

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 126/**Special Services, Human Resources & Instruction**

June 3, 2010

126.01 Closed Meeting

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider the performance of a specific public officer and to consider the performance of a specific public employee pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion passed 8-0: Ms. Evans, 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. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, and Ms. Hone were absent.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 5:40 p.m.

126.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:21 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; ABSENT)
Brad Center (Lee; arr. 6:25 p.m.)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; ABSENT)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; ABSENT)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

James L. Raney (At Large)
Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pat Charbonneau; Executive Administrative Assistant Deb Cain; Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Kim Dockery; Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Peter Noonan; Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Kevin North; Coordinator Student Safety and Wellness Clarence Jones; Health Services Specialist Elizabeth Donaldson; School Health Advisory Committee Chair Elaine Casey; Director Equity and Compliance Sherry Brathwaite; Human Relations Advisory Committee Co-Chairs Charlie Dane and Judy Farabaugh; Human Relations Advisory Committee Member Leslie Vandivere; Title I Family Involvement Resource Teacher Debbie Swietlik; Title I County Coordinator Catherine Wagner; Title I District Advisory Council Chairperson Elena Ryan; Coordinator Early Childhood and Family Services Maura Burke; Early Childhood Support Manager Joe Lacey; Early Head Start (EHS)/Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP)/Head Start (HS) Policy Committee Parliamentarian Cheryl Mumford; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Shawn Ghuman was present.

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126.03 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Center 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 June 3, 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: Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Moon, Mr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Gibson, and Ms. Hone were absent.

126.04 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

There was no action taken in closed meeting.

DISCUSSION

126.05 School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) 2009-2010 Annual Report to School Board (Exhibit B)

- 2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey results were not yet completely analyzed in time for the meeting; SHAC expects to obtain these results for their first meeting of the 2010-2011 school year;
- recommendation to adopt a tobacco-free school system policy which would prohibit the use of tobacco products in all FCPS facilities and on any FCPS property at all times (24/7) by all students, staff members, and visitors; staff agreed to review the Code of Virginia to see if this recommendation could be implemented, and the Board will advocate for it in their legislative program;
- recommended the insertion of specific wording with regard to sexual orientation into the appropriate non-discrimination policies and other relevant regulations in the school system;
- "9-5-2-1-0 Code for Your Health" program well received in piloted schools; SHAC supports implementation in all schools for 2010-2011 school year;
- student mental health support strategies were discussed, and SHAC does not support any cuts to staff positions for school psychologists, social workers, and counselors; mental health screening data expected to be included in the Goal 2 report due to the Board in July.

126.06 Human Relations Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit C)

- HRAC dissatisfied with staff response to last year's report; emphasized the need for a process for the committee to challenge staff's response, and this process needs to be known by all advisory committees;

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- reviewed the responsibilities of a school-based human relations committee as outlined in FCPS Regulation 4910;
- recommended adoption of five standards of good human relations – inclusion, diversity, modeling, partnering, and communication;
- offered observations and recommendations intended to improve communication and raise the level of respect for diversity in our varied student population;
- expressed the desire for heightened awareness of harassment and bullying as part of next year's charge.

126.07 Title I District Advisory Committee Annual Report (Exhibit D)

- The Board thanked the committee for their hard work and detailed annual report;
- recommendations made for 2010-2011 school year:
 - provide guidance to schools on developing effective family math programs to support student learning;
 - expand Title I notebook of Family Involvement Program Ideas;
 - continue to support family field trips to local museums for intergenerational family learning;
- suggested Title I District Advisory Committee meet with the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee for enrichment.

126.08 Early Head Start (EHS)/Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP)/Head Start (HS) Policy Committee Annual Report (Exhibit E)

- continued concern expressed regarding the large need for services in the community with limited funding;
- commended committee for their efforts to maximize father involvement both in the classroom and at home;
- discussed *New York Times* study which indicated that African-American male students showed significant improvements as the result of participation in a full-day program; staff agreed to provide SOL data in this regard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.