

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Chairman, C. Turner Hudgins. The following Board members answered roll call: Samuel S. Solomon, Theodore S. Heriot, Merton S. Parsons, Clyde W. Gleason, and C. Turner Hudgins. Mr. Solomon offered opening prayer. Because of the large group of people present, the meeting moved to the Board of Supervisors' meeting room. Hillis Lory entered at 8:10 P.M. Robert F. Davis entered at 8:15 P.M.

There were several delegations scheduled to be heard and the Chairman called for their presentations in the order of their appointments.

Mr. John Maples stated his consternation at the ruling which prevented his daughter's entrance into a Fairfax County school because she was not six years of age by October 1 of the current school year, even though she is a transfer student from another state and had been progressing satisfactorily in the first grade there. Mr. Hudgins explained the Board's position in the matter and its inability to permit any exception to the State's regulations governing this entrance age as clearly stated in Dr. Paschal's (State Supt. of Public Instruction) reply to recent inquiry from the Superintendent on this point in which he states "Section 22-218 of the Code of Virginia and a subsequent Attorney General's ruling... that a child must be six years of age on or before October 1 in order to be admitted in a school system which operates on an annual promotion basis" and "Since there are no exceptions provided... I must take the interpretative position that a transfer child is not entitled to legal admittance during the current session if that child had not attained six years of age on or before October 1, 1957". It was explained to Mr. Maples that it is the practice in Fairfax County to place children from private schools in a first grade group for a short observation period, after which they are placed in a second grade should they be found ready for the work. This apparently satisfied Mr. Maples, whose child is currently enrolled in a private school for the rest of this school session.

Mr. George Hamill, Chairman of the Board's Insurance Advisory Committee, addressed the Board on behalf of this group and informed it that a deductible form of insurance on buildings has been approved by the State of Virginia and is presently being studied by his Committee for subsequent recommendations to the Board and that all commissions of the Committee over and above those paid to the committee members on a stipulated basis and used for operating expenses shall be placed in a trust for educational loans to Fairfax County high school students to be screened by a committee of the Fairfax Education Association. He estimated that there is approximately \$1200 available to begin such fund and contributions to it should be in amounts of about \$2,000 annually. Loans shall be made in amounts of \$600 per year per student, to be repaid at very low interest rates after completion of their education. He requested Board action to authorize a change in the manner of distribution of commissions to the participating agents. Mr. Solomon moved that the method of distribution of insurance commissions (50% of total commissions) to the agents comprising the Board's insurance committee be determined by them. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Mellender was present to present to the Board several matters concerning the Fairview School, as follows:

1. Two additional teaching spaces will be required to house the anticipated enrollment for the next school session. How is it proposed to provide them without taking their library? He was advised that this is being considered along with plans for overall school organization for the next session and some provision will be made for the accommodation of these additional students.
2. There is about .3 of an acre of land separated from the school grounds by a state right-of-way. To make contiguous parking area and easier access to the school, it would be desirable to secure this plot and have the right-of-way vacated. Mr. Pope was instructed to follow this for recommendation to the Board.
3. They would like a principal at the school who is a better disciplinarian than the present one, who, it was stated, while being a fine person and educator, lacks firmness in this regard. This is a matter to be evaluated by personnel.

Mr. Lory supported Mr. Mellender's statements and feels some corrective measures are certainly indicated. Mr. Davis commented that there are always matters, in the nature of these presented by Mr. Mellender this evening, concerning a particular school, which might be resolved through conferences with administrative staff members and would not warrant Board attention unless some policy action was indicated or satisfactory resolution of the matter could not otherwise be reached.

Mrs. Judd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Elliott, and Mrs. Pitts, recited grievances against the abuse and misuse of the Fairfax High School grounds throughout the summer months by various baseball leagues which makes living in the immediate proximity, as they do, unpleasant at the least. Mr. Parsons, trustee granting permission for the use of the field, was asked to investigate what appeared to be the justifiable complaints of these people and attempt to conciliate the differences by meeting with the sponsors of the various Leagues using the field. His recommendations to the Board for the alleviation of some of these problems, which exist in other school areas also, were requested. It was questioned whether use of school grounds, except for school activities, should be permitted after dark. Sunday use was also mentioned to be disturbing to nearby residents.

Several people, as follows, now made presentations concerning the naming of the high school on Franconia Road, which had been called the FRANCONIA HIGH SCHOOL until Board action on April 15 directing its renaming.

Mr. Arthur Baker, representing the Franconia Citizens Association, read a statement in support of retaining the name FRANCONIA HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Dorson, representing the Franconia Elem. P.T.A., read a statement, copies of which he distributed to Board members, supporting the retention of the name FRANCONIA HIGH SCHOOL. Resolution of this Association, copies of which had been sent Board members prior to this meeting, requesting the same thing, was acknowledged at this time.

Mr. John Price, former President of the Franconia Elem. P.T.A., reviewed some of the moves prefacing the naming of this school which he felt were proper and in accord with the usual manner of pursuing such a point. His statements were in strong support of the naming of this school FRANCONIA HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Hilliard Higgins, Pres. of the Springfield Forest Civic Association, showed a copy of the SPRINGFIELD INDEPENDENT to Board members which headlined the fact that the School Board had decided

to change the name of the Franconia H. S. and blamed this article, and in fact the newspaper, for the present dissension and controversy on this matter. He brought out that only a small percentage of students from the Springfield area will attend this school, and further commented that the Superintendent's recommendation that the name be changed was out of order. Mr. Gleason supported the Superintendent's propriety in bringing this matter to the Board, stating it is his right and privilege to bring to the Board's attention whatever matters he feels influence a school's function, it being the Board's prerogative to act on all and any recommendations. Mr. Woodson said his recommendation concerning the change of the school name was made in all good faith and for the best interests of school unity and harmony, and not because of any pressure on him by anyone. In further exploration of the numbers of children from the different areas who would be the student body of the school, it appeared that there would be about equal numbers from both the Franconia and Springfield feeder schools.

The only comment from a resident of the Springfield area was by Mrs. Nora Milner, who assured the Board that the residents of Springfield were adult enough to support the school, whatever its name. This was prompted by Mr. Solomon's comments that it was deplorable to even imagine that the morale and unity of a new school could be damaged by so insignificant a thing as its name, which he made because this was purported to be the foundation for the suggestions that the name be changed.

Mr. Fred Moran, of the Springfield Forest Civic Association, read to the Board a letter received by the Association from the Superintendent, dated January 10, 1958, which explains that the Springfield Estates School was named for the community, as is common practice, especially where land is donated by the developer of a particular subdivision, rather than the name suggested by his Association, to bring home his point that the same should apply to naming of the high school for its location in Franconia.

The possibility of another high school, junior or senior, being placed in the immediate Springfield area, and bearing its name, was mentioned, but this does not appear to be a probability. It was explained that the ultimate enrollments in the high school under discussion, after completion of the Munson Hill H. S., would come from the Rose Hill area and west to Shirley Highway, including Garfield, Crestwood and Lynbrook.

Mr. Lory moved that the action of the Board on April 15 to change the name of the FRANCONIA H.S. in lieu of the name of some prominent individual, now deceased, be rescinded. Some Board members expressed misinterpretation of this motion and its intent when they voted on it, and Mr. Gleason stated his unsureness as to his exact wording of the motion, declaring that his intention was only to bring about a reconsideration of the matter, however he may have misstated it. Mr. Davis said point of order called for someone who had voted for the motion to propose its reconsideration, making Mr. Lory's motion out of order. Mr. Davis moved that the matter of the naming of the Franconia H. S. be reopened for reconsideration by the Board this evening. Mr. Gleason seconded the motion, which carried, Mr. Lory abstaining from voting. Mr. Solomon reiterated his feeling that the Board's time should not be wasted on so trivial a matter as the naming of a school and past practice should be followed in giving the trustee of the district of a school's location the courtesy of such naming and that the preferential naming be for its identifying locality.

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Mr. Lory offered motion that the name FRANCONIA H.S. be retained for the high school in question. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion, which failed by recorded vote as follows: Ayes -- Lory, Solomon, and Heriot. Nays -- Gleason, Davis, Parsons, and Hudgins.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 P.M., and reconvened at 10:40 P.M.

Mr. Solomon's motion from the Board's April 15 meeting "that all future new high schools in Fairfax County be named for some prominent American, now deceased", was now brought to the Board. Mr. Solomon qualified it by stating that the "Franconia H. S." is not to be included in this motion, just those under construction, or proposed. Messrs. Davis and Parsons expressed opposition to such fixed policy, stating that the citizens in the immediate vicinity of a high school should have the privilege of expressing a preference for the school naming and not be tied by any restrictions. Mr. Davis offered an amendment to Mr. Solomon's motion to provide that a public hearing be held on this point before a vote is taken. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion. It was mentioned that there was wide publicity given this topic in Washington and local newspapers and all who wished to be heard had the opportunity this evening, precluding the necessity for any further public hearings on the matter. Mr. Davis' amendment to Mr. Solomon's motion failed, by vote of 4 - 3. Mr. Solomon's motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes -- Lory, Solomon, Heriot, and Hudgins. Nays -- Gleason, Davis, and Parsons. Thus, all future new high schools, under construction and proposed, shall be named for some prominent American, now deceased.

In connection with this general discussion, the following letters had been submitted, and copies mailed to Board members:

1. Resolution adopted by the Franconia P.T.A. requesting that the Board sustain its prior action naming the high school.
2. Linda Winslow, sixth grader at the Burke School, suggests MOSBY HS.
3. Mrs. Glen E. Weston makes suggestions of several names for the new high school.

Decision on the naming of the school formerly designated FRANCONIA HIGH SCHOOL was deferred to another meeting.

Mr. Hudgins expressed regret that the Board had not yet reached the other weighty matters on the agenda and requested the forbearance of those who had come to the meeting expressly to hear Board decision on some of the other matters listed. These are to be taken up by the Board at its May 8 meeting, with the item of half day sessions being first on the agenda. However, since there were several matters that had to be handled this evening, the Board went on with these considerations after the large congregation left.

There had been given Board members a resume and tabulations of bids submitted on several school additions, as follows:

Hollin Hills Elem. School Addition - Pickett & Siess, Architects. - Bids opened 4/29/58, at 3:30 P.M.

<u>Contractor & Bid Bond</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt.#1 Conc.Mas.Units</u>	<u>Alt.#2 Acoustical Plaster</u>	<u>Alt.#3 Painted Lght.Steel</u>
Cannon Const.Co.-6%	\$67,840.00	-\$620.00	- \$400.00	- \$400.00
Cowles Const.Co.-6%	\$66,966.00	+\$1,958.00	None	None
LaChance, P. E.-6%	\$78,000.00	+\$1,900.00	- \$700.00	None
Lindon Const. Co.-6%	\$64,500.00	-\$405.00	- \$400.00	None
Reid, Inc. - 6%	\$78,500.00	+\$2,089.00	- \$36.00	None
Rosti, Earl - 6%	\$74,000.00	-\$1,100.00	- \$600.00	None
Rust Const. Co. - 6%	\$79,000.00	+\$1,900.00	- \$700.00	None
Whitener & Skillman - 6%	\$72,124.00	-\$1,200.00	- \$700.00	None

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Navy Elem. School Addition - Pickett & Siess, Architects - Bids opened 4/29/58, 3:30 P.M.

Contractor and Bid Bond	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt. #2	Alt. #3	Alt. #4	Alt. #5
		Conc. Mas. Units	Acoustical Plaster	Omit Cl. Rm. #3 & #6	Omit Cl. Rm. #3 & #6 Mas. units	Painted Lt. Steel
Cowles Const. Co. - 6%	\$ 53,255.00	-\$1,358.00	- \$195.00	None	None	None
Lindon Const. Co. - 6%	\$ 51,700.00	None	- \$600.00	-\$11,000.00	-\$11,000.00	None
Reid, Inc. - 6%	\$60,350.00	+\$1,500.00	- \$192.00	-\$11,000.00	-\$2,870.00	None
Rosti, Earl - 6%	\$ 58,000.00	-\$2,400.00	- \$600.00	-\$12,000.00	-\$11,000.00	None
Wayne Const. Co. - 6%	\$ 59,000.00	-\$2,800.00	None	-\$11,200.00	-\$10,500.00	None
Whitener & Skillman - 6%	\$ 57,331.00	-\$2,622.00	- \$700.00	-\$13,162.00	-\$11,334.00	None

Pimmit Hills Elem. School Addition - Pickett & Siess, Architects - Bids opened 4/29/58, 3:30 P.M.

Contractor and Bid Bond	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt. #2	Alt. #3
		Conc. Mas. Units	Acoustical Plaster	Painted Lt. Steel
Cowles Const. Co. - 6%	\$57,861.00	+\$1,397.00	- \$580.00	None
E. N. Hooper - 6%	\$60,000.00	-\$3,400.00	- \$600.00	- \$1,000.00
Lindon Const. - 6%	\$57,000.00	None	- \$580.00	None
Reid, Inc. - 6%	\$67,390.00	+\$1,700.00	- \$175.00	None
Rosti, Earl - 6%	\$64,000.00	-\$1,100.00	- \$600.00	None
Wayne Const. Co. - 6%	\$63,400.00	-\$2,750.00	None	None
Whitener & Skillman - 6%	\$62,576.00	-\$1,200.00	- \$700.00	None

The Board's building committee had reviewed bid submissions prior to this meeting. Mr. Heriot moved that contract for the construction of additions to the Hollin Hills, Pimmit Hills, and Navy Schools be awarded to Lindon Construction Company, on the basis of low combination base bid only on the three projects, in the amount of \$169,000. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Trout of the Town of Vienna, was present to review with the Board the proposed AGREEMENT OF EXCHANGE AND SALE, as prepared by School Board staff, to cover various unsettled negotiations with the Town. He agreed to recommend the acceptance of most of the conditions of the document to the Town Council and pointed out some provisions which he preferred be changed, particularly with reference to the water and sewer line installations to the Vienna H. S. and extent of recovery of the cost by the School Board through subsequent hookups by property owners. The Board agreed to his alternate suggestion that the amounts recoverable to the School Board shall be to the limit of our use of that property and the extent of our cost liability. He said there was not much hope of providing public sanitary sewer service to the Cedar Lane School any time soon because the right-of-way for the installation had to be secured from a developer who was not willing to cooperate until his zoning request for housing development was approved. However, Mayor Trout promised all due diligence to see that a sewer connection is made to this school, as soon as possible. He also requested that the Town Council be permitted to review the agreement to be executed granting Northern Virginia Properties a lease for parking privileges in exchange for certain railroad rights-of-way in Vienna, to which the Board agreed. Mayor Trout agreed to get waiver of reverts by existing heirs to the public library property, necessary before the Town can sign the document. He also agreed that "The Town of Vienna will vacate the deed of dedication of that portion of Locust St. running through the Vienna Elem. School property".

Mr. Pope presented the Virginia Dept. of Highways' proposal for acquisition of .13 of an acre of Clifton School property to make some road improvements. Mr. Heriot moved that agreement with the Va. Dept. of Highways for the donation of .13 of an acre of Clifton School property as described in the document, be executed by the proper officers of the Board. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion and it carried.

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Action was taken on site acquisitions as follows:

Mr. Heriot moved that conveyance be prepared for the acquisition of 10.158 acres of land in the Waynewood (Plymouth Haven) area for the construction of an elementary school, at cost of \$9,881.72 for the street, storm sewer and sanitary sewer, land being donated. Mr. Gleason seconded the motion and it carried.


Mr. Davis moved that the approximately six acres of land available adjacent to the Annandale H. S. property be purchased from Mace Properties, Inc., at a price not to exceed \$4,000 per acre. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Solomon moved that $6\frac{1}{2}$ additional acres of land be purchased for the McLean H. S. at a price not to exceed \$4,500 per acre. Mr. Heriot seconded the motion and it carried.

Proposal was submitted for the purchase of additional land at the Sleepy Hollow School but no action taken.

At 12:15 P.M. the meeting recessed to 8:00 P.M., May 8.


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CHAIRMAN