

**Minutes
City of Fairfax School Board
Regular Meeting No. 5
January 11, 2016
10455 Armstrong Street
City Hall, Room 111**

1. MEETING OPENING

1.01 – Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Sorensen called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.02 – Announcement of Change in the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

1.03 – Other Announcements

Mrs. Sorensen recognized Mr. Adam Erbrecht, Principal, Daniels Run Elementary, Dr. Dustin Wright, Assistant Principal, Daniels Run Elementary, Ms. Frances Ivey, Assistant Superintendent, Region 5, and Ms. Rebecca Baenig, Executive Principal, Region 5.

1.04 – Agenda Adoption

Mr. Buttram moved and Mrs. Pitches seconded the adoption of the agenda as written. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

1.05 – Spotlight on Learning

Daniels Run third grade teachers Jesse Stewart and Alyssa Jasso presented on the Third Grade career day research project. Last year the grade level researched animals and created a non-fiction book on the animal of their choice. This year, the students will have speakers come in to discuss various careers, and they will choose an occupation and do research and compose a non-fiction book about the career.

2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

2.01 – Citizen Participation

(Persons who wish to address the School Board should arrange to be placed on the speakers' list by calling 703/293-7132 or sign up prior to the meeting with the Board Clerk.)

There was no citizen participation.

2.02 – Student Representative Report: Christine Faunce

Student Representative Christine Faunce reported the following:

Good Evening All,

Happy New Year, I hope everybody had a wonderful holiday season!

Fairfax was privileged to host a Science Olympiad invitational this past weekend. We hosted over eleven schools from around the area for a twelve hour event. Many thanks to Mrs. Catherine Williams and the Fairfax Science Olympiad team for all of their hard work.

This week is Fairfax's academic advising week where teachers will begin to encourage underclassmen to start thinking about which courses to take next year. On Wednesday, Fairfax will hold our course selection fair during Intervention Time where students can travel to different classrooms and find out more about the classes that they are interested in. Students will fill out their prospective schedules for next year on Friday.

This Wednesday, Fairfax will also be holding its college planning night for juniors. This event is aimed to help juniors start their college application process by meeting with admissions counsellors and figuring out a timeline for what they need to get done.

Also next week, a group of student leaders in one of our leadership classes will be conducting a toiletry drive to benefit the Lamb Center. Already this year, our students have collected and donated over 2,500 food items, weighing over 2,000 pounds, to Food for Others in Merrifield. They

also partnered with Our Daily Bread to coordinate a Holiday Gift Drive, and our students delivered wrapped gifts for 38 local children.

Students are in the midst of exams as we come close to the end of the second quarter. Mid-terms and semester grades are our students' main focuses at the moment, but we look forward to a Winter pep rally in February and the upcoming four day weekend.

Student Advisory Council will meet this Thursday and will discuss all three topics of mental health, the grading policy, and Dr. Garza's proposed budget at Hayfield Secondary School.

2.03 – Daniels Run Elementary: Adam Erbrecht, Principal

Mr. Adam Erbrecht, Principal, Daniels Run Elementary, and Dr. Dustin Wright, Assistant Principal, Daniels Run Elementary, presented to the Board their State of the Schools report. Using the theme "Our Story" throughout the evening, Mr. Erbrecht echoed the story theme he and his teachers are following this year as they try to reach each and every student. With videos from 6th grade students highlighting what they liked about the schools, Mr. Erbrecht showed how the school is serving as a second family for many of his students. Mr. Erbrecht emphasized significant standards of learning score increases in subjects such as reading and math. In reading, DRES reading pass rate was 79%, an increase of 6%. In math, 88% of the students had a pass rate, almost a 20% increase from the previous years. Mr. Erbrecht also looked at his school beyond the standard curriculum showing success in the arts, environmental studies and the enhanced autism program. In addition, Mr. Erbrecht and his assistant principal Dr. Dustin Wright focused on programs such as "Pride Time" – a dedicated school-wide program to support students with specific intervention that goes above and beyond the classroom.

3. PUBLIC HEARING FY 2017 SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

(Persons who wish to speak about this item may sign up prior to the meeting (7-7:30 pm) or may request to address the Board after the list of speakers has been completed. Copies of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget are available from the Superintendent's office by arrangement with the Clerk of the Board at 703-293-7132)

Mrs. Sorensen asked if anyone would like to address the Board during the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak. Mrs. Sorensen closed the public hearing on the FY 2017 Superintendent's Proposed Budget.

4. ACTION ITEMS (Items under this heading are discussed and voted upon by the Board)

4.01 – Approval of December 7, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Buttram moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular School Board meeting as printed and distributed. Dr. Sutterfield seconded this motion. Mrs. Sorensen called for discussion, modifications or changes, hearing none, Mrs. Sorensen called for a vote, asking all those in favor of accepting the motion to signify by saying 'Aye,' those opposed, 'Nay'. The chair voted 'Aye', no members opposed. The motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular School Board meeting passed unanimously.

4.02 – Approval of Superintendent's Proposed FY 2017 School Board Budget

Dr. Sutterfield moved that the City of Fairfax School Board approve the FY 2017 School Board budget as printed and distributed in the amount of \$55,380,489. Mrs. Pitches seconded this motion. Mrs. Sorensen called for discussion. Mrs. Sorensen then called for a vote, asking all those in favor to signify by saying 'Aye', those opposed 'Nay'. The vote was 5-0. The motion to approve the Superintendent's FY 2017 School Board Budget passed unanimously.

5. SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS (The Superintendent may present other items for information)

Dr. Noonan stated that we are nearing the end of the first semester, and he congratulated students on their hard work. Dr. Noonan congratulated seniors on their 7th semester grades.

Dr. Noonan wished to thank Brenda Cabrera, City Registrar for reaching out to civics teachers at Fairfax High School and offering to come to the school to register students to vote.

Dr. Noonan mentioned that it's never too early to take advantage of academic advisement. Remember to challenge yourself, but also to find the balance.

Dr. Noonan thanked Mr. Erbrecht and Dr. Wright for their excellent presentation this evening on the State of the Schools. They did a great job by telling a story.

Dr. Noonan thanked Dr. Ivey and Ms. Baenig for attending the meeting this evening.

6. BOARD MATTERS (Board members may ask questions and introduce topics for further consideration.)

Dr. Sutterfield felt it was a great night for Daniels Run Elementary. He enjoyed the presentation on the third grade career project and appreciated the presentation on the State of the School.

Dr. Sutterfield mentioned that the Science Olympiad was held recently. He thanked **Mr. Buttram** for judging and attending.

Dr. Sutterfield reminded everyone that the end of the semester is February 4.

Mrs. Pitches thanked the Daniels Run teachers for their presentation on third grade career day and thanked the principals for their presentation on the State of the School.

Mrs. Pitches reminded everyone of some upcoming events, including: Teriyaki Madness family night out, which benefits the PTA. Providence Elementary family bingo night will be held on February 22 and Daniels Run will have family bingo night on January 15. Winter carnival at Daniels Run will be held on January 23 and the Daniels Run singers will perform at the George Mason University women's basketball game on January 28.

Mr. Buttram thanked Daniels Run for great presentations this evening.

Mr. Buttram mentioned that the Science Fair will be held at Fairfax High School on January 23. They are currently looking for judges.

Mr. Reinsel thanked Daniels Run for an interesting presentation by the third grade teachers and a great presentation on the State of the Schools. Good to see strength in the math and reading scores.

Miss Faunce thanked Daniels Run for their presentations.

Miss Faunce congratulated band members for their participation in All District auditions.

Mrs. Sorensen thought the Daniels Run presentation was very good this year and full of good information.

Mrs. Sorensen congratulated Dr. Wright on obtaining his doctorate.

Mrs. Sorensen mentioned that the Providence Elementary PTA will host a discussion on the City/County budget. Once the date is set, we will make the community aware.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk