

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 15

March 4, 2010

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

At 5:30 p.m. Judge David S. Schell administered the oath of office to newly-elected Mason District Board member Sandra S. Evans, and photographs were taken with her family and friends.

2. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Raney 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) 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) discuss and consider the performance and resignation of a specific public employee, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:05 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 – Pine Spring Elementary School Bobcat Singers

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)
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 Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pat Charbonneau; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Shawn Ghuman was present.

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Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Pine Spring Elementary School Bobcat Singers under the direction of Anita Aberle for their performance of the national anthem.

3.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit B)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss 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 March 4, 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 unanimously.**

3.03 Announcements (Exhibit C)

Chairman Smith welcomed Sandy Evans, newly-elected Mason district member, who had taken the oath of office earlier that evening and now joined the Board members on the dais. She recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 1131 from Annandale and of Boy Scout Troup 685 from Burke, working on the Citizenship in the Community merit badges. Mr. Ghumann announced that March was National Nutrition Month.

3.04 Recognition of National Certified Athletic Training Month (Exhibit D)

Ms. Bradsher recognized March as National Certified Athletic Training Month and invited the athletic trainers present to join the Board for photographs.

3.05 Resolution Naming The Art Gallery at Chantilly High School (Exhibit E)

[Clerk's Note: Chairman Smith turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Wilson.]

Mrs. Smith read a resolution naming the the Art Gallery at Chantilly High School "The Glakas Gallery" for retired art teacher Debbie Glakas.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the Art Gallery at Chantilly High School "The Glakas Gallery." The motion **passed unanimously.**

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

[Clerk's Note: Vice Chairman Wilson returned the gavel to Chairman Smith.]

4. **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

4.01 **Citizen Participation** (Exhibit F)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Megan McLaughlin and Phyllis Payne addressed National Sleep Awareness Week.

4.02 **Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community** - Recommendation to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community (S; action scheduled 3/18/10; Exhibit G)

Dr. Dale introduced Cluster II Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo for a PowerPoint and video presentation on the current progress achieved in Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community; Dr. Pajardo shared the status of the initial administration of the student survey used to assess self-reported civic and environmental stewardship behaviors, the service learning projects that would be collected in spring 2010 and reported next year, the ways to interact with elected officials, the civics cord that graduating seniors could earn, and environmentally responsible activities and projects on which students were engaged. Dr. Pajardo also reported the results of baseline data for graduates earning the civics seal and the current performance of students on the SOL civics strands demonstrating the role, purpose, and means of interactions with the different levels of government. Joining Dr. Pajardo for discussion and questions were Marty Smith, Cluster I assistant superintendent; Anita Wallace, Cluster I director; Chantal Follett, Department of Professional Learning and Accountability; and Alice Reilly and Myra Thayer, coordinators, Instructional Services Department.

Discussion and questions included the following: the question when students were apprised of the opportunity to earn the state civics seal and the response that counselors would be introducing that at freshman orientation and emphasizing it to 9th and 10th graders; staff was encouraged by the anticipated number of students who would earn the civics cord for this year's graduation; concern whether there were service opportunities for students who might not be available for community service outside of school hours, and the response that opportunities were offered during the school day for service to the school community; the question how students could share their service learning projects, the response that sharing sites were being created on Blackboard, and service learning projects could be planned to engage students following SOL completion; a question about Goal 3 implementation costs and the response that the cost of the Chesapeake watershed project and service learning projects was

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approximately \$60,000; and confirmation that Goal 3 was not independent of Goal 1. Academics or Goal 2. Essential Life Skills, but supported and amplified the curriculum for both of these.

4.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.01 Snow Makeup Days-** 1) Re-affirm the approved 2009-2010 school calendars; 2) designate June 25, 2010, as the last day of school for standard calendar schools, with subsequent makeup days, if needed, on June 28, June 29, and June 30; and 3) designate April 13, 2010, as a makeup day for modified calendar schools, with subsequent makeup days, if needed, on April 12, April 9, and April 8. Direct the Superintendent to request a waiver for three of the required makeup days and any additional days missed for the remainder of the year. (HR; presented as new business 2/17/10; Exhibit H)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded to 1) re-affirm the approved 2009-2010 school calendars; 2) designate June 25, 2010, as the last day of school for standard calendar schools, with subsequent makeup days, if needed, on June 28, June 29, and June 30; and 3) designate April 13, 2010, as a makeup day for modified calendar schools, with subsequent makeup days, if needed, on April 12, April 9, and April 8.

Discussion and questions included the following: the end-of-year makeup dates of June 23 and June 24, had been included when the 2009-2010 calendar was approved by the Board in December 2008; three options had been proposed to make up the days lost in February 2010 due to closures for snow, including adding 30 minutes to the school day, adding 45 minutes to the school day, or scheduling additional days at the end of the school year; the feedback from community members indicated that approximately 68 percent of respondents favored adding makeup days at the end of the school year; concern was expressed for families and staff that had already made vacation plans based on school ending June 22; the question whether the dates for SOL testing could be delayed and the response that SOL testing for FCPS students was already scheduled at the latest possible testing window; and concern was expressed regarding the rigor, or lack thereof, of the learning activities provided to students once SOL testing had been completed.

The motion to 1) re-affirm the approved 2009-2010 school calendars; 2) designate June 25, 2010, as the last day of school for standard calendar schools, with subsequent makeup days, if needed, on June 28, June 29, and June 30; and 3) designate April 13, 2010, as a makeup day for modified calendar schools, with subsequent makeup days, if needed, on April 12, April 9, and April 8 **passed**

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11-0-1: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Evans abstained.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to direct the Superintendent to request a waiver for three of the required makeup days and any additional days missed for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to amend the motion to strike the word "three" and insert the word "one."

Discussion included the following: a request for a waiver from the State Board of Education would have to demonstrate that FCPS had exhausted every available option for making up the lost instructional days and the approved 2009-2010 calendar already included makeup days; a question regarding the cost of extending the last day of school and the response that one additional cost might be fuel costs for buses; concern was expressed about ensuring that learning activities were engaging and worthwhile and might include service learning projects for Goal 2 and Goal 3.

The motion to amend the motion to strike the word "three" and insert the word "one" failed 4-8: Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mrs. Evans, Ms. Hone, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voted "nay."

The motion to direct the Superintendent to request a waiver for three of the required makeup days and any additional days missed for the remainder of the year failed 6-6: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Strauss voted "nay."

[Clerk's note: Chairman Smith confirmed that because the motion to request a waiver failed, there could be no waiver. The Board took a brief recess for parliamentary consultation. When the Board reconvened, Chairman Smith explained that any Board member who voted on the prevailing side of a motion may request that the motion be reconsidered during that same meeting. Mr. Center voted "nay," which was the prevailing side, on the amendment to request a one-day waiver.]

Mr. Center moved, and Ms. Evans seconded, to reconsider the amendment to strike the word "three" and insert the word "one."

Discussion included the following: the request for a waiver included waiver of the required makeup days and any additional days missed for the remainder of the year, should there be additional school closure days due to inclement weather; if

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a waiver wasn't granted, the end of the school year could continue beyond June 25.

The motion to reconsider the amendment to strike the word "three" and insert the word "one" **passed 9-3:** Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Raney, and Mrs. Wilson voted "nay."

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to amend the motion to strike the word "three" and insert the word "one." The motion to amend the motion to strike the word "three" and insert the word "one" **passed 10-2:** Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone and Mr. Raney voted "nay."

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to direct the Superintendent to request a waiver for one of the required makeup days and any additional days missed for the remainder of the year as amended. The motion **passed 11-1:** Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Raney voted "nay."

5.02 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for mob assault at school. The motion **passed 11-0-1:** Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Evans abstained.

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to expel a student for distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed 11-0-1:** Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Evans abstained.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Bradsher and Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Bradsher seconded, to expel a student for inappropriately touching and assaulting other students. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman of a two-member committee, along with Mr. Raney, Ms. Hone moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel three students – one for vandalism of school property; one for possession of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, and a weapon at school; and one for distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Moon and Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to expel a student

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for possession, consumption, and distribution of alcohol at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Moon and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Center moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to expel three students – one for theft of school property; one for vandalism of school property; and one for distribution of illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

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 seven students – two for vandalism of school property; one for mob assault; one for theft of school property; one for possession of illegal drugs at school; one for possession of illegal drugs at school with the intent to distribute; and one for violation of the probationary conditions of a school assignment. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson 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 February 17, 2010, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit I)
- 6.02 **Award of Contracts** - Award the contracts for the re-roofing projects to Orndorff & Spaid in the amounts of \$377,729 for Little Run Elementary School; \$449,638 for Forestdale Elementary School; \$449,903 for Marshall Road Elementary School; and \$714,497 for Hunt Valley Elementary School; and award the contract for the re-roofing project at Falls Church High School to R.D. Bean, Inc., in the amount of \$411,555, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 2/17/10; Exhibit J)
- 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 **FY 2010 Third-Quarter Budget Review** - Recommendation to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2010 Third Quarter Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; action scheduled 3/18/10; Exhibit L)

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Chief Financial Officer Susan Quinn reviewed the agenda item; a question was asked about the reason to carry funds forward and the response that it helped balance the budget and usually less than one percent was carried over to the beginning balance for the succeeding fiscal year.

- 7.02 Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award a contract for the renovation of Franconia 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 3/18/10; Exhibit M)

Mr. Center thanked staff for incorporating bricks from the original building façade into the new construction to preserve the historical part of the building.

8. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

9. REPORTS (Exhibit N)

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Special Meeting No. 1 - Budget Forum – Liz Bradsher

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Linkage Committee - Dan Storck, Chairman

10. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

12. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.