

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 115/Human Resources and Special Services

May 28, 2009

#### 115.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Strauss convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)  
Brad Center (Lee)  
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; ABSENT)  
Martina A. Hone (At Large; ABSENT)  
Kaye Kory (Mason; ABSENT)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large; ABSENT)

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence; ABSENT)  
James L. Raney (At Large)  
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)  
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon; dep. 8:11 p.m.)  
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)  
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Peter Noonan; Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Kim Dockery; Director Food and Nutrition Services Penny McConnell; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pat Charbonneau; Executive Administrative Assistant Deb Cain; Human Relations Advisory Committee Co-Chair Judy Farabaugh; Human Relations Advisory Committee Co-Chair Charlie Dane; Education Specialist Edithe Jordan; Manager Family Services Camille Brooks; Early Head Start (EHS)/Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP)/Head Start (HS) Policy Committee Vice-Chairperson Samantha Clark; Title I Coordinator Sue Fidelman; Title I Resource Teacher Debbie Swietlik; Title I District Advisory Council Chairperson Jack Riegel; Health and Home Instruction Specialist Elizabeth Donaldson; School Health Advisory Committee Chair Elaine Casey; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Arvin Ahmadi was absent.

#### DISCUSSION

##### 115.02 Human Relations Advisory Committee (HRAC) Annual Report (Exhibit A)

- The committee was organized into three school visitation teams to visit school-based human relations committees (HRC) at all grade levels;
- Office of Equity and Compliance, in consultation with the HRAC, should develop recommendations and clarify the expectations for the HRC;
- recommendation that all schools have an HRC with HRC expectations included in the school plan;
- Office of Family and School Partnerships should be designated as the repository for innovative and successful human relations programs and activities;
- consideration of changing the title of the HRAC, as the term "human relations" was confused with human resources.

**115.03 Early Head Start (EHS)/Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP)/Head Start (HS) Policy Committee (Exhibit B)**

- Personal narrative on the value of Head Start and the positive changes it made in the life of one family;
- the School Readiness Collaborative was launched in 2006 through a Virginia Early Childhood Partnership grant;
- stimulus package funding possibilities for FCPS were explored.

**115.04 Title I District Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit C)**

- Important to provide resources and information to schools to assist them in strengthening relationships with parents as an important component for student achievement;
- staff recommended that the 2009-2010 charge from the School Board should continue focus on building the necessary relationships;
- the committee was commended for supplying books in people's native languages and reinforcing the idea that reading was important and a great way to involve parents;
- possibility of Title I money to be received from the stimulus package.

**115.05 School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) 2008-09 Annual Report to the School Board (Exhibit D)**

- Continuing and increased need for parental involvement in children's lives at home and in school;
- introduction of the "9-5-2-1-0 For Health Program," which will be promoted in FCPS;
- results of the Fairfax County Youth Risk Survey, administered in February 2008, were discussed, and staff stated that next year's survey would provide more in-depth data;
- the first Wellness Awards had been made, with a special reception planned in September to officially recognize the winners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.