

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 95/**Student Discipline**

April 4, 2011

#### 1. Closed Meeting

- 1.01** Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding certain student disciplinary issues, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed 10-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Dr. Raney and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 8:39 a.m.

#### 2. Call to Order and Announcements

- 2.02** Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 10:17 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)	James L. Raney (At Large; arr. 8:51)
Brad Center (Lee)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)	Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon; arr. 8:51)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Yvette Rhodes; Support Technician Debbie Hensley; Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko; Chantilly High School Principal James Kacur; Robinson Secondary Principal Dan Meier; Mt. Vernon High School Principal Nardos E. King; Assistant Superintendent Special Services Kim Dockery; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Keegan Cotton was present.

- 2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

Mr. Center moved, and Mr. Gibson 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 April 4, 2011, 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

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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 11-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Dr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Moon was not present for the vote.

### DISCUSSION

#### 2.03 Review of Student Disciplinary Process (Exhibit B)

- Dr. Dale presented his analysis and recommendations to the School Board members on student discipline process changes:
  - refine guidelines on parent notification for potential suspensions and expulsions and assist parent with preparation for the hearing process
  - improve communication of Student Responsibilities and Rights for greater understanding by parents and students
  - audio record all hearings
  - shorten the timeline between discipline incident and disposition of decision
  - provide instructional support during suspension and provide intervention education program if appropriate to offense
  - authorize school principals to act as the Superintendent's designee for the purpose of conducting a preliminary review in individual cases at their schools where a student is found to be in possession of his or her own prescription medication
  - develop data collection/process analysis to include academic success, recidivism, and on-time graduation
  - create an exit survey for parents to complete at the end of disciplinary hearings
  - review and reinforce training program for School Board members and staff to achieve consistent implementation of discipline process
  - continue Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program in all schools
- Board members requested information on timelines and process for the Superintendent's recommendations and analysis, and for costs associated with the recommendations;
- consensus that Superintendent continue working on the process and bring recommendations to the Board at the May 16 work session;
- discussion on student discipline process changes and recommended changes to Student Responsibilities and Rights to continue at the May work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Clerk of the Board