

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 16

March 18, 2010

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

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

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 5:08 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 – Floris Elementary 5th Grade Chorus

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; arr. 5:13)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Brad Center (Lee; dep. 6:20)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr. 6:40)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; 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 Board Yvette Rhodes; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Shawn Ghuman was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Floris Elementary 5th Grade Chorus under the direction of Nancy Fox and Suzi Antoun for their performance of the national anthem.

[Clerk's note: Mr. Center was present for the closed meeting, but then left at 6:20 p.m. because he was ill. Therefore, he was not present for any votes during the regular meeting.]

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2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

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 18, 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 9-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Smith announced that Ms. Hone would not attend tonight's meeting and Mr. Center had left because he was ill. Mr. Ghuman announced that April was Autism Awareness Month.

2.04 Recognition of National School Library Media Month (Exhibit C)

Mrs. Strauss recognized April as National School Library Media Month and invited the librarians present to join the Board for photographs.

2.05 Recognition of Virginia Index of Performance Awards (Exhibit D)

Dr. Dale announced that tonight the Board would recognize 88 Fairfax County schools that had received three categories of awards under the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) incentive program, including 36 schools that had earned the 2010 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, the highest honor bestowed by the Virginia Board of Education under the VIP program; 32 schools that had earned the Virginia School Board Excellence Award; and 20 schools that had earned the Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award. Each Cluster Assistant Superintendent then introduced the award-winning schools from their cluster, and photographs were taken with the Board members.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Snack Smart with the Nutrition Calendar (Exhibit E)

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3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

There were no speakers scheduled to address the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

3.03 Update on the FY 2011 Advertised Budget (Exhibit G)

Dr. Dale presented an update on the School Board's FY 2011 Advertised Budget that included recent information on the state and county budgets; the Board's FY 2011 advertised budget included \$81.4 million in cuts and cost avoidances, \$4.3 million in new and increased fees, \$9.0 million budgeted for projected enrollment growth of 1,760, and a County transfer increase request of \$81.9 million and did not include any salary increases for employees for the second year; the County's budget included reductions that would directly impact schools (elimination of all middle school resource officers and reduction of athletic field maintenance); FY 2011 would be the third year of significant reductions for FCPS, with cost avoidances and reductions totaling more than \$260 million and 1,200 fewer positions over the prior two years; based on the state's conference committee report, state funding for FY 2011 has been updated to reflect an increase of approximately \$61.8 million from the adjustment to the Local Composite Index, a decrease of \$60.7 million from state cuts to K-12 education resulting in a net revenue increase of \$1.1 million, and \$109.1 million in short-term expenditure savings associated with a Virginia Retirement System rate decrease; after including the state budget update and assuming a flat transfer from the County, Dr. Dale recommended creating a \$61.3 reserve to address future VRS funding requirements, since FCPS would have to start in FY 2013 to meet repayment obligations.

Discussion included the following: FCPS had not qualified for a "Race to the Top" federal grant, but would apply for an innovation (i3) grant; creation of \$61.3 million reserve was based on the assumption that there would be a level transfer from the Board of Supervisors; a class size increase of one represented a loss of approximately 300 teachers; the VRS was legislatively mandated and FCPS must contribute at a specified rate, and a repayment provision was unprecedented; concerns expressed that the VRS rate decrease was fiscally irresponsible.

Chairman Smith concluded that the Board had been working over the past few months to educate the community about the budget process and urged community groups to contact Board members for assistance in understanding changes and advocating with the state.

3.04 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

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4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 FY 2010 Third-Quarter Budget Review** - Approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2010 Third Quarter Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; presented as new business 3/4/10; Exhibit H)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2010 Third Quarter Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

- 4.02 Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community** - Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community (S; presented as new business 3/4/10; Exhibit I)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 3. Responsibility to the Community. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

- 4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, to expel a student for participation in mob assault. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Raney seconded, to expel a student for assaulting another student at school. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to deny the parents' appeal on behalf of a student who vandalized school property, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the School Board three-member committee. The motion **passed 9-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

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Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to deny the parents' appeal on behalf of a student who vandalized school property, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the School Board three-member committee. The motion passed 9-0-1: Ms. Bradsher, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck abstained; Mr. Center was not present for the vote; Ms. Hone was absent.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of March 4, 2010, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit J)
- 5.02 **Award of Contract** - Award a contract for the renovation of Franconia Elementary School in the amount of \$8,689,000 to CFI Construction, Inc., and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 3/4/10; Exhibit K)
- 5.03 **Award of Contract** - Award a contract for the renovation of Westlawn Elementary School in the amount of \$10,370,000 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 2/17/10; Exhibit L)
- 5.04 **Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations for the period beginning February 1, 2010, and ending February 28, 2010, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit M)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.01 **Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award a contract for the renovation of the Beech Tree 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 4/7/10; Exhibit N)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

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8. REPORTS (Exhibit O)

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Comprehensive Planning Development Committee - Elizabeth Bradsher, Chairman

March 8, 2010, Tessie Wilson and Patty Reed, Meeting Managers

Operational Expectations

Governance – Kathy Smith

Instruction

Linkage - Dan Storck, Chairman

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Comprehensive Planning Development Committee - Elizabeth Bradsher, Chairman

9. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.