

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 10

December 17, 2009

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed 9-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:38 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/National Anthem – Springfield Estates Elementary School String Ensemble

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7 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; ABSENT)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; ABSENT)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Kaye Kory (Mason; ABSENT)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong 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 Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Shawn Ghuman was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Canterbury Woods Elementary School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Elizabeth Hornsby-Graham and Kate Dovgalyuk for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Ms. Bradsher 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

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December 17, 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. Center, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Smith announced that Mr. Gibson and Ms. Hone were out of town and Mrs. Kory was unable to attend the meeting. She welcomed Boy Scout troops 1115 from Springfield, working on the Citizenship in the Community merit badge, and 680 from Alexandria, working on the Communications merit badge. Mr. Raney announced that January 2010 was National Mentoring Month.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Spotlight on Learning - Collaborative Learning Visits (Exhibit C)

Questions and discussion focused on how the Collaborative Learning Visits process worked.

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

There were no speakers.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Student Achievement Goal 1.1.2. Mathematics, 1.1.3. Science, and 1.5. Technology - Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.2. Mathematics, 1.1.3. Science, and 1.5. Technology (IS; presented as new business 12/03/09; Exhibit E)

Mr. Center moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.2. Mathematics, 1.1.3. Science, and 1.5. Technology.

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Comments included the following: progress on meeting the goals for mathematics, science, and technology was reviewed and the process for accepting monitoring reports was explained.

The motion to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.2. Mathematics, 1.1.3. Science, and 1.5. Technology **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

- 4.02 Social Studies Textbook Adoption** - Adopt social studies textbooks for grades K-12, as detailed in the agenda item, and as recommended by the Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee. (IS; presented as new business 10/8/09; Exhibit F)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to adopt social studies textbooks for grades K-12, as detailed in the agenda item, and as recommended by the Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee.

Comments included the following: there were no concerns about the content of the textbooks; classrooms that needed to purchase new textbooks would choose from the approved list; funding for new textbooks was not included; and appreciation was expressed to the committee members for the prodigious amount of work involved in reviewing the textbooks.

The motion to adopt social studies textbooks for grades K-12, as detailed in the agenda item, and as recommended by the Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

- 4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to deny the school assignment appeal of a student who violated school rules, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 9-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, and Mrs. Kory were absent.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Minutes** - Approve the minutes of December 3, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit G)

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- 5.02 Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations for the period beginning November 1, 2009, and ending November 30, 2009, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit H)
- 5.03 Strategic Governance Manual** - Approve the proposed revision to Section 4, Board Committees (B. Legally Required Committees), page 38, of the Strategic Governance Manual, to include a teacher in the membership of the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities, as detailed in the agenda item. (SB; presented as new business 12/3/09; Exhibit I)
- 5.04 Award of Contract** - Award annual contracts for time and materials rates for facilities modifications to responsive and responsible bidders and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board. (FTS; presented as new business 12/3/09; Exhibit J)
- 5.05 Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the installation of a synthetic turf field at Westfield High School to General Sports Venue/Astroturf and authorize the Division Superintendent or his designee to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board and enter into an Agreement with the Contributing Parties memorializing the rights and responsibilities of the parties to the Agreement and authorize the Division Superintendent or his designee to execute the Agreement on behalf of the School Board. (FTS, presented as new business 12/3/09; Exhibit K)
- 5.06 Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit L)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.01 FY 2011-2015** - Recommendation to approve the FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program as described in the narrative and in the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2011 -2015 Capital Improvement Program Summary. (FTS; public hearing scheduled 1/5/10 and 1/6/10 (if needed); work session scheduled 1/11/10; action scheduled 1/21/10; Exhibit M)

Dr. Dale introduced Dean Tistadt, chief operating officer and assistant superintendent for the Department of Facilities and Transportation Services, who reviewed a PowerPoint with highlights of the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program. He noted that changes had been made to pages 79 and 83 to correct the Project List to include West Springfield High School, and that recent renovation bids had been received that were substantially lower than projections.

Questions and comments included the following: confirmation that current budget decisions would not affect projects already covered by a previous referendum but could affect future projects; a question on the reason for the much lower than estimated renovation bids, and the response that material costs had decreased and contractors eager for work were providing much lower bids; a

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question whether it would be more cost effective to expedite some renovation projects while costs were lower, and the response that it would and that additional information would be provided to the Board at the January 11 work session.

- 6.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the cooling tower replacements at Hayfield Secondary 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 1/7/10; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award a contract for the baseball field lighting project at Sandburg Middle 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 1/7/10; Exhibit O)

[Clerk's Note: This agenda item was removed from the agenda as the baseball field lighting manufacturers were not able to meet specifications as written; the RFP will be reissued.]

- 6.04 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award a contract for the renovation of Longfellow Middle 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 1/7/10; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Title I District Advisory Council** - Recommendation to approve the membership of the Title I District Advisory Council as listed in the agenda item. (IS; action scheduled 1/7/10; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. REPORTS (Exhibit R)

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Comprehensive Planning Development Committee - Liz Bradsher, Chairman

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December 7, 2009, Kathy Smith and Tessie Wilson, Meeting Managers

Operational Expectations - Human Resources Monitoring Report

Governance - Brad Center, Chairman - Review of Human Resources Operational Expectations; 2009-2010 Charge to School Health Advisory Committee

Budget - Jane Strauss, Chairman - FY 2011 Proposed Budget

Linkage - Dan Storck, Chairman - Proposed Comprehensive Communication Plan

Instruction - Status Report on College Success Program; Race to the Top Application

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Governance Committee - Brad Center, Chairman

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Audit Committee - James Raney, Chairman

Forum - Dan Storck, Linkage Committee Chairman

9. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.