

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 8

November 19, 2012

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 11-0**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. McLaughlin was not present for the vote.

Chairman Moon convened the closed meeting at 6:15 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>]

2.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – South County High School Guitar Ensemble

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)	Elizabeth L. Schultz (Springfield)
Patricia M. Hynes (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Ryan L. McElveen (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Megan O. McLaughlin (Braddock; arr: 9:08)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Theodore J. Velkoff (At Large)

Also present were 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. The Student Representative to the School Board Lucy A. Gunter was absent.

[Clerk's note: Division Superintendent Jack Dale was out-of-town.]

Chairman Moon thanked the members of the South County High School Guitar Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Michael Ward for their performance of the national anthem.

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2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Hynes 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 November 19, 2012, 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. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. McLaughlin was not present for the vote.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Moon announced that Miss Gunter was absent tonight and Ms. McLaughlin was attending a school event and would arrive later.

2.04 Resolution Naming the Softball Field at Robinson Secondary School (Exhibit C)

Ms. Schultz read a resolution naming the softball field at Robinson Secondary School "The Barry Gorodnick Softball Field."

Ms. Schultz moved, and Ms. Hynes seconded, to adopt the resolution naming the softball field at Robinson Secondary School "The Barry Gorodnick Softball Field." The motion **passed 11-0:** Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. McLaughlin was not present for the vote.

Ms. Schultz invited family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Gorodnick to join the Board for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

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One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Susie Phipps addressed the overcrowding at Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences.

3.02 Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts – Recommendation to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. (IS; action scheduled 12/6/12; Exhibit E)

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Sloan Presidio and Pat Fege, coordinator of Language Arts, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and video that highlighted current progress on the goal; Craig Herring, director of Office of preK-12 Curriculum and Instruction, Irene Meier, director of Special Education Instruction, Amy Dux, teacher at Deer Park Elementary School, and Kevin Laub, teacher at Westfield High School, also joined in the presentation; percentage of grade 2 students who reached the end-of-year benchmark in reading had increased in all subgroups except for students with disabilities; grade 5 writing scores and grade 6 reading scores had increased, and the achievement gap had narrowed; grade 8 reading scores had increased for all subgroups and the writing scores remained high and stable, except for students with disabilities; grade 12 reading and writing scores remained high for all subgroups, and 44.4 percent of grade 12 students successfully completed an Advanced Program (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) English course during their high school career; challenges remained in closing the achievement gap among all subgroups, especially in the early grades; additional eCART resources and assessments were being developed to prepare the teachers and students for new and more rigorous writing and reading Standards of Learning (SOL) tests; the state required that all elementary school reading and writing assessments be taken on-line, and students needed the opportunity to practice, especially those students who did not have access to a computer at home.

Discussion and comments included: question whether ethics on how to cite the sources of information was taught, and response that in grade 3 students learned citation at a rudimentary level, and the reliability of sources was taught as part of the high school curriculum; concern expressed about the decline in scores on grade 5 writing SOLs, and response that the data on writing fluctuated and could be attributed to how the students reacted to the writing prompts; comment that elementary school teachers had requested more professional development in writing instruction; although teachers and students had access to computers in the classrooms, some classrooms had netbooks and concerns expressed about the student's ability to see the passages and use the new on-line writing tools on the netbooks; question whether other alternative assessments would better measure student achievement, and response that teachers used other assessments to evaluate student abilities and identify academic needs; comment that the Board should have further discussions on whether other measures were more appropriate; comment that the new reading and writing standards would be challenging as students would be required to do more than just respond to

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multiple choice questions, with each student being given a different writing prompt; the grade 11 SOL writing prompts were more of a persuasive essay, requiring students to take a stand on an issue and present and refute claims; grade 8 SOL writing prompts would be expository or persuasion, and grade 5 would be narrative or expository; the state Board of Education would release samples of the writing prompts in January; the new reading SOLs contained comparisons of different passages, the use of persuasion, and emphasis on nonfiction verses fiction.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

There were no Student Representative informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 Student Achievement Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world** – Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world (IS; presentation 11/8/12; Exhibit F)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world.

Comments that progress was made on attaining the goals, but additional or different measures needed to be considered.

The motion to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the world **passed unanimously.**

- 4.02 Fairfax County Public Schools Strategic Facilities Plan** – Approve the Strategic Facilities Plan, as developed by the Facilities Planning Advisory Council, and as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; presented as new business 11/8/12; Exhibit G)

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to approve the Strategic Facilities Plan, as developed by the Facilities Planning Advisory Council, and as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments included: Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) was tasked to create a strategic long-term plan that provided guidelines on complex facilities

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issues; the Board had raised some concerns about the draft plan at the September 10, 2012, work session, and FPAC had been responsive to those concerns; appreciations expressed to FPAC; one of the recommendations in the plan included the use of operational funds for maintenance as maintenance funding had been deferred for several years, and the situation was now critical; comment that the plan lacked new strategies and the Board needed to look for opportunities to expand public and private partnerships; comment on the possibility of forming a task force that could handle capital improvements for the schools and enlisting a partnership with the Board of Supervisors.

The motion to approve the Strategic Facilities Plan, as developed by the Facilities Planning Advisory Council, and as detailed in the agenda item **passed 10-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Schultz voted "nay"; Ms. Hynes was not present for the vote.

4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Velkoff moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student who possessed, used, and was under the influence of illegal drugs on school property and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 10-0-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. McLaughlin abstained; Ms. Hynes was not present for the vote.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to expel a student for participation in a mob assault and robbery of a fellow student. The motion **passed unanimously**.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit H)
- 5.02 Monthly Report on Employee Separations** – Confirm the separations for the period beginning October 1, 2012, and ending October 31, 2012, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit I)
- 5.03 Sale of School Bonds** – Approve and adopt the Resolution, requesting that the Board of Supervisors issue and sell school bonds in the amount of \$169,000,000, on behalf of the Fairfax County Public Schools, as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; presented as new business 11/8/12; Exhibit J)
- 5.04 Secondary Course Offerings** – Approve changes to the list of middle and high school course offerings for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Course Review Committee, and as detailed in the agenda item (IS; presented as new business 11/8/12; Exhibit K)

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- 5.05 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit L)

Chairman Moon stated that, without objection, the five items on the consent agenda would be adopted. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda **was adopted.**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.01 2013-2014 School Calendar** – Recommendation to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; work session held 11/12/12; action scheduled 12/6/12; Exhibit M)

Ms. Schultz noted that she would be offering an amendment regarding Veteran's Day, which would be different from Mr. Storck's proposed amendment.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Deputy Superintendent presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit N)

November 12, 2012 - Megan McLaughlin and Kathy Smith, Meeting Managers

Operational Expectations

Human Resources

Division Superintendent Search - Ilryong Moon, Chairman, and Pat Hynes, Vice Chairman

Budget - Sandy Evans, Committee Chairman

Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

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Audit - Jane Strauss, Committee Chairman

Division Superintendent Search - Ilryong Moon, Chairman

9. **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.