

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 6

October 23, 2008

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:50 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; ABSENT)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence; arr.6:52)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	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; arr. 6:51)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board go into closed session to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2). The motion **passed 7-0**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner and Mrs. Wilson were not present for the vote; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

[NOTE: EACH AGENDA ITEM IS AVAILABLE ON MP3 AUDIO FILES AT <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/Fairfax/Board.nsf/Public?OpenFrameSet>]

2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present. Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; 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 Arvin Ahmadi was present.

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Chairman Storck thanked the members of the Mantua Elementary School Singers, under the direction of Mary Frances Dini, for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that in order to comply with Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary for the Board to certify that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on October 23, 2008 to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed meeting. The foregoing also shall be deemed to include the certification of each School Board member who served on a student disciplinary committee that those closed committee meetings are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia, and that only student disciplinary matters were heard, discussed, or considered in those closed committee meetings. 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"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

2.03 Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week (Exhibit B)

Mrs. Wilson recognized the week of October 20-24, 2008, as National School Bus Safety Week.

2.04 Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week (Exhibit C)

Mr. Moon recognized the week of October 13-17, 2008, as Custodian Appreciation Week and invited the custodians present to join the Board for photographs.

2.05 Recognition of National Career Development Month (Exhibit D)

Ms. Hone recognized November 2008 as National Career Development Month and invited the career center specialists present to join the Board for photographs.

2.06 Recognition of National School Psychologist Month (Exhibit E)

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Mr. Raney recognized November 2008 as National School Psychologist Month and invited those school psychologists present to join the Board for photographs.

2.07 Announcements (Exhibit F)

Student Representative Arvin Ahmadi announced that November 2008 would be Native American Heritage Month.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit G)

Three speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Leonard Bumbuca addressed Agenda Item No. 5.05, Mike Grasso addressed Gatehouse II, and Janet Oterson addressed Gatehouse I & II.

3.02 Student Representative Matters

There were no Student Representative matters.

3.03 Student Achievement Goal 1.2. – Recommendation to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in At Least Two Languages (IS; action scheduled 11/6/08; Exhibit H)

Dr. Dale introduced Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, who introduced the video and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation to provide data on the progress toward the achievement of Goal 1.2. Communicate in at Least Two Languages. Teddi Predaris, ESOL Office Director, and Paula Patrick, Foreign Languages coordinator, presented portions of the PowerPoint.

Comments and questions included the following: FCPS had an ambitious goal for ESOL students to exit the program after four years while national research demonstrated that it took an average of five to seven years to acquire academic English; suggestion that FCPS replace the term “foreign language” with “world languages”; request for clarification that of the approximately 8,000 high school students who were reported as communicatively competent, how many were ESOL students who had learned English by the time they exited level 4 services; the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) English Language Proficient (ELP) Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) for English Language Learners (ELLs) assessment and standards met No Child Left Behind requirements; FCPS would continue to use Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA) assessment to measure language arts content and the WIDA to measure English language proficiency; request for a list

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of the 16 languages that were available for the foreign language credit exam.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 Student Achievement Goal** – Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts (IS; presented as new business 10/2/08; Exhibit I)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts.

The motion to **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”; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

- 4.02 Student Achievement Goal** – Approve the revised reasonable interpretations and indicators for Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills (S; presented as new business 10/2/08; Exhibit J)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to approve the revised reasonable interpretations and indicators for Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills.

Comments included the following: the Board had approved new language for Goal 2 at the June 19, 2008 regular meeting and therefore, revised reasonable interpretations and indicators were necessary; request that information be provided to the Board about how the new indicators would be met and what type of teacher training would put in place; in response to a discussion about the level of keyboarding skills, staff would include a question on the Fairfax County Youth Survey to obtain data on the keyboarding skills of students.

The motion to approve the revised reasonable interpretations and indicators for Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills **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”; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

- 4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson 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.

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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”; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson 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 8-1**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted “aye”; Mr. Raney voted “nay”; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for vandalism of a teacher’s property. The motion **passed unanimously**. [Clerk’s Note: Although Ms. Bradsher was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mrs. Kory and Mr. Storck, Ms. Hone moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel two students – one for possession and distribution of marijuana at school and one for participation in a mob assault at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. [Clerk’s Note: Although Mrs. Kory was absent for the public vote, she voted affirmatively when the three-member committee rendered their decision.]

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of October 2, 2008 regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit K)
- 5.02 **Monthly Separation Report** – Confirm the separations for the period beginning September 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2008, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit L)
- 5.03 **Quarterly Separation Report** – Confirm the appointments and separations for the period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2008 (HR; Exhibit M)
- 5.04 **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for the renovation of Vienna Elementary School to Meridian Construction Co. Inc., in the amount of \$10,620,000, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to

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execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 10/23/08; Exhibit N)

5.05 Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution – Adopt the new revisions to the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution, excluding Article 3, Construction Contracting (FS; presented as new business 10/2/08; Exhibit O)

5.06 Appointment to ERFC Board of Trustees – Appoint Susan Quinn to the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ERFC) Board of Trustees for the remainder of the one-year term that expires June 30, 2009 (HR; presented as new business 10/2/08; Exhibit P)

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.01 School Board Policy – Recommendation to adopt Policy 8542, Environmental Stewardship, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session (FTS; work session held 7/14/08; action scheduled 11/6/08; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

6.02 Donation of Surplus School Buses – Recommendation to donate surplus buses to the Government of Liberia, as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; action scheduled 11/6/08; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit S)

October 6, 2008, Work Session – Tina Hone and Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Meeting Managers

Program Review Committee - Reasonable Interpretations of School Board Budget Criteria; Program Review with Leadership Team Rankings

Budget - Budget/Program Review

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Operational Expectations - Accountability and Audit Monitoring Report

Policy - Policy 8170, Naming School Facilities and Dedicating Areas of School Facilities or Grounds; Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries

Facilities - Rolling Renovation Assessment Cost-Benefit Risk Analysis

Instruction - Academic Opportunities for South Lakes High School Students

October 23, 2008 – Audit Committee - Tessie Wilson, Chairman

Facilities and Transportation Procurement Card Audit Draft Report; and Quarterly Status Report

October 23, 2008 – Forum - Dan Storck, Chairman

Policy 1375, Charity Drives; establishment of a sister-city relationship with Songpa-gu, Korea; meal expenditures for Board meetings; and cancellation fees related to professional development opportunities

9. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.