

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Work Session No. 108/Forum on Board Topics

April 28, 2011

#### 1.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 5:36 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; ABSENT)	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; ABSENT)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilyong 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 Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pat Charbonneau; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Keegan Cotton was absent.

#### DISCUSSION

#### 1.02 Forum Topics (Exhibit A)

##### High-Level Comparative Analyses Necessary for Board Decisions (Reed)

- Advocacy for staff to provide a summary chart of the issues with pros and cons for each option for topics on which the Board would be voting;
- agreement that the Annandale study non-boundary solution chart was helpful;
- this format might not be useful for every Board decision;
- consensus for staff to provide a summary chart where applicable and determine its usefulness to Board members.

##### Options Available to Advocate for Changing State and Federal Regulations to Provide More Flexible Graduation-Related Accreditation Plans (Storck)

- Concern that some students did not meet graduation requirements within the required timeframe and therefore the school's rating was lowered;
- proposed advocacy to be included in the Board's legislative package that accreditation for schools educating students with more challenges be revised;
- concern expressed that the issue was about providing options for students to graduate, not an accreditation issue;
- the Graduation Task Force was studying this issue;
- consensus for discussion at the September work session.

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**High School Honors Classes (Evans)**

- Honors courses were not offered at schools that offered either advanced placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses;
- concern that a sufficient spectrum of courses be made available for students to be successful;
- consensus for a work session to be scheduled at a future date.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



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Chairman of the Board



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Clerk of the Board