

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No.27/Forum on Board Topics

October 8, 2009

27.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. with the following members present.

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Brad Center (Lee; ABSENT)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; dep 6:20)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Kaye Kory (Mason; ABSENT)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	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 Superintendent Jack Dale; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative to the Board Shawn Ghuman was present.

DISCUSSION

27.02 Forum Topics (Exhibit A)

Continued FCPS Support for the International Children's Festival (Gibson)

- Discussion of FCPS sponsorship of the International Children's Festival and the Festival venue as the available dates for Wolf Trap frequently coincided with the Jewish religious observance of Rosh Hashanah;
- the Board paid approximately \$50,000 to the Arts Council of Fairfax County for every FCPS fifth grader to attend the Festival, as well as \$38,000 for transportation, and the question whether students received an educational benefit to the arts program so early in the year;
- the budgetary necessity to consider all sponsorship funding; and
- consensus that a decision whether to continue sponsorship be made prior to January 1, 2010, for notification to the Arts Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.