

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 114/**Forum on Board Topics**

June 5, 2008

114.01 Call to Order

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 5:27 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; ABSENT)	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; arr. 5:45 p.m.)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were the Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale, Executive Assistant and Clerk to the School Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk Linda Sabo; certain other members of staff. The Student Representative to the Board James Rosenquist was absent.

DISCUSSION

114.02 Forum Topics

Update on Fairgrade (Smith)

- Assistant Superintendent of Accountability Pat Murphy provided the Board with an update on the research study of the FCPS grading scale [the study is being conducted by FCPS staff in collaboration with the four co-founders of FAIRGRADE. This collaboration addresses the concern that the current grading policies are a disadvantage to FCPS students seeking college admissions and placement in college honors programs and merit scholarships];
- the study focused on two main issues--grade weighting and the grade scale;
- the results of the research study and a communication plan would be provided to the Board at a future work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.