

MINUTES

Fairfax County School Board

Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting No. 7

November 8, 2012

1. **CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Strauss 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) to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(4) of the Code of Virginia. The motion **passed 8-0**: Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Storck were not present for the vote.

[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 5:08 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 – Spring Hill Elementary School LIYA Ensemble

Chairman Moon convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. with the following members present:

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee; arr: 6:42)	Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)	Elizabeth L. Schultz (Springfield; arr: 5:25)
Patricia M. Hynes (Hunter Mill)	Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Ryan L. McElveen (At Large)	Daniel G. Storck (Mt. Vernon; arr: 5:59)
Megan O. McLaughlin (Braddock; arr: 5:09)	Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
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 Spring Hill Elementary School LIYA Ensemble under the direction of Ruth Donahue 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.]

Ms. Evans moved, and Mrs. Strauss 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 8, 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 8-0-1**: Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and voted "aye"; Mr. Storck abstained; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Velkoff were not present for the vote.

2.03 Announcements (Exhibit B)

Miss Gunter announced that Veterans Day was November 11, 2012, and American Education Week and Geography Awareness Week were November 11 to 17, 2012.

2.04 Recognition of School Psychology Awareness Week (Exhibit C)

Ms. Evans recognized that School Psychology Awareness Week was November 12 to 16, 2012, and invited school psychologists to join the Board for photographs.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 Citizen Participation (Exhibit D)

Two speakers addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment. Steven Greenburg addressed Agenda Item No. 4.02, Strategic Governance Manual; Sheree Brown Kaplan addressed Agenda Item 4.01, Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in at least two languages.

3.02 Student Achievement Goals 1.1.4. Social Studies and 1.4. Understand the interrelationship and interdependence of the countries and cultures of the

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world – Recommendation to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goals 1.1.4. and 1.4 (IS; action scheduled 11/19/12; Exhibit E)

Mr. Craig Herring, director of PreK-12 curriculum and Instruction, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and video to highlight progress on the goals for 2011-2012; also present were Alice Reilly, coordinator of PreK-12 social studies; Susie Orr, specialist for elementary social studies; Craig Perrier, specialist for high school social studies; Ross Bosse, teacher at Luther Jackson Middle School; and Katie Blomquist, teacher at Sunrise Valley Elementary School; grade 5 Global Awareness and Technology Project (GATP) was fully implemented in all elementary schools, and 3,897 student projects were completed during the 2011-2012 school year; growth was shown in the GATP areas of understanding, expression, and technology; World History II Standards of Learning (SOL) pass rates showed slight decreases in most subgroups, but results remained high overall; there were positive gains in social studies SOL pass rates for all subgroups in grade 3, except for students with disabilities, where the pass rates held steady; grade 6 and grade 8 social studies SOL pass rates had maintained or increased for all subgroups; achievement gaps in middle school had narrowed but challenges remained for students with disabilities; social studies SOLs pass rates in high school decreased across all subgroups with the implementation of the new standards, and achievement gaps had increased; 61 percent of grade 12 students successfully completed an Advanced Program (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) social studies course during their high school career; and resources continued to be developed and identified to help close the achievement gap among all subgroups.

Comments and discussions included: question whether there was another way to measure social studies achievement since the new standards had been implemented, and response that further discussion was needed to determine what new measures were appropriate; question about the difference between the old and new standards, and response that the new SOL standards were more skills-based and required students to analyze secondary sources, charts, and maps to elicit content knowledge; explanation of the GATP and how projects were assessed; concerns expressed about the decreased social studies pass rates in high school, and comment that high school students were permitted to re-take the SOLs; question about the SOL test content for grade 3, and response that students were tested on content learned over four years; concerns expressed about the achievement gaps in the subgroups, especially in the students with disabilities subgroup; request for a break-down among subgroups of high school students who had completed AP/IB social studies course, and response that a press release was forthcoming on the achievements.

3.03 Student Representative Matters

The Student Representative presented informational items.

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4. **ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.01 Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in at least two languages –** Accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in at least two languages (IS; presentation on 10/25/12; Exhibit F)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in at least two languages. The motion to accept the monitoring report on the current progress toward attaining Student Achievement Goal 1.2. Communicate in at least two languages **passed unanimously.**

- 4.02 Strategic Governance Manual –** Approve the proposed revisions to the Strategic Governance Manual in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as detailed in the agenda item, and update the Strategic Governance Manual accordingly (SB; presented as new business 10/25/12; Exhibit G)

Mr. Storck moved, and Mr. Velkoff seconded, to approve the proposed revisions to the Strategic Governance Manual in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as detailed in the agenda item, and update the Strategic Governance Manual accordingly.

Comments included: the Board had thoroughly reviewed and revised the Strategic Governance Manual over the past several months; the proposed revisions were representative of the Board's goals and mission, belief, and vision; and the manual was an effective document that would guide the Board in governing the school system.

The motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Strategic Governance Manual in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as detailed in the agenda item, and update the Strategic Governance Manual accordingly **passed unanimously.**

- 4.03 2013 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program –** Adopt the 2013 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program, as detailed in the agenda item (work session held 10/15/12; presented as new business 10/25/12; Exhibit H)

Mr. McElveen moved, and Ms. Schultz seconded, to adopt the 2013 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program, as detailed in the agenda item.

Comments included: a reminder that the Board would be a meeting with legislators on December 10, 2012, to review legislative priorities.

Mr. Velkoff moved, and Mr. Storck seconded, to add the following language to the Employer/Employee Relations position: "The Fairfax County School Board

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supports prohibiting discrimination in employment and education based on sexual orientation."

Comments on the amendment included: the Student Rights and Responsibilities and anti-bullying policy provided students with protections against discrimination because of sexual orientation, but employees were not provided with the same protections; current federal and state discrimination laws protected many classes but not sexual orientation, and several Virginia delegates had introduced a number of bills in support of this legislation; comment that the Board should take a stand against bullying that might occur in the system and not target a specific class; and clarifying statement that the proposed amendment was not directed specifically at FCPS employees but was to advocate adding to the state language.

The motion to approve to add the following language to the Employer/Employee Relations position: "The Fairfax County School Board supports prohibiting discrimination in employment and education based on sexual orientation."
passed 11-1: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted "aye"; Ms. Schultz voted "nay."

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to add the following language to the Teachers and Instructional Personnel position: "The Fairfax County School Board opposes the elimination of continuing contracts."

Comments on the amendment included: last year the General Assembly had debated the concept of term versus continual contracts and would likely debate the issue again this year; it was important that the Board supported its teachers and opposed this legislative position.

The motion to add the following language to the Teachers and Instructional Personnel position: "The Fairfax County School Board opposes the elimination of continuing contracts." **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Schultz seconded, to divide the motion to vote separately on the position on Fiscal Autonomy for Local Elected School Boards. The motion to divide the motion to vote separately on the position on Fiscal Autonomy for Local Elected School Boards **passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Smith moved, and Ms. Schultz seconded, to remove the position on Fiscal Autonomy for Local Elected School Boards from the 2013 Legislative Program.

Comments included: School Board should not have taxing authority, as the Board's responsibility was to partner with the Board of Supervisors to fund the schools; it would be beneficial to have this taxing option to help support the school system and was a way to hold the Board accountable to the public.

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The motion to approve to remove the position on Fiscal Autonomy for Local Elected School Boards from the 2013 Legislative Program **failed 3-9:** Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Schultz, and Mrs. Smith voted “aye”; Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “nay.”

The main motion that the School Board adopt the 2013 Fairfax County School Board Legislative Program, as detailed in the agenda item, and as amended: (1) to add the following language to the Employer/Employee Relations position: “The Fairfax County School Board supports prohibiting discrimination in employment and education based on sexual orientation.” and (2) to add the following language to the Teachers and Instructional Personnel position: “The Fairfax County School Board opposes the elimination of continuing contracts.” **passed 11-1:** Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Ms. Schultz voted “nay.”

4.04 Fairfax County School Board Resolution regarding the Federal Budget Sequestration – Adopt the Fairfax County School Board Resolution on the Federal Budget Sequestration (SB; presented as new business 10/25/12; Exhibit I)

Ms. Derenak Kaufax moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, to adopt the resolution on Federal budget sequestration.

Comments included the following: resolution was the Board’s advocacy to prevent the sequestration of Federal funds, which was created last year as a debt-limit law to reduce the deficit and was scheduled to go into effect in January 2013 if the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (super committee) had not submitted a complete package outlining cuts to the deficit; the sequestration of funds meant \$1.2 billion in cuts to federal and domestic programs, which would negatively affect jobs and programs such as Head Start and Title I schools and would have a devastating effect on the students, citizens, and economy of Fairfax County; the National School Boards Association had reached out to local school boards for their advocacy on this issue; and the Board’s resolution would be widely distributed if approved.

The motion to adopt the resolution on Federal budget sequestration **passed unanimously.**

4.05 Award of Contract – Award the contract to conduct a search for Division Superintendent candidates to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, in the amount of \$35,000, plus reimbursement of approved expenses (SB; action scheduled 11/8/12; Exhibit J)

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Ms. Hynes moved, and Mrs. Smith seconded, to award the contract to conduct a search for Division Superintendent candidates to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, in the amount of \$35,000, plus reimbursement of approved expenses.

Comments included the following: the selection advisory committee of nine Board members had chosen the best firm that would help in the search for a new Division Superintendent after thorough review of all candidates; Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates would engage the community to build a strong profile for the next Division Superintendent; Board members would discuss the process with the search firm at the November 12, 2012, work session.

The motion to award the contract to conduct a search for Division Superintendent candidates to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, in the amount of \$35,000, plus reimbursement of approved expenses **passed 11-0-1**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Schultz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Storck, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Mr. McElveen abstained.

4.06 Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed Meeting

Mrs. Smith moved, and Mrs. Strauss seconded, to expel a student for bringing a controlled substance to school with the intent to distribute it. The motion **passed 9-0-2**: Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Ms. Schultz and Mr. Storck abstained; Ms. Derenak Kaufax was not present for the vote.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Ms. Evans seconded, to grant in part the school reassignment appeal of a student who possessed illegal drugs at a school-sponsored event and modify the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent. The motion **passed 7-3-2**: Ms. Evans, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Ms. Hynes, Ms. McLaughlin, and Ms. Schultz voted “nay”; Ms. Derenak Kaufax and Mr. Storck abstained.

Mrs. Strauss moved, and Mrs. Reed seconded, to excuse from attendance at school certain students identified in closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254(B)(1). The motion **passed 9-0-3**: Ms. Derenak Kaufax, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hynes, Mr. McElveen, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Strauss, and Mr. Velkoff voted “aye”; Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Schultz, and Mr. Storck abstained.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Minutes – Approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012, regular School Board meeting (SB; Exhibit K)

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- 5.02 School Board Policy 8541, Recycling Requirements for all Fairfax County Public Schools Facilities** – Rescind Policy 8541, Recycling Requirements for all Fairfax County Public Schools Facilities (FTS; presented as new business 10/25/12; Exhibit L)
- 5.03 Award of Contract** – Award the contract for the chiller replacements at Bryant Alternative High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Edw. Kocharian & Co., Inc., in the amount of \$294,700, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board (FTS; presented as new business 10/25/12; Exhibit M)
- 5.04 Additional Appointments** – Appoint individuals to serve on committees, as detailed in the agenda item (SB; Exhibit N)

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.01 Sale of School Bonds** – Recommendation to 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 (FTS; action scheduled 11/19/12; Exhibit O)

There was no discussion of this item.

- 6.02 Secondary Course Offerings** – Recommendation to 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; action scheduled 11/19/12; Exhibit P)

Ms. Evans requested that Dr. Dale provide the Board with an update on the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology summer courses.

- 6.03 Fairfax County Public Schools, Strategic Facilities Plan** – Recommendation to approve the Strategic Facilities Plan, as developed by the Facilities Planning Advisory Council, and as detailed in the agenda item (FTS; action scheduled 11/19/12; Exhibit Q)

Mrs. Smith noted that the Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) had presented its strategic plan at the September 10, 2012, work session; FPAC had made some changes to the strategic plan in response to the Board's feedback.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

The Superintendent presented informational items.

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8. **REPORTS** (Exhibit R)

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Governance - Dan Storck, Committee Chairman

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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 10:54 p.m.

11. **DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed tonight's meeting.