

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 130/Instruction

June 13, 2011

3.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Kathy Smith convened the meeting at 2:14 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large; ABSENT)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

James L. Raney (At Large; ABSENT)
Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack 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; Executive Administrative Assistant Melanie Turpin; Director of Office of Language Acquisition and Title I Teddi Predaris; Administrator of Professional Learning and Accountability Special Projects Jim Johnson; South Lakes High School Principal Bruce Butler; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Keegan Cotton was not present.

DISCUSSION

3.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

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 June 13, 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 10-0: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Ms. Hone and Dr. Raney were absent.

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3.03 High School Graduation Rate Task Force Recommendations (Exhibit B)

- Reviewed the task force's findings regarding possible causes for high school dropouts; discussed national, state, and Fairfax County graduation rates; and expressed interest in identifying and engaging students who are likely to drop out of school;
- a high school graduation project team was tasked with developing a year-by-year plan to reduce the high school dropout rate and provide cost estimates, including how much could be done in the current budget;
- project team to identify best practices used at FCPS schools with high diversity and high success rates and to determine how to apply such practices to improve outcomes in schools with less successful rates of graduation;
- project team to examine whether a correlation exists between failure on the 5th grade Standards of Learning (SOL) reading test and dropouts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.



Chairman of the Board



Clerk of the Board