

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 18

April 18, 2013

#### 1. **MEETING OPENING**

***[NOTE: EACH AGENDA ITEM IS AVAILABLE ON MP3 AUDIO FILES AT  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/Public>]***

##### **1.01 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem – Key Middle School Patriot Choir**

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:03 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)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Theodore J. Velkoff (At Large)

*[Clerk's note: Ms. McLaughlin departed at 7:19 p.m. and returned at 9:05]*

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

Chairman Moon thanked the members of the Key Middle School Patriot Choir under the direction of Pat Marino for their performance of the national anthem.

##### **1.02 Announcements (Exhibit A)**

Miss Gunter announced that Teacher Appreciation Week was May 6-10, Children's Book Week was May 13-19, and May was Asian- and Pacific-American Heritage Month; Chairman Moon recognized boy scouts who were working on their merit badges.

##### **1.03 Appointment of Dr. Karen Garza as Division Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools (Exhibit B)**

Chairman Moon said he was pleased to introduce Dr. Karen Garza as the next Division Superintendent; several Board members had visited the Lubbock

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Independent School District in Texas on April 16, 2013, and had met members of the community and colleagues of Dr. Garza; during her tenure at Lubbock, Dr. Garza had achieved many accomplishments, such as reducing the achievement gap, increasing graduation rates, and emphasizing increased academic rigor; Chairman Moon thanked Dr. Hank Gmitro of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates for his help with the superintendent search over the past six months.

Ms. Hynes moved, and the balance of the Board seconded, to appoint Dr. Karen Garza as the Division Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2017, and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. The motion passed **unanimously**.

Dr. Garza made brief remarks and then joined the Board for photographs.

### **1.04 Recognition of Better Hearing and Speech Month (Exhibit C)**

Ms. Hynes announced that May was Better Hearing and Speech Month and invited speech-language clinicians, audiologists, and teachers of deaf and hard of hearing students to join the Board for photographs.

### **1.05 Recognition of School Nutrition Employee Week (Exhibit D)**

Mr. Storck announced that School Nutrition Employee Week was May 6-10 and invited school nutrition professionals to join the Board for photographs.

### **1.06 Resolution Supporting the Unified Prevention Coalition and its Parents Who Host, Lose The Most Campaign (Exhibit E)**

Mr. Storck recognized Lisa Adler and Sara Freund from the Unified Prevention Coalition, and then read the resolution.

Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to adopt a resolution supporting the Unified Prevention Coalition and its "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most" Campaign. The motion passed **unanimously**.

Mr. Storck introduced Mary Hill and Kim Norris, student members of the Unified Prevention Coalition Youth Council, for brief remarks, and afterwards invited members and partners of the coalition to join the Board for photographs.

### **1.07 Recognition of Virginia Index of Performance Awards (Exhibit F)**

Thirty-six schools had earned a 2013 Virginia Index of Performance Award for advanced learning and achievement. Dr. Dale explained the award criteria and categories. One school received the 2013 Governor's Award for Education Excellence, 18 schools received the 2013 Board of Education Excellence Award, and 17 schools received the 2013 Board of Education Distinguished

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Achievement Award. Cluster assistant superintendents presented certificates to the schools' principals and administrators (by clusters) and photographs were taken with the Board.

### **2. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

#### **2.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit G)**

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Steven Greenburg addressed Agenda Item No. 3.02, Student Achievement Goal 2. Develop Essential Life Skills, and George Becerra made remarks welcoming Dr. Karen Garza as Division Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools.

#### **2.02 Student Achievement Goal 2. Develop Essential Life Skills Presentation (Exhibit H)**

Dr. Dale introduced Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Kim Dockery for a PowerPoint presentation and video on current progress toward achieving Student Achievement Goal 2. Develop Essential Life Skills; joining in the presentation were coordinator for Psychology Services Dede Bailer and coordinator for Health and Physical Education Elizabeth Payne; IB Physics teacher Heather Moore and eight students from Lee High School who demonstrated Google Drive Collaborative software; overall percentages had remained constant with the baseline data in Sub-Goal 2.1. Demonstrate honesty, responsibility, and leadership, with the greatest improvements shown for students in grades 8 and 12; 85 percent of grade 7 students and 76 percent of grade 8 students had completed their academic goal in their individual Student Learning Plan for Sub-Goal 2.2. Courageously identify and pursue their personal goals; relating to Sub-Goal 2.3. Resilience and Self-confidence data from bullying-related item on the 2012 Youth Survey for grades 6, 8, and 12 showed decreases in bullying incidences when compared to 2011 data; and for Sub-Goal 2.5. Work effectively within a group dynamic a group process rubric measure had been incorporated into the elementary school progress reporting project.

Comments and discussions included: appreciation expressed for the presentation and work on the progress toward attaining Goal 2; comment about the new online survey used to measure the technology sub-goal, which surveyed students, parents, and teachers using a national survey that provided a broader analysis and allowed comparisons with other school districts; question whether there was a learning curve for students using Google Docs in physics and negative response because most students were technology-savvy; question when the personal finance online course would begin and response in the summer of 2013; question whether the Student Learning Plan initiative was still in the pilot stage, and negative response, that all students in grades 7 through 12 had access to the online tool and teachers, counselors, and administrators had been trained to use the tool; comment that over 2,000 parents had logged on to

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participate in the Student Learning Plan; the resiliency project results were positive as the students progressed through high school; question whether there was any benchmarking data available, and response that the Youth Survey was created by FCPS in partnership with the county and benchmarking data could be obtained only on certain items with reciprocal national data; and concern about how to address restorative student discipline.

### **2.03 Student Representative Matters**

The Student Representative presented informational items.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.01 Proposed 2013 School Bond Referendum** – Adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve and take appropriate action to place on the ballot for the November 2013 general election, a School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$359,110,000 (FTS; presented as new business 4/4/13; Exhibit I)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to adopt the resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve and take appropriate action to place on the ballot for the November 2013 general election, a School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$359,110,000.

Comments included: this bi-annual referendum requested that the Board of Supervisors seek voter authorization in November to sell bonds for the renovation of various schools, new construction projects, and infrastructure management; the referendum included construction funds for two new elementary schools (in Bailey's and Richmond Highway areas), site acquisition costs for one new high school (South West County site), an addition and renovations at nine elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school, and planning funds for an addition to one high school, renovations at eight elementary schools, one middle school, and two high schools; concerns that the list was inadequate, and there were many capital improvement needs but insufficient funds; and a joint working group committee with the Board of Supervisors had been recently formed to find solutions to meet facilities' needs in Fairfax County.

Ms. Evans moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to postpone Board action on the Proposed 2013 School Bond Referendum until the May 9, 2013, Board meeting.

Comments on the motion to postpone included: postponement would allow further discussion and consideration of a possible amendment related to the planning funds for Fall Church High School, and would not affect meeting the deadline set by the Board of Supervisors; this bond referendum was based on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) the Board had adopted on January 24, 2013; postponing action could delay action on items previously approved in the

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CIP; the renovation needs at Falls Church High School could be considered when the Board began its review of the criteria for the renovation queue in May, and any subsequent changes to the CIP criteria and queue would be included for the next bond referendum in 2015; and concern expressed that site acquisition funds were more important than existing schools with renovation needs.

The motion to postpone Board action on the Proposed 2013 School Bond Referendum until the May 9, 2013, Board Meeting **passed 6-5-1**: Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Ms. McLaughlin, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Storck voted “aye”; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “nay”; Mr. McElveen abstained.

*[Clerk’s note: Chairman Moon took a 5-minute recess to review Robert’s Rules of Order and then confirmed passage of the motion.]*

- 3.02 Policy 1405, Accountability for School Instructional Programs –** Adopt Policy 1405.2, Accountability for Instructional Programs and Services, as detailed in the agenda item (PLA; presented as new business 4/4/13; Exhibit J)

Ms. McLaughlin moved, and Ms. Hynes seconded, to adopt Policy 1405.2, Accountability for Instructional Programs and Services, as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments included: question about the revisions to Policy 1405, Accountability for Instructional Programs and Services, and response that policies were reviewed every five years per state mandate and the revisions did not change the process of the accountability reports but aligned the policy with the current instructional program operational expectations and practices.

The motion to adopt Policy 1405.2, Accountability for Instructional Programs and Services, as detailed in the agenda item **passed unanimously**.

- 3.03 Local Special Education Annual Plan and Report 2013-2014 –** Approve the 2013-2014 Annual Special Education plan, Section 611, Part B funding application and Section 619, Part B Preschool Grant Application as detailed in the agenda item (SS; presented as new business 4/4/13; Exhibit K)

Ms. McLaughlin moved, and Ms. Hynes seconded, to approve the 2013-2014 Annual Special Education plan, Section 611, Part B funding application and Section 619, Part B Preschool Grant Application as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments included: the plan projected how federal funds would be used for special education in the 2013-2014 school year and was required in order to receive federal and state funds; FCPS was projected to receive approximately \$34 million of federal and \$38 million of state funds for special education, and local funds totaling approximately \$366 million, which included transportation

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costs; funds were applied toward teacher positions in grades K-12 and pre-school special education programs; the same level of local expenditures for special education programs was required in order to receive federal and state funding.

The motion to approve the 2013-2014 Annual Special Education plan, Section 611, Part B funding application and Section 619, Part B Preschool Grant Application as detailed in the agenda item **passed unanimously.**

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013, Operational Expectations work session and the April 4, 2013, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit L)
- 4.02 **Monthly Report on Employee Separations** – Confirm the separations for the period beginning March 1, 2013, and ending March 31, 2013, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit M)
- 4.03 **Quarterly Appointment and Separation Report** – Confirm the appointments and separations for the period beginning January 1, 2013, and ending March 31, 2013, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; Exhibit N)
- 4.04 **School Board Policies** – Adopt Policy 3310, Focus School Initiatives and Implementation (K-12), and Policy 8330, Granting of Easements and Permits for Construction on School Property, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit O)
- 4.05 **Career and Technical Education Management System (CTEMS) Application** – Approve the Career and Technical Education Management System 2013-2014 Application for Career and Technical Education Funds, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; presented as new business 4/4/13; Exhibit P)
- 4.06 **Contribution and Use Agreements for the Synthetic Turf Fields at Lake Braddock Secondary, Woodson High, South Lakes High, Oakton High and Falls Church High Schools** – Authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, to negotiate, execute, and administer on behalf of the School Board written Contribution and Use Agreements for the funding and use of the synthetic turf fields at the schools identified in the agenda item (FTS; presented as new business 4/4/13; Exhibit Q)
- 4.07 **Optional Retirement Plan of the Commonwealth of Virginia For Public School Superintendents** – Approve the Operational Retirement Plan of the Commonwealth of Virginia for Public School Superintendents Resolution and VRS Contribution Acknowledgement, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit R)

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

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

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- 5.01 Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee** – Recommendation to approve recommended lesson objectives and media as detailed in the agenda item and as reviewed and recommended by the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (IS; action scheduled 5/23/13; Exhibit S)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.02 Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award the contract for the Clermont Elementary School renovation project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, to execute and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 4/9/13; Exhibit T)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.03 Award of Contracts** – Recommendation to award contracts for the installation of turf fields at Falls Church High, Lake Braddock Secondary, Woodson High and South Lakes High Schools to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, to execute and administer the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 4/9/13; Exhibit U)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 5.04 Policy 8130, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments, and School Closings** – Recommendation to adopt Policy 8130.7, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments, and School Closings, as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; action scheduled 5/9/13; Exhibit V)

There was no discussion of this item.

### 6. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

There were no Superintendent informational items.

### 7. **REPORTS** (Exhibit W)

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Audit - Jane Strauss, Committee Chairman

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Public Engagement - Tammy Derenak Kaufax, Committee Chairman

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Forum - Illyong Moon, Chairman

## 8. BOARD MATTERS

*[Clerk's note: At the beginning of Board Matters, Ms. Schultz requested permission to make a motion. Chairman Moon ruled that the motion could be made after Board Matters. Ms. Schultz then challenged the decision of the chair since the motion was about Board Matters. Chairman Moon allowed her to make the motion.]*

Ms. Schultz moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to dispense with Board Matters for this evening. The motion **failed 6-6**: Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, and Mrs. Smith voted "aye"; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "nay."

The Board members made brief comments.

## 9. CLOSED MEETING

**9.01** Mr. Moon moved, and Mrs. Strauss 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 unanimously**.

Chairman Moon convened the closed meeting at 11:30 p.m.

### **9.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit X)**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. McElveen 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 April 18, 2013, 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 8-0**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted



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“aye”; Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Ms. McLaughlin, and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote.

### **9.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting**

Ms. Evans moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student who improperly touched another student at school and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 10-0**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student who sexually assaulted a student at school and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. 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.

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, to grant in part the school reassignment appeal of a student who possessed illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia at school and who used illegal drugs on school property and modify the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 8-3**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, and Ms. Schultz voted “nay”; Ms. McLaughlin was not present for the vote.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

### **11. DEBRIEF**

The Board did not debrief tonight’s meeting.