

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 15

March 5, 2009

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Chairman Storck convened the Board in public session at 6:35 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; ABSENT)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mr. Raney moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2). 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.

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 7:01 p.m. with a quorum of Board members present. Also present were 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.

Chairman Storck thanked the students from Key Center, under the direction of Rebecca Barry, for their performance of the national anthem.

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

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March 5, 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 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.

2.03 Announcements

Chairman Storck announced that Dr. Dale was out of town and Ms. Hone was ill, and they would not attend tonight's meeting.

2.04 Recognition of Virginia Index of Performance Awards (Exhibit B)

Chairman Storck announced that tonight the Board was proud to recognize 92 Fairfax County schools for different awards, including 31 schools that had earned the 2009 Governor's Award for Education Excellence, which encouraged advanced learning and achievement; the remaining schools being recognized had earned either the Virginia School Board Excellence Award or the Competence to Excellence Award. Each Cluster Assistant Superintendent then introduced the award-winning schools from their cluster, and photographs were taken with the Board members.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

Nine speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Phyllis Payne, Sandra Evans, Ted Velkoff, Jeny Beausoliel, Christy McFerren, Stacy Capra, Lorraine Monaco, Betty Ann Dobrenz, and Mark Meana addressed Agenda Item No. 6.06 Proposed Bell Schedule.

3.02 Student Representative Matters

There were no student matters.

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4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs at school. 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.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Hone and Mrs. Strauss, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for numerous acts of misconduct at school. The motion **passed unanimously**. [Clerk's note: Although Ms. Hone 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. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to expel seven students—one for possession of illegal drugs at school, one for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school, one for possession and distribution of imitation marijuana at school, one for sexual harassment of another student at school, one for destruction of school property, one for assaulting a school official at school, and one for involvement in a mob assault at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Moon and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Raney moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel two students—one for conviction of certain crimes in the community and one for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Minutes – Approve the minutes of February 4, 2009, Operational Expectations work session; February 9, 2009, Facilities work session; and February 19, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit D)

5.02 Award of Contract – Award the contract for re-roofing projects phases 1-09 through 5-09 to R.D. Bean, Inc., in the total amount of \$2,117,845, which represents \$459,620 for Bonnie Brae Elementary; \$350,475 for Cunningham Park Elementary; \$508,605 for Stratford Landing Elementary; \$491,045 for Franklin Middle; and \$308,100 for Falls Church High School, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 2/19/09; Exhibit E)

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- 5.03 Modified Schools Calendar Waiver** – 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; presented as new business 2/19/09; Exhibit F)
- 5.04 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit G)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.01 FY 2009 Third Quarter Budget Review** – Recommendation to approve revenue and expenditure changes in the FY 2009 Third Quarter Budget Review, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; action scheduled 3/19/09; Exhibit H)

Comments and questions included the following: the FY 2010 beginning balance was currently budgeted at \$20 million, with another \$8 million to be added from identified savings in salaries and benefits; request for information on whether those savings were from teachers, administrators, or support staff; concern expressed about the \$500,000 expenditure associated with acquiring Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for an additional 500 buses, whether those funds should be applied to the beginning balance instead, and how the Board's priorities for allocating funds related to the GPS issue; request for information on the following: 1) how many buses would be involved to fully implement the GPS project, and the associated costs, including staffing; 2) how the economic stimulus funds would impact the FY 2009 and FY 2010 budgets; 3) how the County Executive's recommendation to reduce the annual capital expenditures from \$155 million to \$140 million would affect projects in the approved 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); 4) an update on enrollment projections; and 5) how much FCPS would have to cut if there was no increase in the transfer request from the Board of Supervisors.

- 6.02 Appointment of Deputy Clerk** – Recommendation to appoint C. Timothy Parker as Deputy Clerk of the School Board for the limited purpose of signing titles to School Board vehicles (SB; action scheduled 3/19/09; Exhibit I)

There was no discussion of this item.

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- 6.03 Appointment of Agent** – Recommendation to appoint Susan Quinn as an Agent of the School Board to approve disbursements made from all petty cash funds (SB; action scheduled 3/19/09; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 School Board Policy** – Recommendation to adopt Policy 8410.1, Leasing of School Facilities (FTS; action scheduled 3/19/09; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 School Board Policy** – Recommendation to adopt Policy 5790.1, Field Trips (FS; action scheduled 3/19/09; Exhibit L)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.06 Proposed Bell Schedule** – Recommendation to reject the proposed bell schedule change (known as Iteration #3) and to confirm the existing structure (SB; work session scheduled 3/9/09; action scheduled 3/19/09; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

Deputy Superintendent Moniuszko presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit O)

February 23, 2009 Governance Committee – Kathy Smith, Chairman

Operational Expectations (Professional Learning and Training, Human Resources, and Facilities and Transportation); March 23 Board Development; Student Learning Plans

March 5, 2009 – Linkage Committee – Brad Center, Chairman

Debrief of Community Dialogues and Other Later Start Times Activities; School Board Communications; Presentation of Additional Outreach for Budget Deliberations

March 5, 2009 – Forum – Dan Storck, Chairman

Tregoe analysis—Board members' prioritization of criteria and values for the proposed bell schedule change.

March 5, 2009 – State Legislative Update – Kaye Kory, Liaison

Mrs. Kory provided an update on pending legislation.

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9. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.