

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 5

October 8, 2009

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to 1) protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(4) of the Code of Virginia; and 2) consult with legal counsel regarding litigation by a former employee and probable litigation relating to a negligence claim by a student pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed 8-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent; with the Providence district seat vacant.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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 Smith convened the meeting at 7:01 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; arr. 8:38)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 7:00)	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 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

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Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Shawn Ghuman was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Franklin Middle School Choral Ensemble under the direction of Lorraine Neill for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson 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 October 8, 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**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck was not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent; with the Providence district seat vacant.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Smith announced that Mr. Storck and Mr. Center were attending a back-to-school night and were expected later. Mr. Ghuman announced that October 12-16, 2009, was National School Lunch Week.

2.04 Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week (Exhibit C)

Ms. Bradsher recognized the week of October 19-23, 2009, as National School Bus Safety Week and noted that, as their bus runs started very early in the morning, no bus drivers were in attendance.

2.05 Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week (Exhibit D)

Mrs. Kory recognized the week of October 12-16, 2009, as Custodian Appreciation Week and invited the custodians present to join the Board for photographs.

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2.06 Resolution Naming the Outdoor Classroom at Woodburn School for the Fine and Communicative Arts (Exhibit E)

Mrs. Kory read a resolution naming the Outdoor Classroom at Woodburn School for the Fine and Communicative Arts for Mrs. Sarah Lahr.

Mrs. Kory moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the Outdoor Classroom at Woodburn School for the Fine and Communicative Arts. The motion passed 9-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck was not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent; with the Providence district seat vacant.

Mrs. Kory invited Mrs. Lahr and her family and friends to join the Board for presentation of the resolution and photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

There were no speakers.

3.02 Goal 1.3 – Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts (Exhibit G) – Recommendation to accept the presentation as a status report on the current progress toward attaining the School Board goals for Student Achievement Goal 1.3.

Peter Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, which included examples of the finalized grade 6 assessments in art and music that would be presented in pilot schools this year, and updated performance expectations for increasing the number of students earning industry credentials in the practical arts; revision of the fine arts program of studies and eCart assessment development would continue, with rollout scheduled in 2010-2011 and a report to the Board of baseline data in the fall of 2012; and, although the rigor of the tests had increased, the number of certifications continued to increase.

Discussion included: the question what kind of supports were available for children who did not have role models in the home for career choices, and the response that the development of student learning plans provided opportunities for discussion of career options, younger students were being engaged regarding opportunities to earn industry credentials, and staff was working on a template and training to meet the recently approved Virginia Board of Education requirement for academic career planning; comments regarding the academy program and possible changes being considered along with high schools of the future; the question whether students could pupil place to a school for an academy program, with an affirmative response; the question whether the

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aspirational goal of 33 percent of high school seniors obtaining at least one industry credential was realistic, considering the limited number of electives a student could take, and the affirmative response that with the increase in the number of opportunities to earn industry credentials, the number of completers continued to rise, and 67 percent of those completing a practical arts course were currently required by the state to test for industry certification.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented information items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 **Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan** – Approve the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan, as detailed in the agenda item (PLA; presented as new business 9/24/09; Exhibit H)

[Clerk's Note: Chairman Smith announced that no citizens had signed up to speak at the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing; and therefore, at 8:30 p.m. Chairman Smith opened and then closed the public hearing prior to the board taking action on the plan.]

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to approve the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan, as detailed in the agenda item.

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

The motion to approve the Divisionwide Comprehensive Plan, as detailed in the agenda item **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck was not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent; with the Providence district seat vacant.

4.02 **School Bonds** – Approve and adopt the attached resolution, requesting that the Board of Supervisors issue and sell school bonds on behalf of the School Board and for the benefit of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FS; Exhibit I)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to approve and adopt the attached resolution, requesting that the Board of Supervisors issue and sell school bonds on behalf of the School Board and for the benefit of the Fairfax County Public Schools.

It was noted that expedited action on this agenda item was necessary to take advantage of the current very low interest rates.

The motion to approve and adopt the attached resolution, requesting that the Board of Supervisors issue and sell school bonds on behalf of the School Board

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and for the benefit of the Fairfax County Public Schools **passed 9-0:** Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck was not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent; with the Providence district seat vacant.

4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to *Virginia Code* Section 22.1-254 (B)(1). The motion passed **7-0-1:** Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mrs. Kory abstained; Ms. Bradsher and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote; Mr. Center was absent; with the Providence district seat vacant.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of September 14, 2009, Operational Expectations, Governance, and Comprehensive Planning Development work sessions, and September 24, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit J)
- 5.02 Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution** – Adopt the newly revised 2009 Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution, previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors, subject to the two conditions detailed in the agenda item (FS; presented as new business 9/24/09; Exhibit K)
- 5.03 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit L)
- 5.04 Appointment of VSBA Alternate Delegate** – Appoint Elizabeth T. Bradsher as the alternate delegate to the Virginia School Boards Association 2009 Annual Conference (SB; Exhibit M)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.01 2010 Draft Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program** – Recommendation to adopt the 2010 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program as reviewed and discussed at the Legislation work session (S; work session held 9/14/09; action scheduled 10/22/09; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 School Board Policy** – Recommendation to adopt Policy 8614.3, Video Surveillance, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session (FTS; work session held 9/14/09; action scheduled 10/22/09; Exhibit O)

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There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 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 Haycock Elementary 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 10/22/09; Exhibit P)

A question was raised regarding the two-classroom modular, with the response that the two-classroom modular was purchased as an addition to the six-classroom modular to complete an eight-classroom modular.

- 6.04 Social Studies Textbook Adoption** – Recommendation to proceed with the public comment period on the Social Studies textbook adoption as indicated in the Communication Plan for Committee Review (IS; action scheduled 12/17/09; Exhibit Q)

The process for textbook adoption was reviewed with the public comment period through December 10, 2009, and with School Board action scheduled on December 17, 2009; the question whether, due to budgetary constraints, the adopted books would be purchased, and the response that although complete sets might not be purchased, some replacement sets were needed to update some information and purchases might be made centrally.

7. **REPORTS** (Exhibit R)

September 29, 2009

School Board/Board of Supervisors Joint Meeting –Kathy Smith, Chairman

FY2011 Fiscal Forecast; Update on Smart Saving Task Force; Update of the School Board's Comprehensive Planning Process

Linkage –Dan Storck, Chairman

Planning for Community Engagement

October 5, 2009 – Comprehensive Planning Development Committee – Elizabeth

Bradsher, Chairman

Review of the Mission Statement; Formation and Function of the Comprehensive Advisory Task Force

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Linkage – Dan Storck, Chairman

Continued Planning for Community Engagement

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Forum – Kathy Smith

Continued FCPS Support of the International Children's Festival

Update – Stu Gibson, Legislative Liaison

September 30, 2009, Virginia Board of Education forum held at West Potomac High School

8. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

9. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.