

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 20/Policy

September 14, 2009

20.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Hone convened the meeting at 4:17 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)

James L. Raney (At Large)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)
Vacant (Providence)

[Clerk's note: Effective June 18, 2009, Providence district member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner resigned; the seat will remain vacant until the November 2009 special election.]

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt; Chief Financial Officer Susan Quinn; Division Counsel Anne Murphy; Director Food and Nutrition Services Penny McConnell; Director Safety and Security Fred Ellis; Coordinator Safety and Security Jim McLain; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Shawn Ghuman was absent.

DISCUSSION

20.02 Video Surveillance Pilot Project Update and Policy 8614, Video Surveillance (Exhibit A)

- Staff presented results of a one year pilot project and reported decreased theft in the six schools approved by the Board for the use of video surveillance; no negative feedback was received on the use of cameras in the schools;
- concern that staff had instituted improved theft-deterrent practices in addition to video cameras in the pilot schools, therefore the combination made it difficult to assess the sole effectiveness of the video surveillance on theft reduction; the additional costs were not included in the project's total cost figures;
- Board requested that staff provide information on average reduction in theft loss per school for those schools that had not participated in the 2008-2009 video surveillance pilot;
- Board approved continuation of pilot for another year and requested staff to design the pilot to evaluate the true benefit of the video surveillance and to provide total pilot costs, over and above video costs;
- request for staff to provide, if possible, data on any increased disciplinary cases as a result of apprehensions and punitive action; and
- revised policy to be scheduled for new business at October 8, 2009, Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.