

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 21

June 5, 2008

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Storck convened the Board in public session at 5:50 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

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| 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) | Tessie Wilson (Braddock) |

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Bradsher 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); 2) to discuss and consider the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(6); and 3) to consult with legal counsel regarding actual litigation and regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory were absent.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

[NOTE: MP3 AUDIO FILES ARE AVAILABLE AT

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

2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Robinson Secondary School Chamber Ensemble (Exhibit A)

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:13 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present. Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale;

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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 Robinson Secondary School Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Tiffany Hudson and Judy Einus, for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship (SB; Exhibit B)

Chairman Storck thanked the Apple Federal Credit Union (AFCU) and its Executive Director, Mr. Mike Engley, for financing both the Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship (\$1,000) and the School Board Character Award (\$500); this was the first year that the Character Award would include a monetary award, and he invited Mr. Engley to make a few remarks. Mr. Engley said that AFCU was proud to support these two awards that were given to outstanding students in recognition of their exceptional achievements.

Mrs. Wilson explained the history of the Piper Scholarship, and then read the resolution naming Asia Echard, from Robinson Secondary School, as the 2008 Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship recipient.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the resolution naming Asia Echard the 2008 Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship recipient. The motion passed 9-0: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Mrs. Wilson presented Ms. Echard with a check for \$1,000 and a framed copy of the resolution, and invited Asia's family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

2.03 2008 School Board Character Award (SB; Exhibit C)

Student Representative James Rosenquist read the history of the School Board Character Award, which had been created in 2002 by Student Representative Chris Giovarelli, and Mr. Raney then recognized Jaime McIntyre, a senior at Woodson HS, as the winner of the 2008 School Board Character Award. Mr. Raney presented Jaime with a plaque and a \$500 check, and invited her family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

2.04 Resolution Naming a Picnic Area at Longfellow Middle School (SB; Exhibit D)

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Mrs. Strauss read the resolution naming a picnic area at Longfellow Middle School.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the picnic area at Longfellow Middle School, "The Lynch Lunch Lot." The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Mrs. Strauss invited Mr. Lynch and family and friends to join the Board for photographs.

2.05 Resolution Honoring Student Representative James Rosenquist (SB; Exhibit E)

Mrs. Strauss read the resolution honoring James Rosenquist.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to adopt the resolution honoring James Rosenquist. The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Board members thanked James for his service as the 2007-2008 Student Representative, and wished him continued success at James Madison University. Mr. Rosenquist thanked the Board members for such a unique experience, and his parents joined the Board for photographs and presentation of the framed resolution and a plaque.

2.06 Announcements (SB; Exhibit F)

Chairman Storck announced that three Board members were absent tonight: Mr. Center was ill, Mr. Gibson was attending the VSBA Law School Conference in Charlottesville, and Mrs. Kory had a family emergency.

2.07 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (SB; Exhibit G)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on both June 4 and June 5, 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

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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 9-0**: Ms. Bradhser, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mr. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Kory were absent.

*[Clerk's note: The Board had convened a closed meeting on June 4, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gatehouse Administration Center, with the following motion: Mrs. Kory moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider the performance of a specific public officer, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion **passed 8-0**: Mr. Center, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Mr. Raney and Mrs. Strauss were not present for the vote; and Ms. Bradsher was absent. Mr. Raney and Mrs. Strauss arrived at the closed meeting at 5:31 p.m. and Mr. Gibson arrived at 6 p.m. The closed meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.]*

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Spotlight on Support – Bren Mar Park Elementary Teams with Human Resources Staff (Exhibit H)

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit I)

Ten speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Elaine O'Hora, Neal McBride, Eric Kleppinger, Christine Morin, Rob Roberatory, Kimberly Kern, and Greg Schuckman addressed Agenda Item No. 6.07, South County Secondary School; Ed Linz and Meg McLaughlin addressed Agenda Item No. 6.04; Leonard Bumbaca addressed a variety of educational issues.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting (Exhibit J)

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Having served on a three-member committee chaired by Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Ms. Hone moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel a student for threatening a teacher at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. [Clerk's note: Although Mr. Gibson was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mr. Raney, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. [Clerk's note: Although Mr. Center was absent for the public vote, he voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Ms. Bradsher moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for threatening a teacher at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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

Having served on a three member committee chaired by Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of controlled substances at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Minutes – Approve the minutes of May 22, 2008, regular School Board meeting (Exhibit K)

5.02 Award of Contract – Award annual contracts for time and materials rates for facilities modifications to responsive and responsible bidders and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 5/22/08, Exhibit L)

5.03 Award of Contract –Award the contract for the installation of synthetic turf fields at Marshall 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; presented as new business 4/24/08; Exhibit M)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

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- 6.01 Reappointment of Individual Trustee to ERFC** - Recommendation to approve the reappointment of Nitin M. Chittal to the ERFC Board of Trustees for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2008 (ERFC; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Reappointments to ERFC Board of Trustees** - Recommendation to reappoint Richard Moniuszko and Tom Bowen to the Educational Employee's Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ERFC) Board of Trustees for one-year terms beginning July 1, 2008 (HR; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Amendments to ERFC and ERFC 2001 and to the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County Benefit Restoration Plan (BRP)** - Recommendation to 1) approve proposed Amendment Number 14 to ERFC and ERFC 2001 for the purposes of (A) describing how the plan complies with certain regulations recently issued by the Internal Revenue Service; (B) enabling the retirement office to simplify an interest calculation for certain refunds; and (C) making other technical corrections and/or clarifications without changing benefits or administrative practices, and 2) approve proposed Amendment Number 1 to ERFC Benefit Restoration Plan to clarify certain provisions. (ERFC; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Revised Language for Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills and Student Achievement Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community** – Recommendation to adopt revised language for Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills and Student Achievement Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community, as detailed in the agenda item. (SB; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 School Board Policy** - Recommendation to approve Policy 1710, Citizen Advisory Committees to the School Board, as reviewed and discussed by the Governance Committee (SB; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.06 Appointments to Citizen Advisory Committees** – Recommendation to appoint individuals to serve for a two-year term ending June 30, 2010, on the Adult Education, Gifted and Talented, Human Relations, Minority Student Achievement Oversight, Career and Technical Studies, School Health, and Students with

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Disabilities Advisory Committees, as listed in the agenda item (SB; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit S)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.07 South County Secondary School** - Recommendation to approve an addition to South County Secondary School to meet enrollment needs of the school in the near term and as a less expensive option to building a new middle school (FTS; work session scheduled 6/9/08; action scheduled 6/19/08; Exhibit T)

Comments included the following: request for additional information on the financing options available to bridge the funding gap that existed between the proposed addition versus building a middle school and the timeline for those options; request for those Board members who were in support of building the middle school to provide their colleagues with their rationale for dealing with the funding issue; staff would provide additional information at the June 9 work session.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. REPORTS (Exhibit U)

May 27, 2008 – Instruction – Dan Storck, Chairman

Advisory Committee Annual Reports: Adult and Community Education, Career and Technical Education; and Foundation for Applied Technical Education

May 29, 2008 - Human Resources and Special Services - Dan Storck, Chairman

Advisory Committee Annual Reports: Title I, FECEP/Head Start, School Health, and Human Relations

June 5, 2008 – Forum – Dan Storck, Chairman

Update on FAIRGRADE

9. BOARD MATTERS

Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.