

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 29/**Budget**

October 6, 2008

29.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; ABSENT)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; dep.12:25 p.m.)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason; ABSENT)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; 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 Yvette Rhodes; Chief Financial Officer Susan Quinn; Budget Services Director Kristen Michael; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was absent.

DISCUSSION

29.02 Budget/Program Review (Exhibit A)

- Discussed Program Review Committee recommendations regarding the School Board prioritized budget criteria and the Superintendent's reasonable interpretations thereof; concurred with recommendations for budget criteria A, B, C, D, E, G, H, J, K, L, and M;
- revised criterion F to read, "*Maintain support for effective classroom teaching and learning*"; revised reasonable interpretation of criterion I to read, ". . . *to develop and implement interventions when children are performing below expected student achievement goal levels*";
- discussed 3-tiered approach to the Superintendent's FY 2010 Proposed Budget; consensus to postpone presentation of a 4th tier that would reflect a negative transfer;
- discussed staff program review of FY 2009 central office budgets for potential FY 2010 savings; suggestion that the transportation program review include possible savings that could result from implementation of staff iteration #3 of the Transportation Task Force recommendation.

29.03 Closed Meeting

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to

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Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(2); and 2) to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(4). The motion **passed 8-0**: Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center and Mr. Gibson were not present for the vote; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were absent.

29.04 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit B)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on October 6, 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 9-0**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were absent.

29.05 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for vandalism of a teacher's property. The motion **passed 9-0**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to deny the parent's request for a student's assignment to a regular school, but permit attendance in an alternative education program, on the terms recommended by the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 9-0**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were absent.

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Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion passed **unanimously**. Mr. Gibson moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254 (B)(1). The motion **passed 9-0**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the voted; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.