

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 90-92/  
Instruction, Human Resources, and Special Services

June 6, 2007

#### 90.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting manager Kathy Smith convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Catherine A. Belter (Springfield)  
Brad Center (Lee dpt 7:50)  
Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill ABSENT)  
Steve Hunt (At Large dpt 8:20)  
Kaye Kory (Mason arr 7:14)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

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

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Clerk Pat Charbonneau; Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow; Title I Coordinator Sue Fidelman; Title I Resource Teacher Debbie Swietlik; Hybla Valley Elementary School Title I Representative Beverly Copeland; Office of Early Childhood and Family Services Director Mary Peterson; Policy Committee Chairperson Dogwood Elementary School Emeka Ezidinma; Human Relations Advisory Committee Chair May Kheder and Vice Chair Barbara Laster; Director Student Services Ellie Barnes; School Health Advisory Committee Chairman Hope Warsaw; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Jessica Miller was absent.

#### DISCUSSION

##### 90.02 Title I District Advisory Council Annual Report (Exhibit A)

- Highlighted the *Partners in Print* family literacy programs encouraging parents to read to their children in either English or their home language and the advantage of cross learning;
- requested Title I parents to consider how the School Board could forge an effective link with the community given the diversity of community, cultures, and relationships, and provide the Board with recommendations.

##### 90.03 FECEP/Head Start Annual Report (Exhibit B)

- Presented a personal narrative on the value of Head Start and the positive changes it made in the life of one family;

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- question what FECEP and Head Start were doing in cooperation with Fairfax Futures; response that program representatives participated on the transition team for students transitioning from private child care to Fairfax County Public Schools and that program representatives worked with private child care providers to make them aware of pre-school program of studies and kindergarten orientation dates; and
- mission of Early Head Start program in comparison to Head Start was the same but was targeted at younger students, encouraged parental development, focused on the student, and worked on increasing socialization.

#### **91.02 Human Relations Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit C)**

- Committee had solicited feedback from three sources--principals, parent liaisons, and community groups—for recommendations on improving their service delivery;
- parent liaisons performed translation services, worked additional hours beyond the approved part-time amount, and ventured into social worker duties because of the language barriers between parents and school social worker; and
- the liaison role was emphasized between parent liaison and appropriate school resource staff during training classes.

#### **92.02 School Health Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit D)**

- For all elementary school grades, recommended two physical education class sessions per week, stronger recess policy; discouraged withholding recess for punishment or class make-up time;
- how would health and wellness policy be incorporated into Title I and FECEP programs, suggested focused messages to parents encouraging family activities; and
- question whether nutritional training was included in the wellness policy; response that it was part of the Head Start standard, and a part of the new curriculum "I am Moving, I am Learning".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.