

## MINUTES

### Fairfax County School Board

### Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 17

April 4, 2013

#### 1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Reed moved, and Mr. Storck 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, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Mr. Velkoff was not present for the vote.

Chairman Moon convened the closed meeting at 5:07 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 –**

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present:

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee)  
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)  
Patricia M. Hynes (Hunter Mill)  
Ryan L. McElveen (At Large)  
Megan O. McLaughlin (Braddock)  
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

Patricia S. Reed (Providence)  
Elizabeth L. Schultz (Springfield)  
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)  
Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon)  
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)  
Theodore J. Velkoff (At Large; arr: 5:25)

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 Lizette Torres-Barthel; and certain other members of staff. The Student Representative to the School Board Lucy A. Gunter was absent.

Chairman Moon thanked the members of the Mosby Woods Elementary School Chorus under the direction of Camille Haberland for their performance of the national anthem.

##### **2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)**

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Mrs. Reed moved, and Mr. Storck 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 4, 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 unanimously.**

### **2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)**

Chairman Moon announced that Miss Gunter was absent and that Agenda Item 5.02 Resolution Honoring the South County High School Indoor Track Team was postponed to a future meeting; he introduced former School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, who was in attendance; Ms. Hynes announced that National Volunteer Week was April 21-27, 2013; Ms. Evans announced that April was Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD**

### **3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)**

No speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

### **3.02 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Program for International Student Assessment (Exhibit D)**

Dr. Dale introduced Alejandro Gomez Palma from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for a PowerPoint presentation on the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) for Schools Pilot and an overview of the results of U.S. schools compared to schools internationally; Valerie Greenhill, EdLeader21, and Gerald Gordon, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, joined in the presentation and made brief comments; 15-year-old students from 105 schools in the United States (48 school districts in 22 states) had participated in the PISA pilot, which assessed whether students understood academic content and could think critically, communicate, collaborate, and innovate; U.S. schools placed in the middle band of the PISA score for reading and science, and below the middle band for math compared to other foreign cities and countries; three of the FCPS schools that had participated in the pilot (Woodson, Oakton, and Langley High Schools) had

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performed above average compared to other U.S. schools; FCPS scores were on par with Korea, but slightly lower for science compared to Finland and lower for math compared to Singapore; Falls Church High School did statistically better than other schools in their demographic group; although U.S. students did not perform at the same level as some of the top schools internationally, the United States had higher per pupil costs and students were more advantaged than the average international students, and performance was correlated to socio-economic advantage; Virginia colleges and universities produced fewer graduates in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and would continue to do so for the next decade; pilot results provided an opportunity for FCPS to review its successes and translate them into producing more STEM graduates.

Comments and discussion included: appreciation for the presentation; question whether the parents of the FCPS students who participated in the pilot had been surveyed and negative response; question why autonomy and accountability were key drivers to success, and response that accountability meant schools publicly provided student performance information and autonomy was how much decision-making power schools had on how resources were allocated; principals and teachers must have autonomy to make decisions because they knew the students' needs; question regarding what types of policies changes were needed based on the information, and response that, as evidenced in the results from other countries, large class sizes required trained and competent teachers, and teachers in certain countries were provided extensive training to teach large size classes and used their skills effectively for different students with varying needs; question whether this initiative would be implemented in FCPS and negative response; FCPS had participated in the pilot from spring to fall 2012 to gain information that was actionable, and to take advantage of an opportunity to improve; concern that the comparisons of U.S. and international schools were not valid.

### **3.03 Student Representative Matters**

There were no Student Representative matters.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.01 Award of Contract** – Award a contract for the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology renovation project to Henley Construction Company, Incorporated, in the amount of \$67,440,000, 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; presented as new business 3/21/13; Exhibit E)

Ms. Evans moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to award a contract for the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology renovation project to

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Henley Construction Company, Incorporated, in the amount of \$67,440,000, 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.

Comments included: as the student membership at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) had increased, renovation was only for building enhancements and not for the school lab equipment; \$90 million in school bonds were originally allocated for the renovation project, but the proposed contract was for a substantially lower amount of \$67 million; since students from other school jurisdictions attended TJHSST, it was suitable for those jurisdictions to share in the costs of the renovation and maintenance; these costs were added to the annual tuition, and the initial estimated per pupil costs would be adjusted based on the lower bid; new tuition would be in effect for the entering freshman class of 2014.

The motion to award a contract for the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology renovation project to Henley Construction Company, Incorporated, in the amount of \$67,440,000, 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 passed unanimously.

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

Mrs. Reed moved, and Ms. Schultz seconded, to expel a student for threatening to cause serious injury to students and staff at school. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Derenak Kaufax moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, that the School Board discuss, consider, and interview candidates for employment as Division Superintendent at one or more undisclosed locations, within the period April 5-19, 2013, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3712 and 3711A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.01 Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the March 21, 2013, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit F)

**5.02 Resolution Honoring the South County High School Indoor Track Team** – Adopt the resolution honoring the South County High School Indoor Track Team (SB; Exhibit G)

*[Clerk's note: Board action on Agenda Item 5.02 Resolution Honoring the South County High School Indoor Track Team was postponed to a future meeting.]*

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

*[Clerk's note: The Board took a 5-minute recess.]*

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.01 Fairfax High/Lanier Middle School Boundary Study** – Recommendation to approve adjustments to school attendance areas, effective for the 2014-15 school year in order to balance enrollment and utilization of school facilities, as provided in Appendix A and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-79(4), and Policy 8130.5, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments, and School Closings (FTS; public hearing scheduled 4/17/13; work session scheduled 4/29/13; action scheduled 5/9/13; Exhibit H)

Chairman Moon introduced Fairfax City School Board members Janice Miller, Toby Sorenson, Mitch Sutterfield, and Jon Buttram, who were in attendance; Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Transportation Services Jeff Platenberg briefly reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting results of the boundary study and staff recommendation; Fairfax High School and Lanier Middle School were projected to be over capacity by 2017-2018 school year; the scope of the boundary study included Fairfax High School and Lanier Middle School, Chantilly High School and Rocky Run Middle School, Falls Church High School and Jackson Middle School, Oakton High School and Franklin Middle School, Woodson High School and Frost Middle School, and Robinson Secondary School; based on community input on options A, B, and C, a combination of boundary adjustments from the three options was recommended; City of Fairfax students would not be impacted by the boundary change; a public hearing was scheduled on April 17, 2013, work session on April 29, 2013, and Board decision on May 9, 2013.

Comments included: concerns that the staff recommendation offered no long-term solutions and no boundary changes at some schools, and did not incorporate a more agreeable solution for the Woodson island community, which had already been subjected to many boundary changes; better solutions were needed to resolve the overcrowding issues; collaboration with the Facilities Planning Advisory Council had been beneficial in discovering creative and innovative approaches, and there would be more opportunities for further discussion of the issues, especially with the projected growth in the western part of the county; comment that future growth in a school community should be planned for and considered during the renovation process; concerns expressed about adding more students to Oakton High School before renovations started.

- 6.02 Proposed 2013 School Bond Referendum** – Recommendation 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

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Bond Referendum in the amount of \$359,110,000 (FTS; action scheduled 4/18/13; Exhibit I)

Comment that Ms. Evans, Mrs. Reed, and Mrs. Smith were members of a joint working group committee with the Board of Supervisors, which would address capital facilities' needs; it was important that the Board had a plan in place to deal with the renovation backlog of the legacy high schools.

- 6.03 Career and Technical Education Management System (CTEMS) Application** – Recommendation to approve the Career and Technical Education Management System 2013-2014 Application for Career and Technical Education Funds, as detailed in the agenda item (IS; action scheduled 4/18/13; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.04 Local Special Education Annual Plan and Report 2013-2014** – Recommendation 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 (SS; action scheduled 4/18/13; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.05 Policy 1405, Accountability for School Instructional Programs** – Recommendation to adopt Policy 1405.2, Accountability for Instructional Programs and Services, as detailed in the agenda item (PLA; action scheduled 4/18/13; Exhibit L)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.06 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** – Recommendation to 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; action scheduled 4/18/13; Exhibit M)

There was no discussion of this item.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

There were no Superintendent matters.

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8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit N)

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Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

9. **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board Members made brief comments.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.