

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 15

March 13, 2008

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

Chairman Dan Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:30 p.m. with 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; ABSENT)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider the employment and performance of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); and 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2).. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eicher, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

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

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*<http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/Fairfax/Board.nsf/Public?OpenFrameSet>]*

##### **2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Lake Braddock Secondary School Singers**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:18 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 Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board 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 Lake Braddock Secondary School Singers, under the direction of Megan Cartwright, for their performance of the national anthem.

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

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Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on March 13, 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 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

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

Mr. Storck announced that at the March 10, 2008, Work Session the Board voted to accept the Budget and Financial Management Operational Expectations Monitoring Report and found that each indicator was in compliance, and further commended the Financial Services Department for their exemplary report; the Board also voted to revise the language for the Human Resources Operational Expectation regarding Staff Evaluation.

### **2.04 Resolution Naming the Cafeteria at Cub Run Elementary School (Exhibit C)**

Mrs. Smith read a resolution naming the cafeteria at Cub Run Elementary School "The Cathy Blevins Café."

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the cafeteria at Cub Run Elementary School "The Cathy Blevins Café." The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

Mrs. Smith invited Ms. Blevins and her family and friends to join the Board for photographs and presentation of the resolution.

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

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### 3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

Three speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Mike Grasso addressed the redistricting of South County Secondary School; Robert Tinker addressed school lunches; and Phyllis Payne addressed sleep and learning.

### 3.02 Student Achievement Goal 1 Overview (Exhibit E)

Dr. Dale introduced Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, who presented the overview report on Student Achievement Goal 1. Academics, which included a video presentation and a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the eight components of the Academics goal that had already been approved by the Board—two languages, fine and practical arts, English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, countries and cultures, and technology.

Comments and discussion included the following: explanation of the differences in how graduation rates were recognized by the National Governors' Association and the Virginia Department of Education; question how an individual student's progress would be measured and how it would be determined that a student had met his/her potential; response that in addition to the indicators that had been approved by the Board over the past few months, in April the Board would receive reports on the projects being developed specifically for tracking student progress and measuring potential and on the grades 3, 6, 8, and 12 passages, which would include a compilation of many factors involving all three student achievement goals; suggestion to possibly expand the reporting of AP/IB/dual enrollment to include other advanced courses; confirmation that best practices were being shared county-wide by principals to ensure that all students were successful, and the results would be reported in the annual monitoring report for Goal 1.

## 4. ACTION ITEMS

### 4.01 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for possession, use, and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

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Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for arson at school. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed 11-0**, with Mrs. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voting "aye," and with Mrs. Kory absent.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bradsher moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for assaulting and injuring a school staff member. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bradsher moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession of stolen property and defiant and disruptive behavior at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Bradsher seconded, to expel a student for violation of the conditions of a probationary school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Moon, Mr. Storck 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 Mr. Moon, Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to expel a student for distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of January 14, 2008, Operational Expectations work session and February 28, 2008, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit F)
- 5.02 **Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit G)
- 5.03 **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for playground equipment to All Recreation of Virginia, Inc., and Fair Oaks Construction, Inc., and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit H; presented as new business 2/28/08)

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- 5.04 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the replacement of selective piping at West Springfield High School to Pro-Air, Inc., in the amount of \$469,500, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit I; presented as new business 2/28/08)

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

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.01 FY 2008 Third-Quarter Budget Review**- Recommendation to approve revenue and expenditure changes in the FY 2008 Third Quarter Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; Exhibit J; action scheduled 3/27/08)

Chief Financial Officer Deirdra McLaughlin reviewed the agenda item and noted that due to an unanticipated \$1.2 million loss in revenue, this was the first time the Board had used the flexibility reserve and not restored the money at the next quarterly review. Comments included concern about the National Board Certified Teacher's stipend that had been reduced by 14% by the state, and questions on how much it would cost to restore the full stipend; response approximately \$100,000.

- 6.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the renovation of Freedom Hill 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 K; action scheduled 3/27/08)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contract for the installation of a synthetic turf field at Bryant Alternative High School to General Sports Venue/Astroturf and authorize the Division Superintendent or his designee to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; Exhibit L; action scheduled 3/27/08)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Appointment** - Recommendation to approve the appointment of Brad Center to replace Steve Hunt as Board representative to the Schools Administrative Student Information (SASI) Replacement Committee User Advisory Group (SB; Exhibit M; action scheduled 3/27/08)

There was no discussion of this item.

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- 6.05 School Board Liaisons and Committee Chairmanships** - Recommendation to appoint Kaye Kory to replace Martina Hone as board liaison to the Title I and FECEP Advisory Committees effective immediately (SB; Exhibit N; action scheduled 3/27/08)

There was no discussion of this item.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent may present items for information.

**8. REPORTS (Exhibit O)**

Governance Committee, March 3, 2008: Committee Chairman Smith discussed changes to Operational Expectations language.

Work Sessions, March 10, 2008 (Meeting Managers: Mr. Raney and Mrs. Wilson):

Operational Expectations – Budget Monitoring Report  
Special Services – Rtl (Response to Intervention)  
Policy – P8170, Naming Areas of Facilities; P8420, Community Use; P5960, Donations  
Facilities – Proffers and renovation queue  
Governance – Follow up from March 7-8 retreat  
Facilities – Final report from the Transportation Task Force (Majority and Minority reports)

Forum Work Session, March 13, 2008: Chairman Storck reported on: Follow-up to March 7-8, 2008, School Board Retreat; South County Secondary School program update; pupil placement summary for 2008-2009 school year.

**9. BOARD MATTERS**

Board Members may make brief comments.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**11. DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.