

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Gatehouse Administration Center

Work Session No. 96/Instruction

April 20, 2009

#### 96.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Niedzielski-Eichner convened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)  
Brad Center (Lee)  
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)  
Martina A. Hone (At Large)  
Kaye Kory (Mason)  
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; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Pat Charbonneau and Linda Sabo; Executive Administrative Assistant Joann Kinney; Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Peter Noonan; Assistant Superintendent of Accountability Pat Murphy; and Health, Physical Education, and Driver Education Coordinator Elizabeth Payne. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was absent.

#### DISCUSSION

#### 96.02 Grading Scale Recommendation from Superintendent (Exhibit A)

- Staff presented the grading scale recommendation which was developed with attention to fairness, accuracy, consistency, and ease, and vetted by a cross-section of principals and teachers;
- recommendations would benefit from additional discussion and community input, and would assist in aligning the Fairfax County Public Schools' culture of instruction and grading with national trends;
- consensus that the grading scale recommendation would be presented as new business on April 23, 2009, and the final vote would be on May 7, 2009;
- FAIRGRADE leadership and feedback was acknowledged;
- staff distributed *A Repair Kit for Grading* by Ken O'Connor which would be available in the School Board office library.

#### 96.03 Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee Recommendations (Exhibit B)

- Changes recommended by the Family Life Education (FLE) Curriculum Advisory Committee to the FLE curriculum were presented for review;

- recommended new instructional media would be available for review in the School Board library;
- timeline for community input to recommended instructional media would be April 21 to May 18, 2009;
- changes to the FLE curriculum would be presented as new business on April 23, 2009, and the final vote would be on May 21, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.