

# MINUTES

## Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 11

January 7, 2010

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Ms. Bradsher 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 10-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone and Mrs. Kory were not present for the vote.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:45 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 – Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology 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; arr. 7:25)  
Kaye Kory (Mason; arr. 7:46)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

James L. Raney (At Large)  
Patricia S. Reed (Providence)  
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)  
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)  
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)  
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 Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Pat Charbonneau and Yvette Rhodes; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Shawn Ghuman was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Choir under the direction of Adam Levowitz for their performance of the national anthem.

##### **2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mrs. Strauss 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

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certify that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on January 7, 2010, 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 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone and Mrs. Kory were not present for the vote.

### **2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)**

Chairman Smith announced that Ms. Hone would be arriving late to tonight's meeting.

*[Clerk's note: During Board matters, Chairman Smith and Mr. Storck noted that tonight was Mrs. Kory's last School Board meeting, as she had recently been elected to serve as a delegate to the General Assembly from the 38<sup>th</sup> district; Mrs. Kory was resigning from the School Board effective January 12, 2010, and would be sworn in as a new delegate on January 13; Chairman Smith invited Mrs. Kory to a future School Board meeting to be recognized for her ten years of service as a School Board member.]*

## **3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

### **3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)**

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Elizabeth Harrison addressed 4X4 Block Scheduling.

### **3.02 FY 2011 Proposed Budget (Exhibit D) – Superintendent Jack D. Dale**

Dr. Dale presented his FY 2011 Proposed Budget by reviewing a PowerPoint presentation; he noted that due to the current grim economic conditions around the county, state, and nation, major cuts were necessary; the \$2.3 billion proposed budget included \$104.8 million in cuts and cost avoidances (including an increase in class size by one student, elimination of the Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES) program, teacher leadership program, general education summer school program, and all freshman sports, winter cheerleading and indoor track), \$3.4 million in new and increased fees (including \$100 per student for each VHSL sport and \$75 per test for students taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests), projected enrollment growth of

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1,760 students, and no proposed salary increases for employees for the second consecutive year; that his proposed County transfer increase request was \$57.8 million in order to avoid more damaging cuts, including protecting full-day kindergarten, elementary band and strings, elementary foreign language immersion, and further class size increases.

Discussion included the following: if the \$25 million fourth-quarter “holiday” on the Virginia Retirement System proposed by outgoing Governor Kaine was not approved by the General Assembly in mid-March, that could be an additional \$25 million on the negative side; the Board of Supervisors was scheduled to set the tax rate on March 9, and Dr. Dale’s proposed transfer increase of \$57.8 million equaled approximately three cents on the tax rate (one cent on the tax rate equaled approximately \$18 million); the needs based staffing formula was designed to ensure resources were placed where they were most needed so that students would be successful; additional increase in class size would have an enormous detrimental effect on the quality of programs in classrooms and labs; it was essential for the entire Fairfax County community to become involved and advocate for their schools, and to determine the quality of life they wanted and then make budget decisions to preserve that.

Chairman Smith reminded everyone that the Board had several meetings regarding the budget scheduled over the next few weeks: work session on January 11, public hearings on January 25 and 26, work session on January 28, and the adoption of the Board’s FY 2011 Advertised Budget on February 4.

### **3.03 Student Representative Matters**

The Student Representative presented informational items.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.01 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mr. Raney moved, and Mr. Gibson 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 10-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted “aye”; Mrs. Kory abstained; Ms. Hone was not present for the vote.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss 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 10-1-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted “aye”; Mr. Raney voted “nay”; Mrs. Kory abstained; Ms. Hone was not present for the vote.

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Mr. Gibson 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 7-3-2**: Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Moon, and Mr. Raney voted "nay"; Ms. Hone and Mrs. Kory abstained.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Gibson and Ms. Hone, Mr. Raney moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for conviction of certain crimes in the community. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Bradsher, and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to expel two students, one for possession and distribution of illegal drugs at school and one for numerous acts of misconduct at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** - Approve the minutes of December 17, 2009, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit E)
- 5.02 **Title I District Advisory Council** - Approve the membership of the Title I District Advisory Council as listed in the agenda item. (IS; presented as new business 12/17/09; Exhibit F)
- 5.03 **Award of Contract** - Award the contract for the cooling tower replacements at Hayfield Secondary School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Edw. Kocharian & Co., Inc., and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board. (FTS; presented as new business 12/17/09; Exhibit G)
- 5.04 **Award of Contract** - Award a contract for the renovation of Longfellow Middle School to Henley Construction Company, Inc. and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board. (FTS; presented as new business 12/17/09; Exhibit H)
- 5.05 **Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit I)

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 **Sanitary Sewer Easement Vacation** - Recommendation to vacate the easement at Westfield High School and authorize the Division Superintendent, or

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his designee, to execute the deed on behalf of the School Board and waive the compensation requirement. (FTS; scheduled for action 1/21/10; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for the automatic temperature control system replacement at Herndon 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; scheduled for action 1/21/10; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

### 7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

### 8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit L)

#### **January 5, 2010**

**Policy Work Session** - Kathy Smith, Chairman

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**Linkage Committee** - Dan Storck, Linkage Committee Chairman

### 9. **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board Members made brief comments.

*[Clerk's note: Please see Agenda Item 2.03, Announcements, for information about Mrs. Kory's resignation from the School Board, effective January 12, 2010.]*

### 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

### 11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.