

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 48/Special Services

December 10, 2007

48.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Steve Hunt convened the meeting at 2:28 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Steve Hunt (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence; ABSENT)
Janet Oleszek (At Large)
Kathy Smith (Sully)
Dan Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Joann Kinney; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Alice Farling; and Director of Alternative School Programs Teresa Zutter. Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was not present.

DISCUSSION

48.02 Alternative Schools Update (Exhibit A)

- The Department of Special Services presented a report to the School Board on the Alternative Schools Program (ASP);
- two alternative school students gave personal testimony to the positive impact of ASP on their lives;
- members of the School Board expressed concern that ASP students were not efficiently tracked after leaving the program and that follow-up data was not sufficient to determine the efficacy of the program;
- members of the School Board requested feedback on the indirect costs, particularly for transportation, for each of the Alternative School Programs.

48.03 Closed Meeting

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting (1) to discuss and consider performance of a specific public officer

pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); and (2) 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 11-0** with Mrs. Belter, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye;" and with Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner absent.

48.04 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, that in order to comply with the *Code of Virginia*, it is necessary for the Board to certify that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on December 10, 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 §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. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Oleszek, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye;" with Mrs. Strauss not present for the vote; and with Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.