

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 6

October 22, 2009

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

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/National Anthem – Key Middle School Patriot Choir

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 7:15; dep. 10:07)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

James L. Raney (At Large)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. 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 D. Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Sabo; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Shawn Ghuman was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Key Middle School Patriot Choir under the direction of Pat Marino for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance

There was no closed meeting.

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2.03 Announcements (Exhibit A)

Mr. Center thanked the members of the Associated School Librarians of Fairfax County for their hospitality at tonight's reception and thanked them for their continued great work with students. Mr. Ghuman announced that November was Native American Heritage Month.

2.02 Resolution Naming the Gymnasium at Braddock Elementary (Exhibit B)

Mrs. Wilson read a resolution naming the gymnasium at Braddock Elementary School "The Carol A. Murphy Gymnasium."

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the gymnasium at Braddock Elementary School "The Carol A. Murphy Gymnasium." The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "yea"; Mrs. Kory was not present for the vote; with the Providence district seat vacant.

Mrs. Wilson invited friends and family of Ms. Murphy to join the Board for presentation of the resolution and photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Sandy Knox addressed Agenda Item No. 3.03 Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in At Least Two Languages.

3.02 Briefing on Language Immersion Program and Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) Program (Exhibit D)

Dr. Dale introduced Peter Noonan, assistant superintendent for Instructional Services, and Paula Patrick, coordinator for World Languages, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation; FCPS program evaluations had recommended continuation of the immersion and foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) programs, with the goal that students would be communicatively competent in the target language and would develop multicultural awareness.

Discussion included: request for information on how many students were served by the different elementary world languages programs at each grade level at those specific schools; comment that some of the programs had been funded by grants in the past; early language acquisition contributed to developing a

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collaborative classroom and building confidence and skills; continuation of these programs would be part of the discussion during this difficult budget process.

3.03 Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in At Least Two Languages (Exhibit E)

Peter Noonan, assistant superintendent for Instructional Services, introduced a video and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation to provide data on the progress toward the achievement of Goal 1.2. Communicate in at Least Two Languages; Teddi Predaris, director for English for Speakers of Other Languages Services (ESOL) of Language Acquisition and Title I, and Paula Patrick, coordinator for World Languages, presented portions of the PowerPoint.

Discussion and requests included: staff members used very specific criteria in determining when students who received ESOL services advanced to the next level, based on individual performance on state-approved proficiency assessments; former immersion students outperformed their 8th grade peers in meeting or exceeding performance expectations in world languages; request for a breakout of those elementary students enrolled in two-way and partial immersion programs; staff to review the performance measure related to the percent of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students who exited ESOL services within four years and present any recommended changes to the Governance Committee; since ESOL services have become available in every school there has been a decrease in the number of families who refused those services; in response to the reflective question, Board members agreed that this goal did reflect the core values, beliefs, and aspirations of Fairfax as part of the global community.

3.04 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Student Achievement Goal 1. - Accept the presentation as a status report on the current progress toward attaining the School Board goals for Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts (IS; presented as new business 10/08/09; Exhibit F)

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to accept the presentation as a status report on the current progress toward attaining the School Board goals for Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, Understand, and Value the Fine and Practical Arts. The motion **passed unanimously** with the Providence district seat vacant.

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- 4.02 2010 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program** - Adopt the 2010 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program as reviewed and discussed at the Legislation work sessions (S; presented as new business 10/08/09; work sessions held 9/14/09 and 10/19/09; Exhibit G)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to adopt the 2010 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program as reviewed and discussed at the Legislation work sessions.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to divide the motion to vote separately on the position of fiscal autonomy for local elected school boards. The motion **passed unanimously** with the Providence district seat vacant.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to remove the position of fiscal autonomy for local elected school boards.

Comment that this position only recommended that a study on fiscal autonomy be initiated.

The motion to remove the position of fiscal autonomy for local elected school boards **failed 2-9**: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mr. Storck and Mrs. Strauss voted "nay"; with the Providence district seat vacant.

The motion to adopt the 2010 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program as reviewed and discussed at the Legislation work sessions **passed unanimously** with the Providence district seat vacant.

- 4.03 Award of Contract** – Award the contract for custodial services for FCPS to J & H Maintenance Services Corporation, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 9/24/09; Exhibit H)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to award the contract for custodial services for FCPS to J & H Maintenance Services Corporation, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt explained that it was cost effective to outsource custodial services for certain administrative centers.

The motion to award the contract for custodial services for FCPS to J & H Maintenance Services Corporation, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board **passed: 9-1-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, Mr.

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Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone voted "nay"; Mrs. Kory abstained; with the Providence district seat vacant.

- 4.04 School Board Policy** - Adopt Policy 8614.3, Video Surveillance, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session (FTS; work session held 9/14/09; presented as new business 10/8/09; Exhibit I)

Ms. Bradsher moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to adopt Policy 8614.3, Video Surveillance, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session.

Comments included: staff recommended extending the video surveillance pilot project for another year in those six schools that had implemented the pilot for the 2008-2009 school year; concerns expressed about the loss of privacy for students and objection to internal video surveillance; request from Mr. Storck that the Board be provided with a report on the results of the video surveillance pilot project, including a cost-benefit analysis, in September 2010; there was no objection from Board members to scheduling the response.

The motion to adopt Policy 8614.3, Video Surveillance, as reviewed and discussed at the Policy work session **passed 7-4**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mrs. Kory, and Mr. Raney voted "nay"; with the Providence district seat vacant.

- 4.05 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

There was no closed meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of October 8, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit J)
- 5.02 Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations for the period beginning September 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2009, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit K)
- 5.03 Quarterly Separation Report** - Confirm the appointments and separations for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2009 (HR; Exhibit L)
- 5.04 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the relocation of a six-classroom modular building and the addition of a two-classroom modular building at Haycock Elementary School to CFI Construction Corporation in the amount of \$877,900, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 10/08/09; Exhibit M)
- 5.05 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit N)

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.01 Exchange of Real Property** - Recommendation to authorize and direct the Division Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer, either of whom is authorized to act individually on behalf of the School Board, to take all actions, with the advice of the School Board's Attorney, which such officials deemed to be appropriate or necessary in order to negotiate and complete the exchange with the Fairfax County Park Authority of the Existing South County Middle School Property and the Existing Park Authority Property, both as defined in this agenda item, including but not limited to, executing on behalf of the School Board all documents related to the transaction (including, without limitation, the Deed of Exchange), securing the statutorily required title insurance, finalizing, signing, delivering, and recording the Deed of Exchange and delivering such further assurances as may be required; and that all such actions taken by the Division Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer and School Board Attorney in connection with this matter are hereby ratified and confirmed (FTS; action scheduled 11/5/09; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 School Board Policy** - Recommendation to adopt Policy 1365.4, Distribution of Materials (DCCO; action scheduled 11/5/09; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Secondary Course Offerings** - Recommendation to approve changes to the list of middle and high school course offerings for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Course review Committee and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; action scheduled 11/5/09; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

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8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit R)

October 19, 2009 - Stu Gibson and Dan Storck, Meeting Managers

Operational Expectations - Accountability/Audit Monitoring Report

Governance - Brad Center, Chairman - Review of Accountability/Audit Operational Expectations; Recommendations for Monitoring Report Format Changes

Budget - Jane Strauss, Chairman - FY 2011 Budget Priorities

Comprehensive Planning Development Committee - Liz Bradsher, Chairman - Facilities Planning Advisory Council

Linkage - Dan Storck, Chairman - Update on Community Engagement Planning

October 21, 2009 - Governance - Brad Center, Chairman

Human Resources Operational Expectations; July 2009 School Board Retreat Follow-Up; Board Development Topics; Review of Annual Planning Calendar

October 22, 2009 - Audit - James Raney, Chairman

Procurement Card Audits (draft reports); Annandale High School Athletic Fund Review; Status Report

October 22, 2009 - Linkage - Dan Storck, Chairman

Discussion of groups for Linkage community dialogues; meetings with student groups

9. **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board Members made brief comments

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.