

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 8

November 17, 2008

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

There was no closed meeting.

2. **MEETING OPENING**

***[NOTE: EACH AGENDA ITEM IS AVAILABLE ON MP3 AUDIO FILES AT
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2.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – South Lakes High School Chorus**

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present:

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

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 absent.

Chairman Storck thanked the members of the South Lakes High School Chorus, under the direction of Rita Gigliotti, for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 **Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance**

There was no closed meeting.

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2.03 Announcements (Exhibit A)

Chairman Storck announced that Ms. Hone was out of town, and that Mr. Ahmadi would not be in attendance at this evening's meeting. Mr. Gibson announced that December 1-5, 2008, was National Inclusive Schools Week.

2.04 Resolution in Support of a Sister-City Partnership with Songpa-Gu, Korea (Exhibit B)

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to adopt the resolution in Support of a Sister City Partnership with Songpa-Gu, Korea. The motion **passed 11-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone was absent.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Philip Bush addressed Agenda Item No. 4.03, Donation of Surplus School Buses, and Leonard Bumbaca addressed American Education Week/School Calendar.

3.02 Student Representative Matters

There were no student representative matters.

3.03 Goal 1 - Recommendation to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.2. Math, 1.1.3. Science, 1.5. Effectively use technology to access, communicate, and apply knowledge and to foster creativity, and Goal 1 Overview (IS; action scheduled 12/4/08; Exhibit D)

Dr. Dale introduced Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Peter Noonan, who reviewed PowerPoint and video presentations on the current progress achieved in math, science, technology, and advanced academics, in addition to a Goal 1 Overview; Mr. Noonan noted that math achievement for students in grades 6 and 8 had improved, and the grade 5 Global Awareness and Technology Project had been expanded to additional schools and continued to support learning; the percentage of students passing advanced courses continued to increase; the Virginia Department of Education had adopted a new formula to define on-time graduation rate which had required the establishment of a new baseline that would be used in the future.

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Discussion included the following: request for information on the connection between the percent of 12th grade students passing a course beyond Algebra 2 (slide 18) and the number of diplomas that were awarded (slide 63); comment that the SOL pass rate was 95 percent for Algebra and 90 percent for chemistry, and 63 percent of middle school students took Algebra I honors courses; request for available information on the number of students currently enrolled in high-level math courses, such as Statistics and Calculus, the average number of AP/IB courses taken by students who received an advanced diploma, and how FCPS compared with surrounding jurisdictions for students who received advanced diplomas; the current budget situation would impact the ability to provide teachers with appropriate staff development opportunities; the proposed expansion of eCart and collaboration time for teachers to review formative assessment data was critical; comment that it was important for FCPS to be prepared to participate in the new national debate on education policy to improve No Child Left Behind; appreciation expressed for an excellent presentation that contained valuable, detailed data.

[Clerk's note: Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner requested an update on staff's research on meeting international standards in science and math. Dr. Dale reported that the Third International Math and Science (TIMS) exams were too expensive to create a large enough sampling of FCPS students; and the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) did not allow local sampling so FCPS was not able to participate; Ken Kay, of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, had indicated that there were a number of states interested in forming a consortium to assess standards; National Governor's Association, Council of Chief State School Officers, and ACHIEVE (a non-profit education reform group) had formed a partnership to review global standards in reading, math, and science, and Virginia was one of 16 states interested in being involved in this effort; the Board's student achievement goals, strong Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, and individual learning plans had focused FCPS in the right direction; and he would continue to pursue the ability to compare FCPS's performance against international standards.]

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.01 FY 2009 Midyear Budget Review** - Approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2009 Midyear Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; work session held 10/31/08; presented as new business 11/6/08; Exhibit E)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2009 Midyear Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments and questions included the following: the \$5.5 million adjustment in sales tax revenue was reflective of the worsening economic condition; question whether third-quarter adjustments were anticipated because of the unexpected

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student enrollment growth, with a projection of 175,000 students for FY 2010, and possibly 182,000 students within five years; response that it was difficult to predict the trend at this point, but the Board would be kept informed of any impact; staff was working closely with principals to minimize the impact of growth on any specific school and to address any unique staffing needs.

The motion to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2009 Midyear Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item **passed 11-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone was absent.

- 4.02 Goal 1.** – Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.1. English language arts, 1.1.4. Social studies, and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world (IS; presented as new business 11/6/08; Exhibit F)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.1. English language arts, 1.1.4. Social studies, and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world.

Comments included the following: the monitoring report was very positive, demonstrating progress and containing analytical information that was valuable.

The motion to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.1. English language arts, 1.1.4. Social studies, and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world **passed 11-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone was absent.

- 4.03 Donation of Surplus School Buses** – Donate surplus buses to the Liberian Development Foundation, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; presented as new business 10/23/08; action postponed from 11/6/08; Exhibit G)

[Clerk's note: Chairman Storck turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Smith.]

Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to donate surplus buses to the Liberian Development Foundation, as detailed in the agenda item.

Discussion included the following: in the past, surplus buses had been sold at public auction for approximately \$1,000 each; FCPS had donated surplus buses to a Louisiana school system after Hurricane Katrina; concern expressed that

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because of the current budget situation, resources should be directed to FCPS educational needs.

The motion to donate surplus buses to the Liberian Development Foundation, as detailed in the agenda item **passed 10-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Raney voted "nay"; Ms. Hone was absent.

[Clerk's note: Vice Chairman Smith returned the gavel to Chairman Storck.]

4.04 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of September 8, Budget work session, October 6, 2008, Budget and Operational Expectations work session, and November 6, 2008, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations for the period beginning October 1, 2008, and ending October 31, 2008, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; SB; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the renovation of Great Falls Elementary School to Creative Finishes Inc., in the amount of \$11,897,900, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 11/6/08; Exhibit J)
- 5.04 Sale of School Bonds** - Approve and adopt the attached resolution, requesting that the Board of Supervisors issue and sell school bonds in the amount \$156,600,000, on behalf of the School Board and for the benefit of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FS; presented as new business 11/6/08; Exhibit K)
- 5.05 Secondary Course Offerings** - Approve changes to the list of middle and high school course offerings for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Course Review Committee and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; presented as new business 11/6/08; Exhibit L)
- 5.06 School Board** - Policy Adopt Policy 8170.3, Naming School Facilities and Dedicating Areas of School Facilities or Grounds, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session (FTS; work session held 10/6/08; presented as new business 11/6/08; Exhibit M)

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

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6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.01 Award of Contract - Recommendation to award the contract for the renovation of Mount Eagle Elementary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 12/4/08; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

6.02 2009-2010 School Calendars - Recommendation to approve the 2009-2010 school calendars as detailed in the agenda item (HR; work session held 11/10/08; action scheduled 12/4/08; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit P)

November 10, 2008 - Kaye Kory and Jim Raney, Meeting Managers

Budget - Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Budget Liaison – FY 2010 Proposed Reductions; and Program Review with Tier Cuts

Human Resources - 2009-2010 School Calendars

Linkage - Brad Center, Chairman - Proposed Student Advisory Council/Student Government Council Project for 2008-2009

Facilities - Renovation Queue and Capital Improvement Program

November 17, 2008 - Governance Committee - Kathy Smith, Chairman

Reasonable Interpretation and Indicators for Community Relations; Reasonable Interpretation and Indicators for Budget and Financial Management; recommendations from Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee; Policy 1710, Citizen Advisory Committees to the School Board; revisions to Strategic Governance Manual; and annual work calendar

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November 17, 2008 - Forum Work Session - Dan Storck, Chairman

Citizen participation sign-up procedures (Strategic Governance Manual); possibility of more in-depth presentations of the individual program evaluation reports; and community recreation services issues: turf fields, allocations, and impact of later start times

9. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.