

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 43/**Budget**

November 10, 2008

#### 43.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Raney and Budget Liaison Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 11:04 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)

Brad Center (Lee; arr. 2:32 p.m.)

Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; arr. 11:08 a.m.)

Martina A. Hone (At Large; arr. 1:30 p.m.)

Kaye Kory (Mason; ABSENT)

Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)

James L. Raney (At Large)

Kathy L. Smith (Sully)

Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)

Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)

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 present. (arr. 2:31 p.m.)

#### DISCUSSION

#### 43.02 Budget (Exhibit A)

- Discussion of three-tiered approach to the Superintendent's FY 2010 Proposed Budget:
  - Tier 1 reflected a needs-based budget with increased efficiencies and program reductions, maintained quality of service, and assumed a 10 percent increase in the county transfer;
  - Tier 2 reflected approximately \$123 million in cuts and assumed an approximate 6 percent increase in the county transfer to cover projected enrollment growth and \$50 million loss in state aid;
  - Tier 3 targeted total elimination of the projected deficit with a zero change in the county transfer, a 5 percent reduction in positions and a 2.5 increase in class size.
  
- Discussion of Superintendent's budget proposals to:
  - Eliminate the Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program;
  - assess and reengineer the Elementary Focus and Project Excel programs;
  - combine the AVID, CPP, EIP, Pathways, and QUEST programs, and to initiate discussion with the county to integrate Project Discovery;
  - eliminate the Modified Calendar Program at the middle and high school levels (Tier 1) and total elimination of the program (Tier 2);

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- o redesign Special Services and Instructional Services departments to increase efficiencies and provide improved services to schools.

### **43.03 Closed Meeting** (convened at 12:27 p.m.)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson 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); 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); and 3) to discuss and consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3). The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher; Mr. Gibson; Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center and Ms. Hone were not present for the vote; and Mrs. Kory was absent.

### **43.04 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance** (Exhibit B)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed session meeting on November 10, 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**: Ms. Bradsher; Mr. Gibson; Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center and Ms. Hone were not present for the vote; and Mrs. Kory was absent.

### **43.05 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for fighting with another student and threatening and verbally abusing staff members at

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school. The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher; Mr. Gibson; Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center and Ms. Hone were not present for the vote; and Mrs. Kory was absent.

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

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to expel a student for vandalism of a teacher's property. The motion **passed 2-0**: Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Smith voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory was absent.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner and Mr. Raney, Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel four students: one for possession and distribution of marijuana at school; one for involvement with others in an assault on two students; one for possession of a weapon at school; and one for being adjudicated delinquent for a crime in the community. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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

The Budget work session re-convened at 1:32 p.m. and discussion continued.

- Request that the Superintendent's FY 2010 Proposed Reductions handout be revised to provide:
  - Impact of proposed reductions to the Summer School program and how the budget cuts would relate to state requirements;
  - impact of proposed reductions in centrally managed building leases and the Replacement Equipment Oversight Committee;
  - relationship of proposed budget cuts in adult education to state requirements;
  - clarification of the future use of the Teacher Leadership program to support instructional programming assuming proposed budget cuts;
  - explanation of rationale for all budget line items for which no reductions were recommended at Tiers 1, 2, and 3;
  - enhanced explanation of impact of proposed cuts to Student Achievement Goals at Tiers 1, 2, and 3;
  - clarification of scope of proposed budget cuts to Gifted and Talented program transportation.

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- Discussion of possible suspension of Policy 4680.3 (Salary Redlining Procedure) regarding the redlining of salaries for employees whose positions have been changed; comments that some employee groups had indicated preference for that action over further reductions in positions;
- suggestion to consider as future Forum topic alternative approach to elementary school half-day Monday for school/teacher planning activities;
- discussion of Superintendent's presentation for November 14, 2008, joint meeting with Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.