

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 14

February 19, 2009

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 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)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, that the Board go into closed session 1) to discuss and consider the salaries of specific public employees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); 2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); and 3) to consult with legal counsel regarding School Board property pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Storck convened the meeting at 7:10 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 Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was present (arr: 7:40 p.m.).

Chairman Storck thanked the members of the Annandale High School Men's Ensemble under the direction of Carleen Dixon, for their performance of the national anthem. Mrs. Kory announced Ms. Dixon's upcoming retirement and thanked her for her years of service.

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2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Gibson 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 February 19, 2009, 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 unanimously.**

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Mrs. Wilson announced Virginia School Boards Association Clerk Recognition Week, and the Board offered their "THANKS" to the Clerk and Deputy Clerks and invited them to join Board members for photographs. Additionally, Mrs. Wilson thanked the School Board Office staff for their hard work and dedication and invited staff members present to join Board members for photographs.

Mrs. Wilson also announced that March was National Women's History Month and Purchasing Month. Mr. Storck announced that March 3 was Read Across America Day, and that March was also Music in Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month.

2.04 Recognition of National Social Work Month (Exhibit C)

Mrs. Strauss recognized March as National Social Work Month and invited those social workers in the audience to join Board members for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Grandma's Porch, West Springfield High School (Exhibit D)

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit E)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Mike Grasso and Janet Otersen addressed Gatehouse II.

Dr. Dale shared the background for the staff consolidation in Gatehouse I, the financial benefits associated with vacating leased properties, and noted that

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consolidation in Gatehouse II would not negatively impact the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

3.03 Student Representative Matters

Mr. Ahmadi congratulated Shawn Ghuman, a junior at Langley High School, who was recently elected by the Student Advisory Council to serve as the 2009-2010 student representative to the School Board, beginning July 1, 2009.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 Proposed 2009-2010 Program/Attendance Area Adjustments** – 1) Approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, related to the opening of a new elementary school at the Coppermine site, and the reassignment of Gifted and Talented (GT) Center eligible students from McNair Elementary, Floris Elementary, and the Coppermine elementary site, currently assigned to the Oak Hill Elementary GT Center, to the McNair Elementary GT Center, which will be established as part of this attendance area adjustment, as detailed in the agenda item in Appendix A, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries—Program Assignments and School Closings; and 2) Approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, related to the opening of a new elementary school at the Laurel Hill site as shown in Appendix B, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries-Program Assignments and School Closings (FTS; presented as new business 1/8/09; work sessions held 1/12/09 and 2/9/09; public hearing held 1/29/09; Exhibit F)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the School Board approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, related to the opening of a new elementary school at the Coppermine site, and the reassignment of Gifted and Talented (GT) Center eligible students from McNair Elementary, Floris Elementary, and the Coppermine elementary site, currently assigned to the Oak Hill Elementary GT Center, to the McNair Elementary GT Center, which will be established as part of this attendance area adjustment, as detailed in the agenda item in Appendix A, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries—Program Assignments and School Closings.

Discussion and comments included: the proposed Coppermine site attendance area adjustment returned some children who lived in the town of Herndon to Herndon Elementary School, returned students who lived closer to Hutchison Elementary School to that school, reduced overcrowding at Floris and Oak Hill Elementary Schools, and established a GT Center at McNair Elementary School at virtually no cost which would attract more high achieving students to McNair.

The motion that the School Board approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, related to the opening of a new

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elementary school at the Coppermine site, and the reassignment of Gifted and Talented (GT) Center eligible students from McNair Elementary, Floris Elementary, and the Coppermine elementary site, currently assigned to the Oak Hill Elementary GT Center, to the McNair Elementary GT Center, which will be established as part of this attendance area adjustment, as detailed in the agenda item in Appendix A, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries—Program Assignments and School Closings passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Bradsher moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, that the School Board approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, related to the opening of a new elementary school at the Laurel Hill site, as detailed in the agenda item in Appendix B, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries—Program Assignments and School Closings.

Mr. Storck moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to amend the main motion as follows: revise the staff recommendation in Appendix B as follows: 1) the Evans subdivision, the senior housing development adjacent to South County Secondary School, and the future Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Program Site reassigned from Halley Elementary to the Laurel Hill elementary site; 2) the areas generally south of Lorton Road and west of I-95 (Lorton Valley North, Curtis, Gunston Commons, Shirley Acres, Village at Lorton Valley, and the Green Ridge subdivisions) reassigned from Lorton Station Elementary to Halley Elementary; and 3) areas generally west of Richmond Highway and east of I-95, south and west of Hagel Circle (Lorton Station South, Gunston Square, Cranford James Estates, Gunston Hill, and Lorton Valley subdivisions) reassigned from Lorton Station Elementary to the Laurel Hill elementary site.

Discussion and comments on the amendment included: the proposed Laurel Hill site attendance area adjustment addressed the lack of capacity for 350 students on the eastern side of the area and the overcrowding at Lorton Station and Halley Elementary Schools; the question regarding a proposed amendment submitted by the Lorton Station community, and the response that their proposal would result in Lorton Station being more overcrowded than both the staff proposal and the amendment, and it would be too disruptive to a special needs program at Gunston Elementary School; the question why the staff proposal and the amendment both resulted in two or three schools being overcrowded; response that those schools had sufficient flexibility in space usage to manage the overcrowding; a question of the consequence of delaying a vote on the Laurel Hill site attendance area adjustment, and the response that a delay would cause disruptions to the staffing of the new school and the naming process that was already underway; the question of the impact to the Lorton Station GT Center program of offering Level IV advanced academic services at Silverbrook Elementary School; the response that a possible transfer of as many as 30 students from the GT Center to Silverbrook for Level IV services would still leave

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a viable GT program at Lorton Station; comment that the majority of the affected schools' leadership had indicated support of the amendment.

The motion to amend the main motion as follows: revise the staff recommendation in Appendix B as follows: 1) the Evans subdivision, the senior housing development adjacent to South County Secondary School, and the future Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Program Site reassigned from Halley Elementary to the Laurel Hill elementary site; 2) the areas generally south of Lorton Road and west of I-95 (Lorton Valley North, Curtis, Gunston Commons, Shirley Acres, Village at Lorton Valley, and the Green Ridge subdivisions) reassigned from Lorton Station Elementary to Halley Elementary; and 3) areas generally west of Richmond Highway and east of I-95, south and west of Hagel Circle (Lorton Station South, Gunston Square, Cranford James Estates, Gunston Hill, and Lorton Valley subdivisions) reassigned from Lorton Station Elementary to the Laurel Hill elementary site **passed 11-1**: 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 voted "nay."

Board members praised Facilities Planning Services Director Denise James and her staff for an improved boundary process that was more streamlined and transparent.

The motion to approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, related to the opening of a new elementary school at the Laurel Hill site, as detailed in the agenda item in Appendix B, and as amended with the following revisions: 1) the Evans subdivision, the senior housing development adjacent to South County Secondary School, and the future Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Program Site reassigned from Halley Elementary to the Laurel Hill elementary site; 2) the areas generally south of Lorton Road and west of I-95 (Lorton Valley North, Curtis, Gunston Commons, Shirley Acres, Village at Lorton Valley, and the Green Ridge subdivisions) reassigned from Lorton Station Elementary to Halley Elementary; and 3) areas generally west of Richmond Highway and east of I-95, south and west of Hagel Circle (Lorton Station South, Gunston Square, Cranford James Estates, Gunston Hill, and Lorton Valley subdivisions) reassigned from Lorton Station Elementary to the Laurel Hill elementary site, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries—Program Assignments and School Closings **passed 11-1**: 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 voted "nay."

[Vice Chairman Wilson returned the gavel to Chairman Storck.]

4.02 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for conviction of certain crimes in the community. The motion **passed unanimously**.

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Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel a student for violation of the probationary conditions of a school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Ms. Bradsher moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel a student for numerous acts of misconduct at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to deny the suspension appeal of a student who violated school rules, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman on a three-member committee, along with Mr. Center and Mr. Raney, Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel four students—one for involvement in a mob assault of another student; one for physically assaulting another student; one for possession and distribution of illegal drugs and possession of a weapon at school; and one for physically assaulting and interfering with school officials in the performance of their duties at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman on a three-member committee, along with Ms. Hone and Mrs. Strauss, Mr. Gibson moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, to expel four students—one for possession of a weapon at school and making threatening remarks to other students; one for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school; one for destruction of school property; and one for threatening a school official and causing a disruption at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of February 5, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit G)
- 5.02 **Monthly Separation Report** – Confirm the separations for the period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending January 31, 2009, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit H)
- 5.03 **Award of Contract** – Award the contract for the athletic field lighting project at Herndon Middle School to R.E. Lee Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$443,081, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 2/5/09; Exhibit I)

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

- 6.01 **Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contracts for re-roofing phases 1-09 through 5-09 at Bonnie Brae, Cunningham Park, and Stratford

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Landing Elementary Schools, Franklin Middle School, and Falls Church High School, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 3/5/09; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Modified Schools Calendar Waiver** – Recommendation that upon approval of the FY 2010 budget, the School Board authorizes Annandale Terrace, Dogwood, Franconia, Glen Forest, Graham Road, Parklawn, and Timber Lane Elementary Schools to continue on the modified school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year, contingent upon approval from the state Board of Education of a waiver to allow a pre-Labor Day opening. Glasgow Middle School and Falls Church and Stuart High Schools will return to the standard school calendar (IS; action scheduled 3/5/09; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit L)

February 9, 2009 - Janie Strauss and Tessie Wilson, Meeting Managers

Facilities – Proposed 2009-2010 Program/Attendance Area Adjustments; Bell Schedule Change Proposal Questions

Linkage – Community Meetings on Bell Schedule Change Proposal

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Audit – James Raney, Chairman – Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) Overseas Technology Institute Report; Quarterly Status Report; status of current audits

Forum – Dan Storck, Chairman - Tregoe analysis for prioritization of criteria and values for the proposed bell schedule change; living wage issue; moratorium for designating elementary schools offering Level IV advanced academic services

Mrs. Kory provided a state legislative update on pending legislation.

Mr. Gibson thanked the Virginia Congressional delegation for their support in the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and reported on the stimulus package and the potential outcome for the FCPS budget.

9. **BOARD MATTERS**

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The Board Members made brief comments.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.