

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 11

January 10, 2008

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Dan Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:15 p.m. a quorum of members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); and 2) to discuss and consider the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

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

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:05 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 Franklin Middle School Women's Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Lorraine Neil, for their performance of the National Anthem.

2.02 Annual School Board Organization - Elect chairman and vice chairman; designate meeting dates; approve School Board salaries and mileage reimbursements; appoint the clerk, deputy clerks, agents, and deputy agents (SB; Exhibit A)

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Chairman Storck said that Section 22.1-76 of the *Code of Virginia* specified that at the annual organization meeting, a school board shall elect one of its members as chairman and one as vice chairman, and shall approve other appointments and designations of responsibility necessary for Board operations during the year; and he turned the gavel over to Dr. Dale for the purpose of presiding over the election of the chairman.

Dr. Dale opened the floor to nominations for Chairman of the School Board.

Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that Daniel Storck be nominated as Chairman of the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Comments included the following: that Mr. Storck's accomplishments over the past year as chairman spoke for themselves; that he had a willingness to consider the opinions and viewpoints of others and treated everyone fairly, and he had a great sense of humor and a willingness and ability to communicate with each Board member.

Hearing no other nominations, the motion that Daniel Storck be elected Chairman of the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia **passed unanimously.**

Dr. Dale turned the gavel over to Mr. Storck, who thanked the Board for the honor and for their trust.

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that Kathy Smith be nominated as Vice Chairman of the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Comments included the following: the past year had been truly successful with the team of Mr. Storck and Mrs. Smith, and during this year of transition continuity was important; Mrs. Smith had a strong commitment to all children and kept the Board focused on the students.

Hearing no other nominations, the motion that Kathy Smith be elected Vice Chairman of the School Board of Fairfax County, Virginia **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Smith thanked her colleagues for their support and said that she looked forward to working with Mr. Storck for another year.

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that the School Board authorize organizational arrangements and appointments as follows:

1. Designate the following as regular business meeting dates: January 24, February 14 and 28, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 5 and 19, July 10 and 24, September 4 and 18, October 2 and 23, November 6 and 17 (**Monday**), December 4 and 18, 2008, and January 8, 2009. Regular business meetings are typically held on Thursdays. Special

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meetings, Board committee work sessions, and other special functions will also be scheduled. Committees of three Board members hear student disciplinary cases in closed meetings, typically on Tuesdays. The Board does not meet in August. The Board's calendar of meeting dates will be based on the school year and will be initially set and published in August.

2. Set the salary of Board members at \$20,000 per year and that of the Board Chairman at \$22,000, and reimburse for local mileage at the Federal mileage reimbursement rate for official School Board business travel.
3. Compensate the student representative for attendance at public meetings not to exceed \$50 per day and reimburse for local mileage at the Federal mileage reimbursement rate for official School Board business travel.
4. Approve Richard Moniuszko, Deputy Superintendent, to serve as the Superintendent's designee to attend any meeting of the School Board that the Superintendent cannot attend.
5. Appoint Pamela Goddard as Executive Assistant and Clerk of the School Board.
6. Appoint Patricia Charbonneau and Linda Sabo as Deputy Clerks of the School Board.
7. Appoint John Quast and Brian Waymire as Deputy Clerks of the School Board for the limited purpose of signing titles to School Board vehicles; and appoint Gretchen Bear, Bok Nam DeGregoria, Arnold Dunbar, Sheri Stern, Mary J. Thomas, and Roger A. Pearson as Deputy Clerks of the School Board for the limited purpose of countersigning payment warrants.
8. Appoint Anita Kapper, John Lako, Bob Lausier, Mahmood Sheikh, Susan Quinn, and Valecia Witt as Agents of the School Board to examine, approve, and order payment of financial obligations of the Board; and appoint Natalia Nankovitch-Andersen, Kristen Fang, Mary Keninitz, Dalila Khalafi, Michael Lunter, Kevin McCarty, Joy Russom, Dennis Shelton, Helen Shiflett, and Valerie Wolfe as Deputy Agents of the School Board to perform those functions in the absence of the Agents.
9. Appoint Susan Quinn as Agent of the School Board to approve disbursements made from all petty cash funds.
10. Authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign all legal documents for the Board, other than those requiring the signature of some other officer; and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign in the absence of the Chairman, and the Deputy Clerks in the absence of the Clerk.

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11. Authorize Richard Moniuszko, Deputy Superintendent, and Deirdra McLaughlin, Chief Financial Officer, to execute official documents relating to state, federal, and impact aid requiring the Superintendent's signature.
12. Retain Thomas J. Cawley, Esquire and the firm of Hunton & Williams to provide general legal advice and litigation services. Retain John Cafferky, Esquire, and the firm of Blankingship & Keith to provide special education legal services.
13. Organize liaisons and committees to support the Board's work, to include Audit, Legislative, Budget, Governance, and Linkage.

The motion to authorize organization arrangements and appointments **passed unanimously.**

Chairman Storck recommended the following liaison and committee appointments that would be effective through July 2008: Audit Committee, Tessie Wilson (chairman) and James Raney (vice chairman); Legislative Liaison, Stuart Gibson (federal) and Martina Hone (state); Budget Liaison, Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner (chairman) and Ilryong Moon (alternate); Governance Committee, Kathy Smith (chairman), Kaye Kory, Ilryong Moon, and Daniel Storck; Linkage Committee, Brad Center (chairman), Elizabeth Bradsher, James Raney, and Jane Strauss.

Chairman Storck recommended the following as liaisons to School Board Advisory Committees: Adult and Community Education, Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner; Gifted and Talented, Kaye Kory; Career and Technical Education Dan Storck; Human Resources, Jane Strauss; Minority Student Achievement Oversight, Kathy Smith; School Health, Elizabeth Bradsher; Students With Disabilities, Tessie Wilson; Title I/FECEP, Martina Hone. In support of continuing partnership with the Fairfax City School Board, the Fairfax County Park Authority and Planning Commission, Elizabeth Bradsher will serve as liaison to the Fairfax City School Board, Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner will continue to serve as liaison to the Fairfax County Park Authority; and Ilryong Moon will continue to serve as liaison to the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

Chairman Storck stated that hearing no objection, the liaison and committee appointments would be effective January 2008 through July 2008.

2.03 Announcements

Chairman Storck welcomed the three newly-elected Board Members, Elizabeth Bradsher (Springfield District) and Martina Hone and James Raney (Members At Large) to their first regular School Board business meeting; he also welcomed

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Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (Hunter Mill District), and Fairfax City Board Members Janice Miller (Chairman) and Jon Buttram, and Ann Monday (Fairfax City Superintendent) who had been invited by Superintendent Jack Dale to attend his FY 2009 Budget presentation.

2.04 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit B)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on January 10, 2008, 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 unanimously**.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

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3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Annandale Terrace Parenting Center (Exhibit C)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner asked the Superintendent to comment on importance of the link between parental involvement and student academic achievement, particularly in relation to closing the minority achievement gap; what the status was of Dr. Moniuszko's efforts to integrate and consolidate various parental involvement programs; and if the Superintendent's proposed budget supported this linkage. Dr. Dale responded that research supported the importance of parental involvement regarding academic performance improvement; efforts to consolidate and streamline are still under way; and that the proposed budget did not include reductions in this area.

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3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

Four speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Timothy Jordan addressed Agenda Item 5.04, Award of Contract; Mike Grasso addressed training and background checks; Claire Tuley addressed school start times and Leonard Bumbaca addressed the school year calendar.

3.03 Presentation of the FY 2009 Proposed Budget (Exhibit E)

Dr. Dale highlighted his FY 2009 advertised budget with a PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Dale stated that the advertised budget represented a little over a three percent increase over the FY 2008 approved budget, and included a recommendation for a three percent cost-of-living increase for all employees; and that this would be a very dismal budget year.

Chairman Storck reminded Board members that they would have an opportunity for discussion at Budget work sessions scheduled for January 28 and February 11, 2008.

Comments included concerns about no longer paying for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests, the impact on at-risk students, the summer school restructuring plan, and a commitment to paying competitive salaries for all employees.

4. ACTION ITEMS

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4.01 Award of Contract - Award the contract for the construction of a new elementary school at the Laurel Hill site to V.F. Pavone Construction Company in the amount of \$14,793,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit F)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Bradsher seconded, that the Board award the contract for the construction of a new elementary school at the Laurel Hill site to V.F. Pavone Construction Company in the amount of \$14,793,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that the Board appoint individuals to serve on advisory committees as listed in the agenda item. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for participation in a gang-related fight. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for assault of another student at school. The motion **passed 11-1**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye" and Mrs. Hone voting "nay".

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel three students for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to expel a student for conviction of certain crimes in the community. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by former school board member Mr. Hunt, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel two students for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.** [Clerk's Note: Although Mr. Hunt was no longer a Board member, he voted affirmatively when the three-member rendered their decision.]

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by former school board member Mr. Hunt, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for conviction of certain crimes in the community. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel three students for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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- 5.01 Minutes** - Approve minutes of December 20, 2007, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 EHS/FECEP/HS Policy Committee** - Confirm the elected members of the Fairfax County Public Schools Early Head Start/Family and Early Childhood Education program/Head Start Policy Committee, as listed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 Title I District Advisory Council Committee Appointments** - Approve the proposed membership to the Title I District Advisory Council, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; Exhibit J)
- 5.04 Award of Contract** - Award the primary contract for synthetic turf, athletic surfaces, and related products and services to General Sports Venue/AstroTurf, and the secondary contract to FieldTurf USA, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit K)
- 5.05 Award of Contract** - Award contracts for the ten-classroom modular additions in the amounts of \$1,815,000 at Braddock Elementary School, \$1,820,000 at Rose Hill Elementary School, and \$1,688,000 at White Oaks Elementary School to R. J. Crowley, Inc., and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit L)

Chairman Storck stated that, without objection, the five items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda was adopted.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner asked for a Point of Privilege so that he could address Agenda Item 5.04, Award of Contract, and complimented the Facilities staff members for this significant cost-reduction initiative that would also bring cost savings to many other school systems.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

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- 6.01 Proposed 2008-2009 Program/Attendance Area Adjustment** - Recommendation that the School Board approve; 1.) a boundary adjustment for Springfield Estates Elementary School and Forestdale Elementary School as shown in Appendix A; 2.) a boundary adjustment for South Lakes, Oakton, Chantilly, Madison and Westfield High Schools as shown in Appendix B; and 3.) a boundary adjustment for Thoreau and Hughes Middle Schools and Wolftrap and Sunrise Valley Elementary Schools as shown in Appendix B (FTS; Exhibit M)

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Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt highlighted the staff's boundary recommendations with a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Tistadt stated that the projected outcome of the boundary study was to increase enrollment at South Lakes High School and decrease enrollment at Chantilly and West Springfield High School.

Board Members asked questions about the options that had been presented by the Facilities staff; staff would provide responses to those questions at the January 14, 2008, work session.

- 6.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the construction of a new elementary school at the Coppermine Site 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 N)

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

- 6.03 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of the automatic temperature control system at Centreville 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 O)

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

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8. REPORTS AND BOARD MATTERS

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January 4 and 5, 2008 – School Board Retreat

Team-building exercise; Strategic Governance retrospective; goals monitoring; linkage; operational expectations process; and logistical issues.

January 10, 2008, Forum Work Session

School Board member profiles on the web site and Meet Your School Board; Recognition of student athletic and academic awards; Format of boundary town meetings (small groups vs large group first); Regulation 6410, Appropriate Use of Fairfax County Public Schools' Network and Internet Resources.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

10. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.