

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

#### Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 7/Instruction

July 18, 2011

#### 4.01 Closed Meeting

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Moon seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider the employment and appointment of a specific public employee, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion **passed 11-0**: Ms. Bradsher, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Dr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Center was not present for the vote.

Chairman Strauss convened the closed meeting at 12:50 p.m.

#### 4.02 Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting Manager Raney convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield; dep: 3:40)  
Brad Center (Lee)  
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)  
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill; dep: 4:00)  
Martina A. Hone (At Large)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

James L. Raney (At Large)  
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 Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Pat Charbonneau and Yvette Rhodes; Executive Administrative Assistant Joann Kinney; Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Peter Noonan; PreK–12 Curriculum and Instruction Director Frances Ivey; 7-12 School Support Coordinator Craig Herring; Fairfax High School Principal David Goldfarb; Mathematics (K-12) Coordinator Gloria Allen; K-6 School Support Coordinator Andrew Camarda; Chief Information Officer Maribeth Luftglass; High School Social Studies Education Specialist Kurt Waters; Adult Alternative High School Principal David Jagels; Glasgow Middle School Principal Deirdre Lavery; and High School History and Social Studies Teacher John Downes. The Student Representative to the School Board Eugene Coleman was absent.

#### 4.03 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mr. Gibson moved, and Mrs. Smith 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 July 18, 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**: Ms. Bradsher, Mr. Center, Ms. Evans, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Hone, Mr. Moon, Dr. Raney, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mrs. Wilson voted "aye"; Mr. Storck was not present for the vote.

#### 4.04 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Ms. Hone moved, and Mr. Center seconded, to appoint Frances W. Ivey as the Cluster V Assistant Superintendent for the Edison-Lee-South County pyramid, effective August 1, 2011, and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract reflecting this action. The motion **passed unanimously**.

### DISCUSSION

#### 4.05 Honors and AP/IB Offerings (Exhibit B)

- Staff provided a presentation on the history and current status of honors and advanced academic course offerings in Fairfax County Public Schools;
- rigorous standard courses and advanced academic courses provided sufficient choice to ensure that all students would be college and career ready;
- difference in content and rigor between honors and Advanced Placement courses was not sufficient to warrant retaining the honors tier of courses;
- concern about parent and community perception and misinformation about possibly discontinuing some honors courses;
- additional information would be provided to the Board, and a work session on two versus three tiers of programmatic levels would be scheduled.

#### 4.06 Mathematics Curriculum Update (Exhibit C)

- Information was provided about a new instructional model for elementary math that would replace compacted math and allow all students to access higher level math when they were ready;
- would provide training for teachers and outreach for principals and parents to help them embrace the new curriculum;
- eCART would provide the assessment information and access to the curriculum;
- staff would provide teacher feedback as the new math curriculum was implemented.

**4.07 Online Textbooks in Social Studies** (Exhibit D)

- Students, teachers, and school infrastructure were prepared for using online resources;
- staff requested funding through the FY 2011 final budget review for a portion of the online textbook licensing fee and these costs would be reimbursed through reduction in textbook funding;
- access to online resources would be provided for students who did not have their own technology;
- staff would provide student feedback about technology issues and gather information about appropriate ages and instructional techniques for learning keyboarding skills.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.