

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 5

October 7, 2010

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Bradsher moved, and Mr. Moon 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, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Dr. 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.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:10 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 – Woodson High School Select Vocal Ensemble

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee; arr. 7:53)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; ABSENT)
Illyong 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 Keegan Cotton was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Woodson High School Select Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Michael Ehrlich for their performance of the national anthem.

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2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mr. Storck 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 closed meetings on September 23, 2010, and October 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 motions convening the closed meetings were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed meetings. 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, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Dr. 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.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Smith announced that Mr. Center would be arriving late to the meeting, and Ms. Hone would not be attending tonight's meeting. Chairman Smith recognized the week of October 10 – 16, 2010, as Virginia Career Week. Mr. Cotton recognized the week of October 11-15, 2010, as National School Lunch Week, and the week of October 17-23, 2010, as Teen Read Week.

2.04 Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week (Exhibit C)

Ms. Evans recognized the week of October 18-22, 2010, as National School Bus Safety Week and noted that, as their bus runs started very early in the morning, no bus drivers were in attendance.

2.05 Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week (Exhibit D)

Mr. Moon recognized the week of October 11-15, 2010, as Custodian Appreciation Week and invited the custodians present to join the Board for photographs.

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3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, understand, and value the fine and practical arts (Exhibit E)

Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Peter Noonan reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and video to highlight current progress on the goal; JD Anderson, coordinator for Fine Arts, and Beth Downey, coordinator for Business and Information Technology, also presented portions of the PowerPoint; the three-year pilot of visual arts and music assessments for grade 6 had been completed in June 2010 and implemented across the school system starting in September 2010, with baseline data reported in the fall of 2012; for the practical arts, the number of industry tests administered and certifications earned continued to increase dramatically at the high school level.

Discussion included the following: the concept of 21st century skills related to the changing global environment in which students must be able to think creatively and problem solve in order to remain competitive, and the core curriculum (math, science, social studies, and English) was expanding to include projects to enhance those skills; although the SOL testing focus at times made it difficult for schools to maintain opportunities in students' schedule for electives, the community valued the rich curriculum that was offered, and staff was committed to supporting the entire instructional program; the Board's first Education Summit scheduled on October 16 would feature Ken Kay, President of Partnership for 21st Century Skills, as the keynote speaker, and community members were encouraged to attend the Summit to learn more; assessments for fine arts were being evaluated and results would be entered into eCart by spring 2011; consensus that appropriate progress was being made toward this goal, and appreciation for an excellent presentation.

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Carla Okouchi addressed Agenda Item No. 3.01, Student Achievement Goal 1.3. Explore, understand, and value the fine and practical arts. Mr. Michael Hairston addressed Agenda Item No. 2.04, Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, and Agenda Item No. 2.05, Recognition of Custodian Appreciation Week.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

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4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 2010-2011 School Board Public Engagement and Communications Plan -** Approve the 2010-2011 School Board Public Engagement and Communications Plan, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; presented as new business 7/22/10, work sessions held 8/19/10, 9/2/10, 9/13/10, 10/4/10 and 10/7/10; Exhibit G)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to approve the 2010-2011 School Board Public Engagement and Communications Plan, as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments included: appreciation expressed to the members of the Public Engagement Committee for their work on this second annual communications plan; the plan included revisions that had been made based on feedback from the Board's work session discussions; concerns expressed about whether or not online tutorials or training sessions would be useful in educating the community about strategic governance; response that the committee wanted to offer a broader view to the community about the Board's decision-making process and the various opportunities that were available to the public for communicating with Board members; suggestion that the committee consider planning specific messages for the various audience groups throughout the county as a next step.

The motion to approve the 2010-2011 School Board Public Engagement and Communications Plan, as detailed in the agenda item **passed 11-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Dr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone was absent.

4.02 **Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Wilson seconded, to deny the school assignment appeal of a student who violate school rules, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 10-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Dr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center abstained; Ms. Hone was absent.

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, under the terms discussed in closed meeting. The motion **passed 10-0-1**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Dr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center abstained; Ms. Hone was absent.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of September 23 regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 **Award of Contracts - Lease/Purchase of Classroom Trailers** - Award the annual contract for the lease/purchase of classroom trailers to M-Space Holdings, LLC and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute one or more contracts as requirements become known, on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 9/23/10; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 **Award of Contract - Oakton Elementary School Renovation** - Award a contract for the renovation of Oakton Elementary School to Henley Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$10,894,000 and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 9/23/10; Exhibit J)
- 5.04 **Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit K)

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 **2011 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program** - Recommendation to adopt the 2011 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program, as detailed in the agenda item (S; work session held 9/13/10; action scheduled 10/21/10; Exhibit L)

Comments included: although not related to the Board's legislative program, a recent General Assembly bill had directed public colleges and universities in Virginia to accept standard level and high level International Baccalaureate test scores for credit similar to that given Advanced Placement tests, and the request that the Superintendent ensure that parents were notified of this change as soon as possible; concern expressed that members of the General Assembly, instead of professional educators, were making academic decisions that could affect accreditation status for some colleges and universities.

- 6.02 **Award of Contract** - Recommendation to award the contract for Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclable Materials for Fairfax County Public Schools to the offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 10/21/10; Exhibit M)

Chairman Smith announced that the deadline for submitting proposals for this contract had been extended, and action would be rescheduled later this year.

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7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. REPORTS (Exhibit N)

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Public Engagement - Dan Storck, Chairman

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Forum on Board Topics - Kathy Smith, 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.