

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 20

May 26, 2011

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Reed moved, and Mr. Center seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting (1) to discuss and consider the performance of a specific public officer, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia; (2) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; and (3) to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters pertaining to an individual public employee, who has initiated an administrative complaint against the Board, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The motion 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 not present for the vote.

Chairman Smith convened the closed meeting at 6:04 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 – Luther Jackson Middle School Chorus

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; arr. 7:00)
Ilryong 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 Yvette Rhodes; and certain other members of staff. Student Representative Keegan Cotton was present.

Chairman Smith thanked the members of the Luther Jackson Middle School Chorus under the direction of Patricia Little for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

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Mrs. Reed moved, and Mr. Center 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 May 26, 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 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 11-0-1**: 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.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Smith welcomed boy scouts from Troop 1532, who were working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Mr. Cotton announced that June was National Safety Month.

2.04 Recognition of National Adult and Continuing Education Week (Exhibit C)

Mrs. Reed recognized National Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) Week as May 23 - 27, 2011 and invited ACE staff and teachers to join the Board for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Spotlight on Learning – Environmental Education and Outdoor Learning at Daniels Run Elementary School (Exhibit D)

Kathy Mullenix, principal, Daniels Run Elementary School, introduced a video presentation that highlighted how Daniels Run Elementary School had changed its school grounds and courtyard into an outdoor learning environment. Ms. Mullenix recognized members of the Fairfax City School Board who were in attendance and had supported the program at Daniels Run ES—Janice Miller, Toby Sorenson, Jon Buttram, and Mitch Sutterfield.

3.02 Student Advisory Council Presentation: The Role of Technology in Education (Exhibit E)

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The members of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) who were presenting tonight introduced themselves—Brian Doll (SAC president; Langley High School), Chris Sheppard (SAC vice president; South Lakes High School), Catherine Mahoney (Oakton High School), and Alicia Underhill (Langley High School); SAC sponsors Alice Reilly and Kurt Waters were also recognized. The students reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on “The Role of Technology in Education,” which had been the SAC’s project for the 2010-2011 school year, and provided highlights of the SAC’s six areas of recommendations: a Blackboard application, personal computing devices, SMARTBoards, digital literacy, online textbooks, and online courses.

Comments included: appreciation expressed by all Board members for an excellent report; increased use of personal computing devices in schools would require precautions against accessing unsafe web sites; it was not possible to remove all distractions to student learning; SAC recommendation to redistribute SMARTBoards from some elementary schools to high schools and to provide additional training for teachers on use of SMARTBoards; discussion about the cost for purchasing additional SMARTBoards; online courses would increase flexibility in scheduling for students and would enhance learning for students who were out of school because of suspension, illness or inclement weather; recognition that there was a lack of Internet access for all students; in response to the question whether students would support an increase in the parking fee, an affirmative response from the presenters and interest in the opportunity to be involved in decision making at the school level about the expenditure of revenue for technology; the SAC had considered but did not recommend at this time that the school system spend funds on electronic ID cards, wired buses, or video conferencing.

3.03 Citizen Participation (Exhibit F)

Six speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Michele Menapace, Janet Otersen, Caroline Hemenway, Helen Russell, and Steve Stuban addressed Agenda Item No. 6.01 Student Responsibilities and Rights; Tonya Williams addressed Intensive Alternative Behavior Supports Pilot Program.

3.04 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 FY 2012 Approved Budget - Adopt the FY 2012 Approved Budget, to include the Superintendent’s proposed revenue and expenditure adjustments, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; presented as new business 5/12/11; work

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sessions held 5/2/11, 5/16/11, and 5/19/11; public hearing held 5/17/11; Exhibit G)

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to adopt the FY 2012 Approved Budget, to include the Superintendent's proposed revenue and expenditure adjustments, as detailed in the agenda item.

Ms. Evans moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to amend the main motion by capping the maximum number of athletic fees at two per student per school year, and in order to offset this loss of revenue, increasing the FY 2012 beginning balance by redirecting \$0.1 million from the funding previously set aside for the FY 2013 beginning balance.

Comment that the amendment would provide relief to families who had difficulty paying fees by setting the maximum amount of athletic fees per year at \$200 per student; the amendment had the support of principals and the community.

Mrs. Bradsher moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, the following substitute motion: to amend the main motion by capping the maximum number of athletic fees at two per student per school year, and by reallocating \$0.1 million from the FY 2012 funding provided to high schools to assist with the administration of collecting fees, decreasing each high school allocation from \$10,000 to \$4,400.

Comments included: the Board should reduce fees if it had the ability to do so; this substitute motion would help 1,400 students not pay a third athletic fee next year; data had shown that schools with high levels of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals also had high numbers of athletes; the substitute motion provided a different funding source from the amendment proposed by Ms. Evans; preference expressed for funding the cost of capping athletic fees by reallocating FY 2012 funds rather than using funding previously set aside for the FY 2013 beginning balance; high schools were minimally impacted from a reduction of funds to administer the collection of fees since there were no longer Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (AP/IB) fees; principals had indicated that the reduction of funds would not be a hardship.

The substitute motion to amend the main motion by capping the maximum number of athletic fees at two per student per school year, and by reallocating \$0.1 million from the FY 2012 funding provided to high schools to assist with the administration of collecting fees, decreasing each high school allocation from \$10,000 to \$4,400 **passed unanimously.**

The motion to amend the main motion by capping the maximum number of athletic fees at two per student per school year, and by reallocating \$0.1 million from the FY 2012 funding provided to high schools to assist with the administration of collecting fees, decreasing each high school allocation from \$10,000 to \$4,400 **passed unanimously.**

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Dr. Raney moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to amend the main motion by increasing the student parking fee from \$200 to \$225, maintaining the sliding scale based on a student's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, and by allocating the projected increased revenue of \$0.1 million to the FY 2013 beginning balance.

Comments included: the amendment would positively impact student safety and security, promote environmental stewardship by reducing traffic congestion, and generate fee revenue to offset expected decreases in revenue and increases in expenditures in FY 2013; free transportation was available to students who drove private vehicles to school; ability to use public transportation and carpool were essential life skills; increased revenue could be used to cap sports fees in FY 2013; driving to school was a privilege and belief expressed that students were mature and understood the necessity of tradeoffs associated with complex budget decisions; student involvement in decision making at the school level for use of revenues generated from increased parking fees would be a valuable teaching opportunity; there would be a negative impact to the community because students would continue to drive to school and park in the surrounding communities; concern that it was duplicitous to cap athletic fees and then increase parking fees; many students needed transportation for after-school activities.

The motion to amend the main motion by increasing the student parking fee from \$200 to \$225, maintaining the sliding scale based on a student's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, and by allocating the projected increased revenue of \$0.1 million to the FY 2013 beginning balance **failed 5-7**: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Dr. Raney, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Strauss voted "nay."

Discussion on the main motion, as amended, included: the FY 2012 budget was the result of the Board's collaborative efforts to address the concerns of FCPS employee organizations, employees, and the community; at the Board's direction, the Superintendent had made employee compensation a priority for the FY 2012 budget; the Board was unable to achieve the original goal of a two percent market scale adjustment for all employees because the county had not approved the requested increase in the transfer; all eligible employees would receive a one percent market scale adjustment (COLA) and a step increase; the budget included full implementation of full-day kindergarten at the remaining 36 elementary schools, which had been a long-term goal of FCPS; appreciation was expressed for the collaborative nature of the advocacy of the full-day kindergarten parents; it would take time and increased funding to bring back those programs and services that had been cut in the previous three years; the FY 2012 budget contained restorative measures, including summer learning opportunities in 2011 for at-risk elementary students and progress toward eliminating fees imposed on students and families; the budget included

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approximately \$500,000 to start the implementation of some revisions to the student discipline process; concerns expressed about the budget process and the Board's transparency with the county and the community; concern for the sustainability of future budgets and advocacy for a multi-year budget process; commendation was given to the Superintendent and the budget staff for incorporating the Board's priorities in his advertised budget, and for working with Board members to finalize the budget; commendation expressed for the accomplishments of the Budget Committee Chairman.

The motion to adopt the FY 2012 Approved Budget, to include the Superintendent's proposed revenue and expenditure adjustments, as detailed in the agenda item, and as amended by capping the maximum number of athletic fees at two per student per school year, and by reallocating \$0.1 million from the FY 2012 funding provided to high schools to assist with the administration of collecting fees, decreasing each high school allocation from \$10,000 to \$4,400 passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wilson moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, that the Division Superintendent be authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to implement the decisions made by the School Board relative to its FY 2012 Approved Budget; and that all policies and regulations inconsistent with the budgetary motions passed tonight are hereby modified and amended accordingly; and the Division Superintendent is to be granted authority to make all necessary minor changes and technical modifications to the budget and to salary scales to comply with the intent of the School Board with regard to its budget actions. The motion passed unanimously.

4.02 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for breaking into a school building and stealing school property. The motion 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 abstained.

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. The motion 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 not present for the vote.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Evans and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Evans seconded, to expel a

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student for possessing a controlled substance at school. The motion **passed unanimously.**

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. Center and Ms. Hone, Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to expel a student for possessing and distributing illegal drugs on school property. The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of May 12, 2011, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 **Monthly Separation Report** – Confirm the separations for the period beginning April 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2011, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 **Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee** – Appoint committee members to the Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; presented as new business 3/24/11; 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 **Student Responsibilities and Rights** – Recommendation to adopt Regulation 2601.25P, Student Responsibilities and Rights (SR&R) 2011-2012 version, as detailed in the agenda item (SS; work sessions held 4/4/11 and 5/16/11; action scheduled 6/9/11; Exhibit L)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 **Virginia School Boards Association Legislative Positions** – Recommendation to accept the legislative recommendations to be forwarded to the Virginia School Boards Association Legislative, Policies and Resolutions Committee for their consideration, as detailed in the agenda item (S; work session held 5/16/11; action scheduled for 6/9/11; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 **Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award a contract for the renovation of Marshall High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 6/9/11; Exhibit N)

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There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit O)

May 16, 2011 - Ilryong Moon and Patty Reed, Meeting Managers **Operational Expectations**

Governance - Brad Center, Chairman

Legislation

Student Discipline

Budget - Tessie Wilson, Chairman

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 11:14 p.m.

11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.