

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 9

December 6, 2012

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

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

Chairman Moon convened the closed meeting at 5:05 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 – Performance of the National Anthem by the Mantua Chamber Singers

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

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence; arr: 5:35)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason; arr: 7:57)	Elizabeth L. Schultz (Springfield)
Patricia M. Hynes (Hunter Mill; arr: 7:33)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Ryan L. McElveen (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr: 5:13)
Megan O. McLaughlin (Braddock; dep: 7:00; arr: 8:23)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville; arr :5:17;dep: 10:42)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)	Theodore J. Velkoff (At Large)

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 present.

Chairman Moon thanked the members of the Mantua Chamber Singers under the direction of Mary Frances Dini for their performance of the national anthem.

2.02 Certification of Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit A)

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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 December 6, 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 9-0**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, and Ms. McLaughlin were not present for the vote.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Chairman Moon announced that Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, and Ms. McLaughlin would be arriving late to tonight's meeting; Miss Gunter announced that National Inclusive School Week was December 3 to 7, 2012.

Mr. Velkoff moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, to appoint Jeffrey K. Platenberg as the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, effective January 8, 2013, and authorize the chairman to execute a contract reflecting this action. The motion **passed 6-3**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Storck voted "nay"; Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, and Ms. McLaughlin were not present for the vote.

Dr. Dale introduced Mr. Platenberg, who made brief remarks to the Board.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit C)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Steven Greenburg addressed Agenda Item No. 3.02, Student Achievement Goals 1.1.2. Mathematics and 1.1.3. Science, and Karen Corbett Sanders addressed recommendations from the Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee.

3.02 Student Achievement Goals 1.1.2. Mathematics and 1.1.3. Science – Recommendation to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward

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attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.2. Mathematics and Student Achievement Goal 1.1.3. Science (IS; action scheduled 12/20/12; Exhibit D)

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Sloan Presidio reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and video that highlighted current progress on the goals; Craig Herring, director of PreK-12 Curriculum and Instruction, Irene Meier, director of Special Education Instruction, Gail Woolwine, coordinator for mathematics, Myra Thayer, coordinator for science, David Pietzman, teacher at Lane Elementary School, Stacy Vickers, teacher at Cherry Run Elementary School, and Gretta Orazen, teacher at Fairfax High School, also joined in the presentation; new trend lines had been established for the 2011-2012 Mathematics Reasoning Assessment and Standards of Learning (SOL) because of the state's increased rigor of the new mathematics standards; although math SOL scores had decreased for all grades and all subgroups, the overall math scores were higher for FCPS students compared to other school districts in Virginia; there were achievement gaps between underrepresented subgroups and all students who achieved pass advanced on the math SOL in grade 6; Algebra 1 grade 8 SOL pass rates had remained high; there were significant increases in black and economically disadvantaged students passing a course above Algebra 2, although the percent of limited English proficient (LEP) students passing a course above Algebra 2 had decreased; in 2011-2012, 39 percent of grade 12 students had successfully completed an Advanced Program (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) mathematics course during their high school career; in 2011-2012 science SOL scores had increased for grade 3, grade 5 showed little change, and grade 8 students were achieving at high levels in science; achievement rates in high school for LEP and students with disabilities (SWD) subgroups were increasing, and participation rates in chemistry were above 90 percent for all groups, except LEP and SWD subgroups; in 2011-2012, 39 percent of grade 12 students successfully completed an AP/IB science course during their high school career.

Discussion and comments included: appreciation to staff for work on the reports; new math assessment measures were needed to adequately determine achievements; concerns expressed about the low math scores and gaps in achievement for all the subgroups, and what was being done to address the learning needs of students in math; response that teachers worked in collaborative learning teams to adjust and meet a student's needs, but future work was needed to develop a five-year strategic plan for math teachers that focused on best practices for teaching and learning and professional development for teachers; question about whether the math grade 7 honors was different from the compacted math curriculum in grade 6, and response that the grade 7 math honors was a grade 8 math honors curriculum and placement into Algebra I for grade 7 required students to meet certain benchmarks from the IOWA test (which was a timed aptitude test) and grade 7 math SOLs; discussion on the need for new measures to assess performance on the goals; question whether concerns were addressed regarding preparedness of students who

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entered Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), and response that staff continued to meet with middle school principals and math department chairs to ensure the math 8 honors programs prepared students for the rigor at TJHSST and the appropriateness of the sequence of math courses offered at TJHSST.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. English Language Arts** – Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. (IS; presentation on 11/19/12; Exhibit E)

Mrs. Reed moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1.

Comments included: progresses had been made toward attaining the goal and achievement gaps would be reviewed in more detail; comment that the monitoring report did not explain how to close the achievement gaps.

The motion to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.1.1. **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. McLaughlin voted “nay”; Ms. Schultz was not present for the vote.

- 4.02 2013-2014 School Calendar** – Approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar, as detailed in the agenda item (HR; work session held 11/12/12; presented as new business 11/19/12; Exhibit F)

Ms. Derenak Kaufax moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar, as detailed in the agenda item.

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, to amend the main motion by designating Monday, October 14, 2013, as a student school day (instead of a Columbus Day student holiday) and designating Thursday, June 19, 2014, as the last day of school for students.

Comments on the amendment included: the Columbus Day holiday occurred a month after the school year began and more days in school were needed when students would be more focused on the learning process; comment that the Columbus Day weekend was a major sports weekend for many students, with over 10,000 soccer tournaments scheduled; comment that school calendars should not be based on sporting events or extracurricular activities but on what a

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student needs; more community input was needed before making such an important change to the calendar.

The motion to amend the main motion by designating Monday, October 14, 2013, as a student school day (instead of a Columbus Day student holiday) and designating Thursday, June 19, 2014, as the last day of school for students **failed 3-9**: Mr. McElveen, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Storck, voted "aye"; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "nay."

Ms. Hynes moved, and Mrs. Storck seconded, to amend the main motion by designating that one of the staff development days currently scheduled during the week of August 26-30, 2013, be defined as a teacher workday, the exact day to be determined by the Superintendent in consultation with principals and teacher associations.

Comments on the amendment included: the proposed calendar included three staff development days and two teacher workdays the week before school started; teachers needed more time in the classroom to prepare for the school year; staff development was more appropriate later in the year; comment that principals were worried about teacher workload and this amendment would support teachers.

Ms. McLaughlin moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to amend the amendment by adding the word "directed" to the phrase "be defined as a teacher workday" resulting in the phrase "be defined as a teacher-directed workday."

Comments on the amendment to the amendment included: last June, there had been confusion among administrators over the teacher workdays, and this amendment provided clarity; this day would provide teachers more time to focus on lesson plans and would help reduce their workload.

Ms. Schultz called the question. The motion to call the question **passed 10-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Ms. Hynes voted "nay"; and Mr. Velkoff was not present for the vote.

The motion to amend the amendment by adding the word "directed" to the phrase "be defined as a teacher workday" resulting in the phrase "be defined as a teacher-directed workday" **passed 10-0-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, and Mrs. Strauss voted "aye"; Ms. Hynes abstained; Mr. Velkoff was not present for the vote.

The amendment, as amended, to the main motion by designating that one of the staff development days currently scheduled during the week of August 26-30,

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2013, be defined as a teacher-directed workday, the exact day to be determined by the Superintendent in consultation with principals and teacher associations **passed unanimously.**

The main motion to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar, as detailed in the agenda item, and as amended by designating that one of the staff development days currently scheduled during the week of August 26-30, 2013, be defined as a teacher-directed workday, the exact day to be determined by the Superintendent in consultation with principals and teacher associations **passed unanimously.**

4.03 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Ms. McLaughlin moved, and Ms. Schultz seconded, to grant in part the school reassignment appeal of a student who assaulted and caused injury to another student at school and modify the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 8-2-2:** Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Storck, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Strauss voted "nay"; Ms. Evans and Ms. Hynes abstained.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student who brought illegal drugs to school and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 6-4-2:** Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mrs. Reed, and Ms. Schultz voted "nay"; Ms. Evans and Ms. Hynes abstained.

Having served as chairman of a three-member committee, along with Mr. McElveen and Ms. Schultz, Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, to expel a student for participating in a mob assault of two students. The motion **passed unanimously.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Minutes – Approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012, Budget work session and the November 19, 2012, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit G)

5.02 Additional Appointments – Appoint individuals to serve on committees, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit H)

[Clerk's note: there were no additional appointments.]

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

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- 6.01 FY 2013 Midyear Budget Review** – Recommendation to approve revenue and expenditure changes reflected in the FY 2013 Midyear Budget Review as detailed in the agenda item (FS; work session scheduled 12/10/12; action scheduled 12/20/12; Exhibit I)

Dr. Dale noted that the mid-year budget would be discussed in more detail at the Budget work session scheduled on December 10, 2012, and action was scheduled on December 20, 2012. Chief Financial Officer Susan Quinn provided a brief overview of the mid-year budget highlights.

Budget Committee Chairman Ms. Evans stated that proposed amendments should be ready for discussion at the December 10 work session; concerns were expressed on the use of funds for extended school year services and whether there was a better way to use the funds rather than returning them to a general fund for the next year.

- 6.02 Award of Contract** – Recommendation to award a contract for the renovation of the boys' and girls' bathrooms at Falls Church, Herndon, and Oakton High Schools to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; action scheduled 12/20/12; Exhibit J)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.03 Grant of Utility Easements and Perpetual Public Street Easement** – Recommendation to authorize the Division Superintendent or the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with legal counsel, to take all actions necessary and appropriate on behalf of the Board to negotiate, execute, deliver, and administer certain easements at the Haycock Elementary School site, on such terms as they deem advisable to best serve the interests of the school division (FTS; action scheduled 12/20/12; Exhibit K)

There was no discussion of this item.

7. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

The Superintendent presented informational items.

8. REPORTS (Exhibit L)

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Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board - Ilryong Moon, Chairman

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Streamline and Focus Ad Hoc Committee - Tammy Derenak Kaufax, Committee Chairman

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Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

Public Engagement - Tammy Derenak Kaufax, 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 11:00 p.m.

11. DEBRIEF

The Board did not debrief tonight's meeting.

[Clerk's note: the Board held its Forum work session immediately following the regular meeting.]