

**Minutes
City of Fairfax School Board
Regular Meeting No. 9
April 1, 2013
10455 Armstrong Street
City Hall, Room 100**

In attendance at this meeting were: Mrs. Janice Miller, Chairman, Mrs. Carolyn Pitches, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mitchell Sutterfield, Member; Mr. Jon Buttram, Member; Miss Rachel Tran, Student Representative; Dr. Peter Noonan, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Ann Ryan, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Carrie Dorsey, Communications Specialist; Mrs. Susan Wiczalkowski, Clerk of the Board

1. CLOSED MEETING

Mrs. Miller moved that the School Board go into closed meeting at 6:32 p.m. by stating the following:

MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING:

On April 1, 2013, pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the City of Fairfax School Board convene a Closed Meeting to discuss legal matters as authorized under 2.2-3711(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia.

Mrs. Miller adjourned the closed meeting at 6:58 p.m. by stating the following:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax School Board convened a Closed Meeting on April 1, 2013, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Code 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in **conformity** with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fairfax School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered.

2. MEETING OPENING

2.01 - Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.02 - Announcement of Changes to Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

2.03 - Other Announcements: Mrs. Miller welcomed Linda Burke, Assistant Superintendent, Cluster VII, Fairfax County Public Schools.

2.04 - Staff/Student Recognition: Mrs. Miller presented certificates to students from Fairfax High School honoring their achievements for DECA and Scholastic Arts.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

3.01 - Citizen Participation: Mr. Gerald T. O'Dell spoke.

3.02 - Student Representative Report: Rachel Tran reported:

Good evening! Hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing spring break!

The boys' varsity baseball team took a trip to Florida this past week and the girls' varsity softball team traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. to compete against other schools.

They currently have a record of 3 wins and 5 losses while the baseball team has won 2 games and lost 1. The girls' and boys' varsity soccer teams are both off to a great season as they both have a current record of 3 wins and 1 loss. The girls' varsity lacrosse team has also performed very well and has won 4 games and lost 2. Finally, for the boys' varsity lacrosse team, they currently have a perfect record of 4 winning games. Good job to all of the spring sports teams!

Many students placed in the Regional Science Fair held on March 17 and Vivek Vadlamudi, Erinn Fecteau, Laura Ji, Erin Sullivan, all who won first place, qualify for the state competition in Lexington at the Virginia Military Institute on April 5-6.

Fairfax's orchestra program participated in the district assessment on March 16 and the Combined Intermediate, Beginning Orchestra, and String Ensemble earned an Excellent rating while the Advanced Orchestra received a Superior rating. Fairfax HS will earn the title of a Blue Ribbon School as a result of both the orchestra and band's outstanding performances.

The DECA classes are hosting their annual DECA Fashion Show on April 12 during 8th period classes where different styles will be showcased and modeled on Fairfax DECA volunteers.

The Green Club is still in the process of planning Green Week on April 22-26 where each day of the week will be focused on conservation in a different area such as electricity, paper, water, and wildlife/endangered species.

In addition, the Science Olympiad team is preparing for their State Tournament which will officially be held on April 27 at Virginia Tech.

Third quarter ends on April 12 and a Teacher Work Day will be on April 15. Report cards will be handed out to students during 8th period on Friday, April 19.

3.03 – Fairfax High School: Mr. David Goldfarb, Principal – Mr. Goldfarb discussed advanced academic enrollment and shared that student participation is increasing. Mr. Goldfarb also discussed the great teachers at Fairfax High School. Currently, there are three nationally board certified teachers and an additional teacher is seeking certification. Ms. Faye Smith, English teacher is the head of the Praxis group and shared with the Board how teachers are incorporating the new standards of media literacy through the use of Ipads. Mr. Goldfarb then discussed how the school has an increased emphasis on academic intervention and what teachers do when students do not reach proficiency. Mr. Goldfarb discussed the new structure for intervention, which is a three tiered approach. The new IT Time, replaces R&R time. Mr. Goldfarb also discussed collaborative teams and PLC's. He also discussed the mentoring program between FHS and LMS to transition students from middle school to high school.

Mr. Goldfarb also discussed the working conditions survey. Fairfax High School has a higher response rate than most high schools. Mr. Goldfarb and his administrative team have conducted a listening tour with each department to get feedback. Mr. Goldfarb feels the biggest challenge is giving staff the time they need to complete their jobs.

Fairfax High Schools presentation team included Mr. Goldfarb, Tina Wrubluski, Administrative Intern, Ms. Faye Smith, English Teacher and Mrs. Jennifer Glaser, Director of Student Services.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

4.01 - Motion for Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2013:

Mrs. Pitches moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular School Board meeting as printed and distributed. Mrs. Sorensen seconded this motion. Mrs. Miller called for discussion, modifications or changes. Hearing none, Mrs. Miller called for a vote, asking all those in favor to signify by saying 'Aye', those opposed 'Nay'. The chair voted 'Aye'. The vote was 5 – 0. The motion to

approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular School Board meeting passed unanimously.

4.02 - Approval of Resolution for VSBA Business Honor Roll:

Mr. Sutterfield moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the resolution naming Lowe's, Your Recruiting Company Incorporated, Apple Federal Credit Union, Bob's Discount Furniture, Sweet Frog, Chick-fil-A, and Exxon Mobil to the VSBA Business Honor Roll. Mr. Buttram seconded this motion. Mrs. Miller called for discussion, modifications or changes. Hearing none, Mrs. Miller called for a vote, asking all those in favor to signify by saying 'Aye', those opposed 'Nay.' The chair voted 'Aye.' The vote was 5-0. The motion to name local businesses to the VSBA Business Honor Roll passed unanimously.

5. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

Dr. Noonan mentioned that Fairfax High School will hold a sophomore parent student college night on April 4. On May 13 the athletic booster club will host a golf tournament. The Latino Partnership Forum will be held on April 8.

Dr. Noonan shared that Lanier Middle School will host a book fair on April 2-6.

Dr. Noonan stated that Kindergarten Orientation will take place at Daniels Run on April 22 and at Providence Elementary on April 29. In addition, Providence Elementary and Daniels Run will compete in a staff basketball game on April 19 at Fairfax High School.

Dr. Noonan mentioned that the paving work at Lanier Middle School is complete and the roof work at Lanier Middle and Fairfax High is complete. The baseball bleacher replacement at Fairfax High School should be completed by the end of the week.

Dr. Noonan congratulated Rachel Wilson, a student at Daniels Run, who broke the 400 meter record at the US Track and Field Indoor Championships.

Dr. Noonan also mentioned that nine students from Lanier Middle School were chosen to participate in the Virginia Middle Schools Honor Choir. The group will perform on April 27.

6. BOARD MATTERS

Mr. Sutterfield congratulated the students who received recognition this evening.

Mr. Sutterfield mentioned that the FCPS School Board public hearing on the boundary study will take place on April 17.

Mr. Sutterfield mentioned that he and other board members attended the Little League Opening Day Parade and Ceremony at Chilcott Field.

Mr. Buttram mentioned that the boundary change information and important dates are on the Fairfax County Public Schools website.

Mr. Buttram congratulated the City schools and programs that were recently recognized in the VSBA Showcase for Success.

Mrs. Pitches congratulated the students who were recognized this evening. **Mrs. Pitches** also congratulated the Odyssey of Mind students from Providence Elementary.

Mrs. Pitches mentioned that she recently attended the Fun Fair at Providence Elementary and had the opportunity to attend International Night at Daniels Run. Both were great events.

Mrs. Sorensen mentioned that she recently attended a PRAB meeting and they have recently received funding from the City to create a new master parks plan. There is a link on the City's website to provide feedback and there will be public outreach meetings in the future. All citizens are invited to participate.

Miss Tran congratulated seniors on their college acceptances and wished everyone a great start to the 4th quarter.

Mrs. Miller congratulated the students recognized this evening and thanked the staff for putting the program together.

Mrs. Miller wished all student athletes good luck during the spring season.

Mrs. Miller thanked Lands and Waters for their work on the bio-retention system at Lanier Middle School.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The Board then went into work session to discuss the boundary study and the advanced academic program scope. The work session adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk