

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 13

February 7, 2013

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, that the Board go into closed meeting: (1) to discuss and consider disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; (2) to discuss and consider the employment and performance of a specific public employee pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 7-0**: Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, and Ms. Schultz were not present for the vote; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

[Clerk's note: Motion to go into closed meeting was made before the Forum work session held earlier in the evening.]

Chairman Moon convened the closed meeting at 5:02 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 – Churchill Road Elementary School 6th Grade Orchestra

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee; arr: 5:10)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason; arr: 5:07)	Elizabeth L. Schultz (Springfield; arr: 5:33)
Patricia M. Hynes (Hunter Mill; arr: 5:12)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Ryan L. McElveen (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)
Megan O. McLaughlin (Braddock; ABSENT)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Theodore J. Velkoff (At Large)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack D. Dale; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pamela Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk of the Board Lizette Torres-Barthel; 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 Churchill Road 6th Grade Orchestra under the direction of Della Brown for their performance of the national anthem.

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2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

[Clerk's note: The Board held a closed meeting earlier this evening and certified compliance immediately upon reconvening in public at the Forum work session, which preceded tonight's regular meeting.]

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Mr. Moon announced that Ms. McLaughlin was absent. Dr. Dale announced that February was School Board Appreciation Month; he read a resolution from Governor McDonnell and then presented each Board member with a certificate of appreciation.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Spotlight on Learning – The AVID Program at Sandburg Middle School (Exhibit C)

3.02 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

One speaker addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Pamela Kondé addressed the Scope of the AAP Analysis.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 FY 2014 Advertised Budget – Adopt the FY 2014 Advertised Budget, as detailed in the agenda item (FS; presented as new business 1/10/13; work sessions held 1/17/13 and 1/31/13; public hearing held 1/29/13; Exhibit E)

Ms. Evans moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, to adopt the FY 2014 Advertised Budget, as detailed in the Superintendent's Proposed Budget and as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments included: this budget included a one percent market-scale adjustment, a shift of one percent of ERFC costs from employees to FCPS, and completed the state-mandated Virginia Retirement System (VRS) shift by increasing employee pay by three percent and shifting three percent of VRS contributions from FCPS to employees; also included was an increase of 5.5 percent in the county transfer request primarily to cover the costs associated with the increasing student enrollment and compensation costs; appreciation expressed to the Superintendent and budget staff.

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Mr. McElveen moved, and Ms. Evans seconded, to amend the main motion by adding 19.0 field custodian positions and by increasing the requested county transfer by \$1.0 million.

Comments on the amendment included: over the past few years many custodial positions had been cut, and as a result there were increased demands on the custodians and schools were affected by the reduced custodial support; concerns expressed about increasing the county transfer; question whether there were offsetting savings that could fund the positions and whether the recent increases in community use fees covered the cost, and response that the revenue from building rental fees was already included in the budget; an increase in the county transfer request was necessary in order to keep the proposed budget balanced; question whether the custodial positions added to last year's approved budget had been filled and response that unfilled custodial positions had been held open when the Board directed staff to identify potential savings to offset the cost of the math textbooks.

The motion to amend the main motion by adding 19.0 field custodian positions and by increasing the requested county transfer by \$1.0 million **passed 8-3**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Velkoff voted "nay"; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

Mr. Storck moved, and Ms. Hynes seconded, to amend the main motion by adding a placeholder of \$2.0 million to provide for additional half-time Advanced Academic Resource Teachers in elementary schools with high risk indices and by increasing the requested county transfer by \$2.0 million.

Comments included: the proposed amendment would increase the number of underserved students who were eligible for the Advanced Academic Program (AAP); more resource teachers would provide additional support to classroom teachers in identifying and engaging students in the rigorous curriculum; of 139 elementary schools, approximately 51 were funding full-time AAP resources, while 18 of the 38 Title I schools were currently using school or Title I funds for AAP resources; proposed amendment addressed the inequity of access to AAP resource teachers in all elementary schools; the placeholder allowed for future discussions once more specific information was available; concerns because of the uncertainty about the amount of resources the school system would receive, and that requesting an increase in the county transfer for certain items could cause a perception that those items took precedence over others in the proposed budget as opposed to funding the resource teachers from other allocations such as extended teacher time; question on the process for determining which schools were identified as high risk, and response that staffing was allocated according to needs within the school and the amount of students not performing at grade level, and the high risk indices were modified annually.

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The motion to amend the main motion by adding a placeholder of \$2.0 million to provide for additional half-time Advanced Academic Resource Teachers in elementary schools with high risk indices and by increasing the requested county transfer by \$2.0 million **passed 6-4-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. Moon, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Velkoff voted "nay"; Mr. McElveen abstained; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

Ms. Schultz moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to amend the main motion by providing funding of \$0.4 million for special education reading and math literacy initiatives with funding from budget reductions or revenue sources identified by the Superintendent and presented to the Board prior to the adoption of the FY 2014 Approved Budget.

Comments included: more initiatives were needed in closing the achievement gaps among students with disabilities; investing in reading, writing, and math literacy programs and providing teachers with the relevant professional development could be cost effective and helpful; prevention and intervention programs helped to identify students who were not performing at grade level early so that the necessary resources could be provided; a curriculum was in place but not yet division wide and teachers had not been trained on implementing the strategies; it was cost neutral to provide teachers with remediation tools; the Board was responsible for balancing priorities, and concerns expressed about the possible cost consequences to other programs; more information was needed, and a placeholder approach would have been more appropriate so that the Board could engage in more thorough discussions.

The motion to amend the main motion by providing funding of \$0.4 million for special education reading and math literacy initiatives with funding from budget reductions or revenue sources identified by the Superintendent and presented to the Board prior to the adoption of the FY 2014 Approved Budget **failed 4-7**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Mrs. Reed, and Ms. Schultz voted "aye"; Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "nay"; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

Ms. Derenak Kaufax moved, and Ms. Hynes seconded to amend the main motion by adding a placeholder of \$3.0 million to fund the expansion of the Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP) beginning in the fall of 2013 and by reducing the funding for extended time for teachers by \$3.0 million.

Comments included: it was important to address literacy and the kindergarten readiness of students and expand the early childhood education programs in order to reduce the wait list; creating a placeholder allowed for future discussion, specifically the facilities issues; most of the students on the wait list were in the most overcrowded schools; concern expressed how the neediest students would be served at the neediest schools as most of these schools were already

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overcrowded and did not have access to preschool; concern expressed about teacher work load and decreasing the funds for teachers' extended times; proposed state budget did not allocate funds for early childhood education, and concern expressed about setting a precedence for funding programs without the support from the government agencies that should provide the funds.

The motion to amend the main motion by adding a placeholder of \$3.0 million to fund the expansion of the Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP) beginning in the fall of 2013 and by reducing the funding for extended time for teachers by \$3.0 million **passed 10-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Mrs. Smith voted "nay"; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

The main motion to adopt the FY 2014 Advertised Budget, as detailed in the Superintendent's Proposed Budget and as detailed in the agenda item, and amended as follows: (1) by adding 19.0 field custodian positions and by increasing the requested county transfer by \$1.0 million, (2) by adding a placeholder of \$2.0 million to provide for additional half-time Advanced Academic Resource Teachers in elementary schools with high risk indices and by increasing the requested county transfer by \$2.0 million, and (3) by adding a placeholder of \$3.0 million to fund the expansion of the Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP) beginning in the fall of 2013 and by reducing the funding for extended time for teachers by \$3.0 million **passed 9-2**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Mrs. Reed and Ms. Schultz voted "nay"; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

Ms. Evans moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, that the Division Superintendent is granted authority to make necessary minor changes to comply with the intent of the School Board and is further directed to prepare fund statements reflecting all School Board approved changes, together with the estimate of funds required by Fairfax County Public Schools during FY 2014 in the format prescribed in Section 22.1-92 of the Code of Virginia, for submission to the County Board of Supervisors. Submission of these approved documents to the County Board of Supervisors fulfills the responsibilities of the School Board under Title 22, Chapter 8 (Section 22.1-92) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 10-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Schultz voted "nay"; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mr. Velkoff moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, that the teacher identified in closed meeting be dismissed from employment. The motion **passed 8-0-3**: Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs.

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Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Hynes, and Ms. Schultz abstained; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student who possessed and used illegal drugs during a school-sponsored activity and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 9-0-2**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Hynes and Ms. Schultz abstained; Ms. McLaughlin was absent.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Schultz and Mr. Storck, Mr. McElveen moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to expel a student for possessing and distributing a controlled substance at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to expel a student for possessing and distributing a controlled substance at school. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Ms. Hynes and Mr. Velkoff, Ms. Evans moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, to expel a student for threatening to harm school officials and to destroy school property. The motion **passed unanimously**.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 **Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012, Instruction and Operational Expectations work sessions and the January 24, 2013, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit F)
- 5.02 **Sale of House** – Authorize the Division Superintendent, or his designee, to sign all documents associated with the sale of the house on Lot Four (7005 Springville Court, Springfield, Virginia 22150) of Spring Village Estates (IS; presented as new business 1/24/13; Exhibit G)
- 5.03 **Award of Contract** – Award a contract for the Oakton High School re-roofing project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Orndorff & Spaid, Incorporated in the amount of \$773,537, and a contract for the Weyanoke Elementary School re-roofing project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder Orndorff & Spaid, Incorporated in the amount of \$733,068, and authorize the Division Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent to execute and administer the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 1/24/13; Exhibit H)
- 5.04 **Title I District Advisory Council** – Confirm the membership of the Title I District Advisory Council, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; presented as new business 1/24/13; Exhibit I)

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- 5.05 Early Head Start, Family and Early Childhood Education Program, Head Start Policy Committee** – Confirm the elected members of the Fairfax County Public Schools Early Head Start, Family and Early Childhood Education Program, and Head Start Policy Committee, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; presented as new business 1/24/13; Exhibit J)
- 5.06 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit K)

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.01 Award of Contracts** – Recommendation to award contracts for the Saratoga and Chesterbrook Elementary School re-roofing projects to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent to execute and administer the contracts on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 7/21/13; Exhibit L)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit M)

January 14, 2013

Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

January 14, 2013 - Tammy Derenak Kaufax and Ilryong Moon, meeting managers

Division Superintendent Search

Facilities

Instruction

January 16, 2013

Public Engagement - Tammy Derenak Kaufax, Committee Chairman

January 17, 2013 - Ryan McElveen, meeting manager

Alumni Working Group

Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

Budget - Sandy Evans, Committee Chairman

Legislation

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January 24, 2013

Audit - Jane Strauss, Committee Chairman

Forum - Ilryong Moon, Chairman

January 30, 2013

Division Superintendent Search - Ilryong Moon, Chairman

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Budget - Sandy Evans, Committee Chairman

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Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

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Forum - Ilryong Moon, Chairman

9. BOARD MATTERS

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.