MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center

Work Session No. 101/**Facilities** May 12, 2008

101.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Elizabeth T. Bradsher convened the meeting at 2:23 p.m. with the following Board members present:

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

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Pat Charbonneau and Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt; Director of Transportation Linda Farbry; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was absent.

DISCUSSION

101.02 Board Discussion on the Transportation Task Force (TTF) Recommendations

- Board consensus to support staff's position on civil twilight parameter, violations would be allowed only in situations when students' safety was not jeopardized;
- TTF's majority report recommended dropping off elementary school students as much as 25 minutes prior to start time; staff was concerned with the impact on teacher contract issues;
- Board requested staff to provide interim feedback on: numbers of schools which would be impacted by early drop off times, principals perspective, and potential cost related to accommodation of early drop offs; Board members instructed staff to optimize routing without hard rule of early drop offs pending feedback results;
- Board agreed that middle school and high school students could be co-bused to secondary schools and recommended same bell schedule for co-located schools to avoid duplicate transportation runs; consensus that elementary students should not be co-bused with high school students;
- consensus to continue transportation services to gifted and talented centers, regardless of whether Level IV services were available at base school;
- Board members directed staff to evaluate Title I schools individually, not collectively, when bell schedules were assigned;

- academy transportation could be negatively impacted by revised bell schedules; Board directed staff to report back if academy programs appeared to be significantly diminished;
- Board directed staff to keep costs not driven by the TTF bell schedule recommendations separated from those incurred in creating efficiencies in routing;
- Board requested mid-analysis report on parameter direction and operational implications.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.