

**Minutes  
City of Fairfax School Board  
Special Meeting No. 1  
Monday, January 14, 2013  
Fairfax High School  
Multi-Purpose Room**

*The regular meeting of the School Board for January 7, 2013, was cancelled and a Special Meeting was scheduled to take its place.*

**In attendance at this meeting were: Mrs. Carolyn Pitches, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Jon Buttram, Member; Mrs. Toby Sorensen, Member; Mr. Mitch Sutterfield, Member; Dr. Peter Noonan, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Ann Ryan, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Carrie Dorsey, Communications Specialist; Mrs. Susan Wiczalkowski, Clerk of the Board.**

**1. MEETING OPENING**

- 1.01 - Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Pitches called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.02 - Announcement of Changes to Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- 1.03 - Other Announcements:** Mrs. Pitches announced that Chairman Miller and Student Representative Rachel Tran would not be in attendance at this evening's meeting.

**2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

**2.01 - Citizen Participation:** There was no citizen participation.

**2.02 - Student Representative Report:** Mrs. Sorensen read aloud a report provided by Miss Tran:

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and New Year!

The Lady Rebels started the year off right by continuing their great basketball season. They currently have an overall record of 9 wins and 4 losses. The boys' varsity basketball team, on the other hand, has not been as fortunate and has won 5 games and lost 8. The girls' varsity swim team won their senior night against South Lakes this past Friday and the boy's swim team turned around their season with a win. Both teams currently have a tied season of 4 wins and 4 losses. Good luck to all of the winter sports teams for the rest of the season!

At the end of this month, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to sign up for next year's courses. Students will be required to meet with their teachers and discuss which course may fit their personal learning needs best. After considering their teacher's, counselor's, and parents' recommendations, the student will ultimately decide which classes to take. The course selection booklet will be available on the school website this Friday, January 18.

On January 17, there will be a College Planning Night held for 11<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. College admission representatives will explain the college admissions process and answer any questions that students or parents may have.

The All-District Band auditions took place on January 5 and 28 students from Fairfax qualified for one of two bands- the Symphonic or Concert Band. They will perform in a concert with Woodson HS students on February 2 at 2:00 p.m.

The annual science fair at Fairfax will take place on Saturday, February 2. This year, more than 400 students are expected to present in the science fair. Volunteers to judge the projects would be appreciated; those who are interested and have a science, math, or engineering background may contact Kristin Webster.

The Leadership Class is planning a Custodian Appreciation Day sometime this month to serve food to custodians with both a.m. and p.m. shifts in order to show the school's appreciation for their work.

Finally, second quarter ends on Friday, January 25, followed by two teacher workdays. Report cards will be distributed to students on February 1 during 8<sup>th</sup> period.

**2.03 - Providence Elementary School:** Jesse Kraft, Principal – Mr. Kraft and Assistant Principal Ms. Hertzberg presented to the Board on programs at Providence Elementary School. Mr. Kraft and Ms. Hertzberg highlighted the Stem Lab, the teachings of the 4 “C’s” (communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking), and the working conditions survey. Mr. Kraft also shared a video on the PES STEM lab and how students are learning. Mr. Kraft also briefly discussed balanced literacy and reading workshops. Mr. Kraft also discussed the use of the book Mindset and staff development.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2013 SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mrs. Pitches continued the public hearing regarding the FY 2014 Superintendent’s Proposed Budget and asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board. There was no citizen participation and the public hearing was closed.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.01 - Motion for Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2012:**

**Mrs. Sorensen moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular School Board meeting as printed and distributed. Mr. Buttram seconded this motion. Mrs. Pitches called for discussion, modifications or changes. Hearing none, Mrs. Pitches called for a vote, asking all those in favor to signify by saying ‘Aye’, those opposed ‘Nay’. The vote was 4 – 0. The motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular School Board meeting passed unanimously.**

**4.02 – Approval of Superintendent’s Proposed FY 2014 School Board Budget:**  
**Mr. Sutterfield moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the FY 2014 School Board budget as printed and distributed in the amount of \$53,377,186. Mr. Buttram seconded this motion. Mrs. Pitches called for discussion, and hearing none, Mrs. Pitches called for a vote, asking all those in favor to signify by saying ‘Aye’, those opposed ‘Nay’. The motion to approve the Superintendent’s FY 2014 School Board Budget passed unanimously.**

**5. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS**

**Dr. Noonan** recently attended the Fairfax County School Board Work Session on the boundary scope. The Board held a broad discussion on the matter, and it appears they will vote on the scope as originally designed at their next business meeting.

**Dr. Noonan** mentioned that the legislative session is beginning in Richmond.

**Dr. Noonan** shared that Education Week recently ranked schools nationally. Virginia ranked number 4 in the nation.

**Dr. Noonan** mentioned that former FHS Principal, Scott Brabrand will be one of two superintendents chosen statewide to serve as part of the Governor’s School Safety Task Force.

**6. BOARD MATTERS**

**Mr. Sutterfield** reminded everyone of the upcoming dates for the boundary scope meetings. They will be held on February 19, 20 and 26 at Oakton HS, Lanier MS and Woodson HS respectively.

**Mr. Buttram** mentioned that the legislative session in Richmond will be short and intense. He will pass along information as he receives it. Mr. Buttram will be attending the VSBA Legislative conference on Wednesday, January 23.

**Mr. Buttram** asked whether there was any new information on the data breach at Fairfax High School. **Dr. Noonan** stated that there is no new news regarding the case.

**Mr. Buttram** also asked about the Patch.com news website and our relationship with them. **Dr. Noonan** stated that he and Mrs. Dorsey had recently met with the Patch.com editor to explain the City/County relationship.

**Mr. Buttram** sends prayers and well wishes to the Miller family.

**Mrs. Sorensen** thanked Mr. Sutterfield for attending the recent PRAB meeting on her behalf.

**Mrs. Sorensen** also sends sympathies and concern to the Miller family.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Pitches adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk