

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 111/**Instruction**

May 27, 2008

111.01 Closed Meeting

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence
p.m.) James L. Raney (At Large)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider the performance of a specific public officer pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion **passed 11-0**: Ms. Bradsher; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was absent.

111.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present. Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow; Director Adult and Community Education Bonnie Moore; Chairman Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee (ACE) Herb Persil; Vice Chairman ACE Lois Passman; Chairman Career and Technical Advisory Committee Tom Jenkinson; Director Career and Technical Education Diane Pruner; Coordinator Trade and Industrial Education Chad Maclin; FATE Board President and Partner Deloitte & Touche David Chalich; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board James Rosenquist was absent.

111.03 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on May 27, 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

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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**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher was not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent.

DISCUSSION

111.04 Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit B)

- Committee recommendation that staff evaluate categorizing Woodson Adult High School (WAHS) as an individual school, similar to other Alternative High Schools, rather than as a program as it was currently;
- concern expressed about 50 plus student waiting list to enroll in Woodson Adult High School completion program;
- enrollment at alternative high schools had declined, but had increased in adult high school completion program;
- Board requested staff to determine whether students who are eligible to attend day classes were opting for evening classes, and if so, what was the rationale.

111.05 Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit C)

- Committee presented career cluster powerpoint, total of 16 clusters with concentric rings linking required courses to potential careers;
- staff had completed drafts for three clusters; currently working with Instructional Services to refine, and planned to implement through guidance counselors;
- question whether there would be continuing in-service for guidance counselors and directors of student services to address misperception that career education was not part of the college path, response that staff would implement cultural mindset change to stress that "college ready" and "work ready" were equal;
- question whether staff knew percentage of students going forward to four-year colleges; response that state required a 75% response rate from students who come out of the programs; more than 50% went to four-year colleges, 85% continued their education beyond high school.

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111.06 Foundation for Applied Technical Education (FATE) Annual Report (Exhibit D)

- FATE entered into partnership with Board of Supervisors to incorporate universal design in current residential construction project in Springfield;
- there would be a one-year hiatus from Classroom on the Mall due to renovation at Springfield Mall, program will resume post renovation;
- comment on lack of female representation in construction program and how was staff addressing the disparity; response that new summer programs had been implemented and were drawing students from theater arts which included women, and that FATE was working with guidance counselors to educate and encourage outreach to female students;
- question about working relationship between ACE and CTEAC committees and community college, response that alignment was close between staff and college faculty, and students may dual enroll and earn college credits.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.