the Board would discuss the evaluation of any alternative assessment methods and consider those alternatives and any implementation plans.

The motion to amend the motion to direct the Superintendent to evaluate the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), or comparable alternatives, as a potential indicator to measure the Board's science goal and report back to the Board in a work session at the earliest appropriate date **passed 9-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, and Mr. Storck voting "aye," with Mrs. Smith voting "nay," and with Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson absent.

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 1.1.3., Science, and as amended to direct the Superintendent to evaluate the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), or comparable alternatives, as a potential indicator to measure the Board's science goal and report back to the Board in a work session at the earliest appropriate date **passed 9-1**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Storck voting "aye," with Mr. Hunt voting "nay," and with Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson absent.

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

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*[Clerk's note: Confirmation of Action was completed prior to the Board's discussion and deliberation on 4.01, Student Achievement Goal 1.1.3., Science.]*

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed 9-0**, with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Storck voting "aye"; with Mr. Center not present for the vote; and with Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Wilson absent.

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for theft of student property at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mrs. Wilson was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel three students for engaging in gang activities at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. *[Clerk's Note: Although Mrs. Wilson was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]*

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

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- 5.01 Minutes** - Approve minutes of November 29, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit F)
- 5.02 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the replacement of windows and lintels at Mosby Woods Elementary School to Golden Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$522,952, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit G)
- 5.03 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the window and sill replacement at Stratford Landing Elementary School to Creative Finishes, Inc., in the amount of \$501,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit H)

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Chairman Storck stated that, without objection, the three 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 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contracts for the twelve classroom modular addition at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School and the eight classroom modular addition at Waynewood Elementary School, 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 I)

There was no discussion of this item.

**6.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the renovation of Woodburn 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 J)

There was no discussion of this item.

**6.03 2008-2009 School Calendars** - Recommendation to approve the 2008-2009 school calendars as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

### 7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

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

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#### **December 3, 2007, Work Session**

Governance: Proposed language for operational expectations; planning for the January 2008 retreat

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**December 6, 2007, Legislative Breakfast**

**December 6, 2007, Work Session**

Forum on Board Topics: Videostreaming School Board meetings; Transportation Task Force schedule for reporting to the School Board.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

**10. DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.