

**Minutes  
City of Fairfax School Board  
Regular Meeting No. 10  
Monday, May 6, 2013  
10455 Armstrong Street  
City Hall, Room 100**

**In attendance at this meeting were: Mrs. Janice Miller, Chairman, Mr. Jon Buttram, Member; Mrs. Toby Sorensen, Member; Mr. Mitchell Sutterfield, 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. MEETING OPENING**

- 1.01 - Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and invited boy scout Rayhaan Khan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Khan is working on his badge requirements to earn his Eagle Scout.
- 1.02 - Announcement of Changes to Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- 1.03 - Other Announcements:** There were no announcements.
- 1.04 - Recognition of VSBA Business Honor Roll Businesses:** The School Board presented certificates to Your Recruiting Company Incorporated (YRCI), Lowes, Bob's Discount Furniture, Chick-fil-A, Apple Federal Credit Union, and ExxonMobil for their outstanding efforts and cooperative relationships with City Schools. The certificates were provided by VSBA and the businesses were placed on the VSBA Business Honor Roll. Sweet Frog was also nominated for the Business Honor Roll, but was unable to attend the meeting to receive their certificate.

**2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

- 2.01 - Citizen Participation:** Mr. Gerald T. O'Dell spoke.
- 2.02 - Student Representative Report:** Miss Rachel Tran reported the following:  
Good evening, everyone!

Starting off with our sports teams, the boys' varsity lacrosse finished off their season strong, with a record of 7 wins and 1 loss. The girls' lacrosse team ended with a final record of 3-5. As for the girls' varsity soccer team, they currently have a record of 5 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties and have two more games left. Unfortunately, the boys' soccer team did not have their best season and had a losing record. Finally, the girls' softball team won 7 games and lost 11 while the baseball team has won 10 games and lost 7. Fairfax's baseball team also hosted a ceremonial night dedicated to Drew Bonner, the senior team manager, who has muscular dystrophy. Drew had his first at-bat while family and friends all cheered him on. The story was covered by many news outlets.

The DECA ICDC (International Career Development Conference) took place two weeks ago and DECA students performed outstandingly. Ben Brott, Dev Lakhia, and Brenna Surette placed in the top 10 in the world in their Sports and Entertainment Marketing Operations Research Event. Ryan Hess, Hannah Kostoff, and Carley Rolincik finished in the top 20 for their Creative Marketing Project Event and Yujin Jeon and Katherine Knight were finalists for their Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan. Congrats to all of the DECA students!

The Science Olympiad team also attended the state competition two weeks ago and placed fifth overall. Additionally, 29 members received individual medals for placing in the top six in the competition.

Starting today, a new electronic devices policy was implemented, which allows students to use their electronic devices in the hallways as long as they are not making phone calls and taking pictures and videos without permission. Also, interior cameras are expected to be installed within the next two weeks.

As for upcoming events, the Powderpuff tournament is starting up and the freshmen/sophomore game will be held at 6:00-7:00pm, followed by the junior and senior game at 7:30-8:30pm on Thursday, May 23. The junior and senior prom will take place on June 1 at the Fairview Marriott. This year's theme is "A Night in Paris."

The Fairfax Players will be showcasing their "Hello Dolly!" Broadway musical this Friday and Saturday, May 10-11 at 7:30pm and Sunday, May 12 at 2:00pm. so make sure you come out to support them and enjoy the show!

Lastly, AP testing began today and will take place until the end of next week. Good luck to students taking the exams!

**2.03 – Lanier Middle School Bio-retention Pond:** Ms. Jeanette Stewart, Lands and Waters: Ms. Stewart reported to the Board on the recent installation of a bio-retention pond at Lanier Middle School. The bio-retention pond was made possible through a grant secured by Lands and Waters. It allows for runoff from the parking lot to enter into a natural filtering gardening before the water drains into the City's sewer system. This results in less pollution in local streams and watersheds. Attending with Ms. Stewart were Mr. Kris Unger and Ms. Christine Kauffman, both from Lands and Waters.

**2.04 – City Summer School Plans:** Ms. Mary Ann Ryan, Assistant Superintendent: Ms. Ryan presented to the Board the upcoming summer plans at each of the four city schools. Ms. Ryan stated that dates and times were tentative as the schools were just beginning to put their plans together. The following is the list of activities discussed: Daniels Run will host the Young Scholars Summer Institute, Early Jump Start for K, and SELT (Summer Extended Learning Time). Providence Elementary will host Project LIFT, PES Summer School, Young Scholars, Summer Reading Celebrations and Rising Kindergarten activities. Lanier Middle School will host an Algebra Boot Camp, SELT, Honors Boot Camp, and Early Start Camp. Fairfax High School will host Survivor Fairfax 2013 and an Advanced Academics Summer Boot Camp.

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

#### 3.01 - Motion for Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2013:

**Mr. Buttram moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the minutes of the April 1, 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 4 – 0. The motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 regular School Board meeting passed unanimously.**

### 4. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

**Dr. Noonan** mentioned that he recently attended, and enjoyed, many of the Spotlight on the Arts events. He felt that all of the events are a reflection of the great work that goes on in our Academy at FHS and at each of our schools.

**Dr. Noonan** passed along that the Spring Chorus Concert at Fairfax High School will take place on May 22.

**Dr. Noonan** congratulated Fairfax High School on their recent change to the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. This is a good opportunity to engage students and explore how to utilize technology more effectively and efficiently in our schools.

**Dr. Noonan** mentioned that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week. On behalf of the School Board and Schools staff, we will be delivering treats to our teachers and staff members later this week.

**Dr. Noonan** congratulated Lanier Middle School and Daniels Run Elementary on their wins at the Eco Schools competition at George Mason University recently.

**Dr. Noonan** passed along that Lanier Middle School will present "Remember Mama," a play, on May 17 and 18.

**Dr. Noonan** mentioned that Daniels Run will host a 5K this Friday, May 10; and Providence Elementary will support National Bike (or walk) to School day on May 8.

**Dr. Noonan** stated that the Fairfax County School board will take action on the boundary study on Thursday, May 9 during their regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at Luther Jackson Middle School and begins at 7:00pm.

**Dr. Noonan** congratulated those City school employees who were nominated for the Fairfax County Public Schools Honors Awards. The ceremony will be held on May 29 at George Mason Center for the Arts. The City nominees are: Adam Erbrecht, First Year Principal Nominee; Julio Dejo, Support Employee Finalist; Kelley Shanley, Support Employee Nominee; and Michael Replogle, Teacher of the Year Nominee.

5. **BOARD MATTERS**

**Dr. Sutterfield** congratulated the businesses who were honored at the meeting this evening and thanked them for their work in our schools.

**Mr. Buttram** also attended some of the Spotlight on the Arts activities. He mentioned that it was a great showing of all the art classes in our schools and community.

**Mrs. Sorensen** reminded everyone that the Fairfax Academy Fashion Design Fashion Show will be held this Friday at the Sherwood Center.

**Mrs. Sorensen** congratulated all of the employees nominated for the Fairfax County Public Schools Honors in May.

**Mrs. Sorensen** mentioned that she participated in a Parks and Recreation outreach meeting. The purpose of the community meetings is to develop a strategic plan for parks and rec. Mrs. Sorensen encouraged community members to participate in one the two future sessions scheduled for June.

**Mrs. Sorensen** stated she is looking forward to the boundary decision on Thursday.

**Miss Tran** wished everyone taking AP exams and finals good luck.

**Miss Tran** mentioned that she hopes to know who the new School Board student representative will be before the next meeting.

**Mrs. Miller** also mentioned the Fairfax Academy Fashion Show. The show will highlight design portfolios of the graduating seniors. The cost of the Friday night event is \$15 and reservations are recommended.

**Mrs. Miller** thanked Lands and Waters and appreciated Ms. Stewart and her team attending the board meeting to give an overview of the bio-retention pond.

**Mrs. Miller** thanked Mrs. Dorsey and Ms. Ryan for following through with the VSBA Business Honor Roll. The board appreciates the opportunity to highlight the many different ways businesses interact with, and in, our schools.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Miller adjourned the regular School Board meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk