

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 17

April 2, 2009

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Vice Chairman Wilson convened the Board in public session at 5:40 p.m. with a quorum of members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)
Brad Center (Lee; dep. 8:00 p.m.)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; ABSENT)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr. 5:41 p.m.)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 7:35 p.m.)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting 1) to discuss and consider the employment and performance of specific public employees, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); and 2) discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2); and 3) to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(4). The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson 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 7:00 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.

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Chairman Storck thanked the members of the Glasgow Middle School orchestra, under the direction of Stephen Shook, for their performance of the national anthem, and members of the Langley High School string quarter, directed by Scott McCormick, who performed during the National Board Certified Teachers reception.

### **2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Moon 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 April 2, 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 9-0:** Mr. Center, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

### **2.03 Announcements**

Chairman Storck announced that Mr. Gibson was out of town representing the Virginia School Boards Association as its president at the National School Boards Association annual meeting, and Mrs. Kory would be arriving late due to a community commitment.

### **2.04 Resolution Naming the Gymnasium at Timber Lane Elementary School (Exhibit B)**

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner read a resolution naming the gymnasium at Timber Lane Elementary School "The Diane Connolly Gymnasium."

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the gymnasium at Timber Lane Elementary School "The Diane Connolly Gymnasium." The motion **passed 9-0:** Mr. Center, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Kory were not present for the vote; Mr. Gibson was absent.

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Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner invited Mrs. Donnelly and friends, family, and Timber Lane staff members to join Board members for photographs and presentation of the resolution.

### **2.05 Recognition of National Volunteer Week (Exhibit C)**

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner recognized April 19-25, 2009, as National Volunteer Week.

### **2.06 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers (Exhibit D)**

Chairman Storck noted that the success of our school system was based on teachers and their commitment to children; Board members recognized approximately 60 teachers who had recently received their National Board Certification; and photographs were taken.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

### **3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Algebra for All 8th Graders - Hughes Middle School (Exhibit E)**

### **3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)**

Seven speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Mary Weadon addressed Agenda Item No. 4.03 Naming of School; Jennifer McGarey, Norma Jean Young, Carrie Fichner-Vu, Elaine Wiggins, and Elizabeth Edwards addressed Agenda Item No. 4.05 Scope of Boundary Study; and Gary Gamerman addressed the FCPS policy on GT screening.

### **3.03 Student Representative Matters**

There were no student matters.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.01 Goal 2. Essential Life Skills - Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills (SS; presented as new business 3/19/09; Exhibit G)**

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills.

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Comments included appreciation for the complexity of the measures and methods currently included in the report.

The motion to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 2. Essential Life Skills **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

- 4.02 Naming of School** - Name the new elementary school to be opened in September 2009 at the Laurel Hill site "Laurel Hill Elementary School" (Cluster V; presented as new business 3/19/09; Exhibit H)

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

Mr. Storck moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to name the new elementary school to be opened in September 2009 at the Laurel Hill site "Laurel Hill Elementary School."

Comments: naming the new school "Laurel Hill Elementary School" reflected the rich history in the area, and several members of the Laurel Hill Task Force who were present were recognized.

The motion to name the new elementary school to be opened in September 2009 at the Laurel Hill site "Laurel Hill Elementary School" **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

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

- 4.03 Naming of School** - Name the new elementary school to be opened in September 2009 at the Coppermine site "Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School" (Cluster VIII; presented as new business 3/19/09; Exhibit I)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, to name the new elementary school to be opened in September 2009 at the Coppermine site "Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School."

Comments included an introduction of the Coates and Lewis family members in the audience and Ms. Weadon, the teacher who proposed the name; naming the school "Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School" was a recognition of Mrs. Coates' over 32 years of dedicated service, beginning in the mid-1930's when she served as teacher and principal at Floris Colored School, moved briefly to

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Fairfax Colored School and Oak Grove Elementary School, and finished her career as an educator at Luther Jackson High School, the first colored high school in Fairfax County.

The motion to name the new elementary school to be opened in September 2009 at the Coppermine site "Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School" passed 10-0: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

- 4.04 Scope of Boundary Study** - Approve the spring 2009 scope of boundary study for Fort Belvoir Elementary and Woodlawn Elementary Schools based on a critical need to alleviate existing and projected over-enrollment, pursuant to Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments and School Closing (FTS; work session held 3/9/09; new business 3/19/09; Exhibit J)

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

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to approve the spring 2009 scope of boundary study for Fort Belvoir Elementary and Woodlawn Elementary Schools based on a critical need to alleviate existing and projected over-enrollment, pursuant to Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments and School Closing.

Comments included: Fort Belvoir Elementary School was one of the most overcrowded schools in FCPS, and there were no other schools on the base to which students could be moved; Woodlawn Elementary School was in close proximity to the base and had excess capacity; FCPS had a commitment to military personnel and the education of their children; and these adjustments would be implemented in September 2009.

The motion to approve the spring 2009 scope of boundary study for Fort Belvoir Elementary and Woodlawn Elementary Schools based on a critical need to alleviate existing and projected over-enrollment, pursuant to Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments and School Closing passed 10-0: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

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

- 4.05 Scope of Boundary Study** - Approve the spring 2009 scope of boundary study for Annandale, Lake Braddock, and Falls Church High Schools and Poe, Glasgow, and Lake Braddock Middle Schools, based on a critical need to alleviate existing and projected over-enrollment at Annandale High and Poe Middle Schools, pursuant to Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program

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Assignments and School Closing (FTS; work session held 3/9/09; presented as new business 3/19/09; Exhibit K)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to approve the spring 2009 scope of boundary study for Annandale, Lake Braddock, and Falls Church High Schools and Poe, Glasgow, and Lake Braddock Middle Schools, based on a critical need to alleviate existing and projected over-enrollment at Annandale High and Poe Middle Schools, pursuant to Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments and School Closing.

Discussion and questions included the following: Annandale High School was currently over-enrolled by approximately 450 students, with an additional 180 students expected by September 2009; there were currently 19 trailers but no space available for additional trailers or a modular unit, and the principal had stated there was an urgent need for relief of the overcrowding; boundary adjustments would not occur until September 2010 because course selection and staffing had already occurred for the 2009-2010 school year; schools to be included in the scope were determined after reviewing proximity, location, demographics, pyramid alignments, and program alignments; a question whether the scope could be expanded to a more regional approach, and the response that an expanded study would require additional time and would not provide the necessary relief to the school until September 2011, but that the current scope was compatible with a regional or comprehensive approach; support expressed for a comprehensive or regional approach for future boundary adjustments; concern expressed that the scope did not include another IB high school and that the progress of those students who participated in the Middle Years IB program or had taken IB courses at Annandale would be interrupted; the response that rising juniors in the IB diploma program would be permitted to request pupil placement to Annandale; recent changes to the boundary adjustment process now included Board approval of the scope, and staff efforts to address and incorporate community feedback as feasible prior to recommending the scope of the study.

The motion to approve the spring 2009 scope of boundary study for Annandale, Lake Braddock, and Falls Church High Schools and Poe, Glasgow, and Lake Braddock Middle Schools, based on a critical need to alleviate existing and projected over-enrollment at Annandale High and Poe Middle Schools, pursuant to Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments and School Closing **passed 8-2:** Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone and Mrs. Kory voted "nay"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

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### 4.06 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel a student for numerous acts of misconduct at school. The motion **passed 8-2**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone and Mr. Storck voted "nay"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel a student for violation of the probationary conditions of a school assignment. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Ms. Hone moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for possession of a weapon at school. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mrs. Smith 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 9-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone voted "nay"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to expel six students – one for vandalism of school property; one for violation of the probationary conditions of a school assignment; one for possession of illegal drugs at school; one for possession with intent to distribute illegal drugs and a look-alike substance at school; and two for possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Storck and Mrs. Kory, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel three students—one for commission of sexual misconduct on a school bus; one for violation of the probationary conditions of a school assignment; and one for engaging in numerous acts of misconduct at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-25 (B)(1). The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith,

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Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the teacher identified in closed meeting be suspended without pay from employment for 30 days, as authorized by Section 22.1-315 of the Code of Virginia, with the timing of the suspension period to be concluded by June 25, 2009. The motion **passed 9-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, that the teacher identified in closed meeting be suspended without pay from employment for 45 days, as authorized by Section 22.1-315 of the Code of Virginia, with the timing of the suspension period to be concluded by June 25, 2009. The motion **passed 9-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Brasher seconded, that the teacher identified in closed meeting be dismissed from employment. The motion **passed 9-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, that prior to April 15, 2009, the instructional personnel identified in closed meeting be notified that their contracts will not be renewed: (1) those who hold a provisional or conditional license expiring 2009 or earlier; (2) those who hold a provisional or conditional license expiring 2010 and 2011; (3) those with incomplete license data; (4) those missing or failing Praxis II; (5) those with license pending with VDOE and missing or failing Praxis II; (6) those who hold a professional license that expired prior to 2009; (7) those on a one-year hiring agreement; (8) those due to low student enrollment. The motion **passed 9-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, that the School Board convene a closed meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at the Gatehouse Administration Center at 5 p.m. to discuss and consider the employment and performance of specific public employees, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (a)(1). The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; and Mr. Gibson was absent.

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### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

**5.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of March 19, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit L)

**5.02 Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit M)

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

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

**6.01 Legislative Recommendations for 2010** - Recommendation to accept the legislative recommendations for 2010 to be forwarded to the VSBA Legislative, Policies and Resolutions Committee for their consideration, as detailed in the agenda item (S; action scheduled 4/23/09; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

**6.02 Proposed 2009 School Bond Referendum** - Recommendation to adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve and take appropriate action to place on the ballot for the November 3, 2009, general election a School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$232,577,000 (FTS; action scheduled 4/23/09; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

**6.03 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the installation of a synthetic turf field at Bailey's Elementary School to General Sports Venue/Astroturf, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 4/23/09; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

**6.04 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award a contract for the relocation of a six-classroom modular building and the addition of a two-classroom modular building at Rocky Run Middle 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 4/23/09; Exhibit Q)

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There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 School Board Policy** – Recommendation to approve Policy 5010.4, Procurement of Goods and Services except Construction (FS; action scheduled 4/23/09; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

**8. REPORTS** (Exhibit S)

**March 23, 2009 – Smart Services Task Force - Dan Storck**

Reviewed county and school services that were currently shared/consolidated; discussed how to further combine resources; decision to pilot joint management of the School Aged Child Care (SACC) program at the two new elementary schools.

**April 2, 2009 – Linkage Work Session - Tina Hone**

Plans for Department of Communication and Community Outreach Family Satisfaction Survey. Discussion of Linkage proposal to schedule two meetings for interactive dialogue on the proposed FY 2010 budget, one with invitees from employee groups and one with invitees representing community and school programs; request for Board members to receive additional information on format and possible target groups from the Linkage Committee; and consensus to proceed with planning those two dialogue meetings; there was no consensus on the proposal to videotape the meetings.

**Title I and FECEP - Kaye Kory, Committee Liaison**

Annual Title I and FECEP program review was conducted as required by Federal regulations; the program was found to be acceptable.

**9. BOARD MATTERS**

The Board Members made brief comments.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

**11. DEBRIEF**

The Board did not debrief tonight's meeting.