

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 8

November 16, 2009

1. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY** (Exhibit A)

At 5:30 p.m. Judge Stanley P. Klein administered the oath of office to newly-elected Providence District Board member Patricia S. Reed, and photographs were taken with her family and friends.

2. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Moon moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to 1) discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; 2) to 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 3) to consult with legal counsel regarding certain student discipline issues pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:04 p.m.

3. **MEETING OPENING**

[NOTE: EACH AGENDA ITEM IS AVAILABLE ON MP3 AUDIO FILES AT <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/Fairfax/Board.nsf/Public?OpenFrameSet>]

3.01 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Stone Middle School Brass Quintet**

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

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Brad Center (Lee)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Illyong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

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.

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Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Stone Middle School Brass Quintet under the direction of Robert Zazzara for their performance of the national anthem.

3.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit B)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Gibson 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 November 16, 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 unanimously.

3.03 Announcements

Chairman Smith welcomed Mrs. Reed, the Providence District Board member, who had taken the oath of office earlier that evening and now joined the Board members on the dais. Chairman Smith congratulated Dr. Dale on the Global Educational Leadership Award that was presented to him from the World Affairs Council's for his efforts in promoting international affairs education, and she recognized members from Boy Scout Troop 1916 in McLean who were working on their citizenship in the community badge.

3.04 Recognition of Linda S. Sabo (Exhibit C)

The Board recognized Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the School Board Linda Sabo, who was retiring after 21 years of dedicated service to FCPS; Ms. Sabo was presented with a plaque and a gift, and photos were taken with family and friends.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

4.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Sara Forsyth addressed Agenda Item No.7.01 2010-2011 School Calendars.

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4.02 Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts (Exhibit E)

Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Peter Noonan reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and introduced a video that highlighted the current progress on Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts; results for 6th, 8th, and 12th grade students in reading had increased and remained at a high level at both pass proficient and pass advanced levels, while writing had remained the same at pass proficient, but had decreased slightly at the pass advanced level; professional development would continue to be a focus.

Comments included: concerns expressed about the impact of budget cuts on instruction; requests that the results from the Standards of Learning tests be provided with and without the Virginia Grade Level Assessment (VGLA) tests for all categories and sub-groups; confirmation that the VGLA had been approved by the U.S. Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Education for use as an assessment tool only for certain special education students in 2006-2007, and only for Limited English Proficient students at levels 1 and 2 in 2007-2008; suggestion that possibly the baseline measures should be changed to include the VGLA as a measure; appreciation expressed to teachers and principals for their hard work and commitment to help all students achieve.

4.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.01 **Student Achievement Goal 1.4 Social Studies and 1.1.4. Understand the Interrelationship and Interdependence of the Countries and Cultures of the World** - Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievements Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the Interrelationship and Interdependence of the Countries and Cultures of the World (IS; presented as new business 11/5/09; Exhibit F)

Mr. Center moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievements Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the Interrelationship and Interdependence of the Countries and Cultures of the World. The motion **passed unanimously.**

- 5.02 **FY 2010 Midyear Budget** - Approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2010 Midyear Budget Review, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; presented as new business 11/5/09; Exhibit G)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2010 Midyear Budget Review, as detailed in the agenda item.

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Concern about using \$3.5 million from the Board's flexibility reserve because of declining state sales tax revenue; response that it was anticipated that the third-quarter budget review would restore those funds to the reserve; \$24 million had already been identified for the FY 2011 beginning balance.

The motion to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2010 Midyear Budget Review, as detailed in the agenda item **passed unanimously.**

- 5.02 Appointment of Deputy Clerk** - Appoint Yvette Rhodes as deputy executive assistant and deputy clerk to the School Board, effective November 18, 2009 (SB; Exhibit H)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Ms. Hone seconded, to appoint Yvette Rhodes as deputy executive assistant and deputy clerk to the School Board, effective November 18, 2009.

Congratulations expressed to Mrs. Rhodes on her promotion.

The motion to appoint Yvette Rhodes as deputy executive assistant and deputy clerk to the School Board, effective November 18, 2009, **passed unanimously.**

- 5.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mrs. Kory and Mr. Moon, Ms. Hone moved, and Mrs. Kory seconded, to expel a student for possession of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Hone and Mr. Raney, Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel a student for distribution of a controlled substance at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Section 22.1-254(B)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*. The motion **passed unanimously.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of November 5, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)
- 6.02 Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations for the period beginning October 1, 2009, and ending October 31, 2009, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit J)

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- 6.03 Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit K)

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.01 2010-2011 School Calendars** - Recommendation to approve the 2010-2011 Standard School Calendar and Modified Elementary School Calendar, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; work session held 11/9/09; action scheduled 12/3/2009; Exhibit L)

Comments included the following: Dr. Dale had asked principals of modified calendar schools to develop a plan by December 2009 to phase out the modified calendar program no later than the end of the 2010-2011 school year because of the current budget situation; there were currently seven elementary schools on a modified calendar, but Franconia Elementary was scheduled for renovation in 2010 and was scheduled to phase out of the modified calendar at the end of 2009-2010 school year; the other six schools currently received a combination of Title I funds, general operating funds, and stimulus funds to operate the modified calendar program; it was important to provide adequate notification to those affected communities if the modified calendar was not going to continue; approving a modified calendar schedule was the first of three steps—the second step would be to apply to the state for a waiver from the traditional calendar and receive approval, and the third step would be for the Board to identify funding to continue the modified calendar for those schools; approval of this calendar agenda item was separate from the Board's policy decision on whether or not there would be sufficient funding to continue the modified calendar program in the future; research on the benefits for student achievement when comparing modified calendar vs. traditional calendar had produced mixed results.

- 7.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate professional services contracts with selected firms for the architectural design of certain projects contained in the school bond referenda, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to award the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 12/3/2009; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

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9. REPORTS (Exhibit N)

November 7, 2009

Linkage Community Dialogue - Dan Storck, Chairman

November 9, 2009

Legislative Breakfast - Stu Gibson, Legislative Liaison

November 9, 2009 - Liz Bradsher and Jane Strauss, Meeting Managers

Operational Expectations - Community Relations Monitoring Report

Governance - Brad Center, Chairman - Review of Community Relations Operational Expectations; Human Resources Operational Expectations

Budget - Jane Strauss, Chairman - FY 2011 Budget Planning

Human Resources - 2010-2011 School Calendars; Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ERFC) Update

Facilities - Topics for the School Board/Park Authority Joint meeting: School and Park Athletic Field Maintenance Program Update; Synthetic Turf Field Replacement Program; Synthetic Turf Memorandum of Understanding and Allocation Policy; School and Park Land Needs

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Governance - Brad Center, Chairman

November 12, 2009

Comprehensive Planning Development Committee - Liz Bradsher, Chairman

Joint School Board and Park Authority Meeting - Kathy Smith, Chairman

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Community Dialogue on FY 2011 Budget - Jane Strauss, Budget Chair

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Linkage - Dan Storck, Chairman

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10. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

12. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.