

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 12

January 20, 2011

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

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

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:18 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 – Sandburg Middle School Chorus

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

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; arr. 6:19)	James L. Raney (At Large)
Brad Center (Lee)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; arr. 6:19)	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 Keegan Cotton was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Sandburg Middle School Chorus under the direction of Jeanne Crowley for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Dr. Raney 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 January 20, 2011, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business

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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.**

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Mr. Cotton announced that February was African American History Month. Mr. Storck recognized Mr. In-Kap Chang, a Korean teacher participating in the teacher exchange program with Songpa-Gu, and invited Mr. Chang to the lectern for a few remarks and to join Board members for photographs. Chairman Smith welcomed boy scouts from St. Stevens.

2.04 Recognition of National Career and Technical Education Month (Exhibit C)

Dr. Raney recognized February 2011 as National Career and Technical Education Month and invited those in the audience involved with career and technical education to join Board members for photographs.

2.05 Recognition of National School Counseling Week (Exhibit D)

Mr. Storck recognized February 7–11, 2011, as National School Counseling Week and invited the school counselors in the audience to join the Board members for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation

No speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

3.02 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program - Approve the FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program as described in the narrative and in the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program

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Summary (FTS; presented as new business 1/4/11; public hearing held 1/4/11; work session held 1/10/11; Exhibit E)

Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to approve the FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program as described in the narrative and in the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program Summary.

Mr. Moon noted that the FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) provided five-year enrollment projections, capacity calculations, and renovation and infrastructure requirements; the proposed funding of approximately \$800 million would include new construction of two elementary schools, and renovation of 37 elementary schools, seven middle schools, and seven high schools, along with several capacity enhancement projects; cost savings of \$31 million, achieved as the result of very favorable market conditions and lower than estimated bids would be used for those projects in the renovation queue; additional funding was available as a result of the Board's decisions to close Clifton Elementary School and Pimmit Alternative High School; these cost savings would enable many projects to begin planning and construction sooner, ultimately resulting in the renovation start dates for many schools being moved up by two or three years; and he urged his colleagues to support the motion.

The motion to approve the FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program as described in the narrative and in the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program Summary **passed 11-0-1**: 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 abstained.

- 4.02 School Board Policy 1400, Charter Schools** - Adopt Policy 1400, Charter Schools, as detailed in the agenda item (S; work session held 12/6/10, presented as new business 1/6/11; Exhibit F)

Dr. Raney moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to adopt Policy 1400, Charter Schools, as detailed in the agenda item.

Dr. Raney noted that the recommended policy revisions, which reflected recent changes to state law, had been discussed at the December 6, 2010, work session; charter school applications must first be submitted to the Virginia Board of Education and then the local school board, which must provide an opportunity for public comment; the detailed application process was included in the corresponding regulation.

The motion to adopt Policy 1400, Charter Schools, as detailed in the agenda item, **passed unanimously**.

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- 4.03 Herndon Centre III Lease** - Authorize the Division Superintendent or Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with legal counsel for the school system, to negotiate, execute and administer, on behalf of the School Board, a lease for ACE program space at the Herndon Centre III, including: (1) a letter of intent on substantially the same terms as described in the attachment, and (2) any and all related lease documentation, all as reviewed and approved by legal counsel for the school system (FTS; presented as new business 1/6/11; Exhibit G)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to authorize the Division Superintendent or Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with legal counsel for the school system, to negotiate, execute and administer, on behalf of the School Board, a lease for ACE program space at the Herndon Centre III, including: (1) a letter of intent on substantially the same terms as described in the attachment, and (2) any and all related lease documentation, all as reviewed and approved by legal counsel for the school system.

Comments included the following: this provided an opportunity to lease additional space at a lower rate to meet the expanding needs of the community that took advantage of the many programs offered through Adult & Community Education; concern expressed about the school system's reluctance to consider the purchase of property because of the potential difficulty in obtaining approval of financing by the Board of Supervisors; purchasing property typically was more cost effective than leasing and could provide long-term savings; with prices and interest rates lower, a business model that reflected the financial advantages of purchasing property could be a future topic of discussion with the Board of Supervisors.

The motion to authorize the Division Superintendent or Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with legal counsel for the school system, to negotiate, execute and administer, on behalf of the School Board, a lease for ACE program space at the Herndon Centre III, including: (1) a letter of intent on substantially the same terms as described in the attachment, and (2) any and all related lease documentation, all as reviewed and approved by legal counsel for the school system, **passed unanimously.**

4.04 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Reed 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 unanimously.**

Mr. Center 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 unanimously.**

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Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Reed, Mr. Moon moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded, to expel a student for using and distributing a controlled substance at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Evans and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Gibson moved, and Ms. Evans seconded, to expel a student for possessing and distributing illegal drugs at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010, Operational Expectations work session and the January 6, 2011, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 **Monthly Separation Report** - Confirm the separations for the period beginning December 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 **Quarterly Separation Report** - Confirm the appointments and separations for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010 (HR; Exhibit J)
- 5.04 **Sale of House on Lot Two, Spring Village Estates** - Authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to sign all documents associated with the sale of the house on Lot Two (7001 Springville Court, Springfield, Virginia 22150) of Spring Village Estates (IS; presented as new business 1/6/11; Exhibit K)
- 5.05 **Acceleration of Renovation Design Work for 11 Schools and Additional Architectural Design Contracts** - Authorize acceleration of the design of 11 renovation projects and authorize staff to negotiate professional services contracts with eight selected firms for the architectural design of capital projects, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to award the contracts on behalf of the School Board, as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; presented as new business 1/6/11; Exhibit L)
- 5.06 **Award of Contract** - Authorize staff to award multiple contracts for the Relocation of Trailers--Disassembling, Transporting and Assembling of Temporary Buildings (Trailers), and to authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 1/6/11; Exhibit M)
- 5.07 **Additional Appointments** - Appoint individuals to serve on committees, as detailed in the agenda item (Exhibit N)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

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- 6.01 Proposed Program/Attendance Area Adjustment Southwestern Boundary Study** - Recommendation to (1) approve adjustments to school attendance areas in order to contribute to the efficiency of the school division and as consistent with applicable School Board policy, as shown in Appendix A: (a) effective for the 2011-12 school year for the following schools: Bonnie Brae, Brookfield, Bull Run, Clifton, Cub Run, Deer Park, Eagle View, Fairview, Fairfax Villa, Greenbriar East, Greenbriar West, London Towne, Oak View, PoplarTree, Providence, Virginia Run, and Willow Springs Elementary Schools; and (b) effective for the 2013-14 school year for the following schools: Centreville, Centre Ridge, Colin Powell, Eagle View, Fairfax Villa, Greenbriar East, and Union Mill; and (2) authorize staff to use existing bond authority within the construction reserve account: to design and construct building additions at Fairfax Villa, Greenbriar East, and Union Mill Elementary Schools; to relocate a modular building to Centreville Elementary School; to perform interior architectural modifications to Fairview Elementary School; and to otherwise implement the Board's action, as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; public hearing scheduled 2/7-8/11, work session scheduled 2/14/11; action scheduled 2/24/11; Exhibit O)

Denise James, director of the Facilities Planning Services Office, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the staff recommendation for the Southwestern boundary adjustments; 23 elementary schools had been included in the scope of the study, with the objectives of maximizing efficient use of funding and achieving building utilization for the schools in the study at 95% to 105% of building capacity; feedback on Options A, B, and C had been gathered from six community dialogues, which had resulted in Option D; a web-based survey on all four options had resulted in over 600 responses; the staff recommendation would increase capacity by more than 800 student spaces at a cost of approximately \$15.1 million for building modifications related to the recommended boundary changes.

Discussion included the following: commendation to the staff members and community members who had worked on possible boundary options and solutions over the past several months; acknowledgement that the community had fully participated in this study under the new comprehensive community engagement process that the Board had instituted; the Facilities Planning Office would continue to maintain and update a web page that included frequently asked questions; the five-year enrollment projections would be done in March, and therefore some of the projections involved in this boundary study could change; although the recommendation included moving a portion of one school in one year, and another portion the next year, the same portion would not move twice; request for an analysis comparing Option D and the staff recommendation to be provided to the Board at the February 14 work session; request that the transparency map that had been included in tonight's presentation be posted on the public website; concern about those families who might move from a school with full day kindergarten to a school with half day kindergarten; response that staff had considered that capacity issue for those affected schools so changes

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would still be viable if the Board decided that a full day kindergarten program would become available; comment from the Superintendent that the cost for implementing full day kindergarten at the remaining 37 elementary schools would be approximately \$8 million, and more information would be presented at the February 14 work session; question whether those schools that would have additions built could have capacity for additional classrooms in the future; response that the recommendation included not making any school's program capacity larger than 950 students, and more information would be provided at the work session; the \$15 million proposed for the building modifications would come from the construction reserve, which had benefited from lower than anticipated bids for projects; now that the staff's recommendation had been presented, it was the Board's responsibility to make the final decision on the boundaries; public hearings were scheduled February 7 and 8; a work session was scheduled on February 14, and February 24 the Board would vote on the boundary adjustments; and the community was encouraged to stay involved throughout the process.

- 6.02 Suspension of Policy 4680, Salary Redlining Procedure** - Recommendation to suspend Policy 4680, as described in the agenda item, for budgetary reasons for the period beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013; further direct the Superintendent to suspend the redlining provisions of any implementing regulations, for the same period; the School Board must approve the continued suspension of the Policy and implementing regulations beyond June 30, 2013 (HR; work session held 1/10/11; action scheduled 2/3/11; Exhibit P)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Title I, District Advisory Council Board Confirmation** - Recommendation to confirm the membership of the Title I District Advisory Council, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; action scheduled 2/3/11; Exhibit Q)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Early Head Start, Family and Early Childhood Education Program, Head Start Policy Committee** - Recommendation to confirm the elected members of the Fairfax County Public Schools Early Head Start (EHS)/Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP)/Head Start (HS) Policy Committee, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; action scheduled 2/3/11; Exhibit R)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. REPORTS (Exhibit S)

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Comprehensive Planning Development Committee - Elizabeth Bradsher, Chairman

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Governance - Brad Center, Chairman

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Forum on Board Topics - Kathy Smith, Chairman

BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.