

## MINUTES

## FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Jackson Intermediate School

15th Meeting - April 25, 1985

Regular

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Collier convened the meeting at 7 p.m. Mrs. Hanley moved and Mr. Kitchin seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss disciplinary matters concerning students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344 (a)(1a), to protect the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(a)(3), and to discuss the discipline of an employee pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(a)(1). The motion passed unanimously.

II. MEETING OPENINGSA. Call to Order

Chairman Collier reconvened the public session at 8:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Carmin Caputo	James Kitchin
Anthony Cardinale	Anthony Lane
Mary Collier	Laura McDowall
Robert Frye	Olivia Michener
Katherine Hanley	

Also present were the student representative to the Board, Michael R. Buckler, Jr.; Division Superintendent William J. Burkholder; Deputy Superintendent Donald Lacey; and members of the Leadership Team.

B. Confirmation of action taken in executive session

Mr. Frye moved that a teacher be suspended without pay for three days from employment with the Fairfax County Public Schools. Dr. Cardinale seconded the motion which passed 7-0 with Mr. Lane, Mrs. Korologos, and Mrs. McDowall absent.

Mr. Kitchin moved to accept and affirm the decision of the Division Superintendent's designee, denying a parental request to remove certain records from their child's school file. Mrs. Hanley seconded the motion which passed 8-0 with Mrs. Korologos and Mrs. McDowall absent.

Dr. Cardinale moved that a student be suspended for violation of the substance abuse policy of the school system. Mrs. Michener seconded the motion which passed 8-0 with Mrs. Korologos and Mrs. McDowall absent.

Chairman Collier called for a vote from the three-member hearing committee which had considered an expulsion; the three members of that committee were Mrs. Collier, Mr. Lane, and Mrs. Michener. Mr. Lane moved and Mrs. Michener seconded that a student be suspended for the balance of the 1984-85 school year for violation of the substance abuse policy of the school system. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Frye asked that the Mount Eagle item be moved from the consent agenda, and added as item IV. B. 3.

**D. Resolution naming the Robinson Secondary field house the "Harry M. Smith Field House" (exhibit A)**

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The motion passed 9-0 with Mrs. Korologos absent.

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Chairman Collier asked Mr. Burkholder to tell the Board what action was being taken at the present time to alleviate the bus transportation problems. She also asked staff to respond at a later time to Mr. Calves' suggestions.

Mr. Burkholder responded by reporting on the implementation of the Board action which authorized the establishment of a substitute bus driver pool. He said virtually all those positions had been filled; however, he said this would not completely solve the transportation problems. He said a salary study had just been completed which had significant cost implications, and he would be bringing recommendations to the Board at their final budget adjustment time in May. Also, at that time, he said he would be bringing recommendations to the Board which would increase the number of buses in the fleet for next year. He said this would be accomplished by using buses which they otherwise would have discontinued using. He said he would be bringing a comprehensive report to the Board concerning the transportation needs for next year as well as recommendations on how to meet those needs.

3. Presentation by participants in teacher exchange program (exhibit E)

The following teachers addressed the Board concerning their experiences in the teacher exchange program in the countries indicated during the 1983-84 school year: Nancy Brown, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Germany; Kathryn DeCola, Lake Anne Elementary School, Hawaii; Susan Kernan, North Springfield Center, United Kingdom; Yates Miller, Glasgow Intermediate School, United Kingdom.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Adoption of Consent Agenda (without discussion)**

1. **Minutes** - Approve minutes of March 28, 1985, regular Board meeting (SB; exhibit F)
2. **Petty Cash** - Approve petty cash disbursements for March 1985 (FnS; exhibit G)

Mr. Kitchin moved and Mrs. McDowall seconded adoption of the consent agenda. The motion passed 9-0 with Mrs. Korologos absent.

**B. Approval of Other Action Items**

1. **Relocatable Classroom Buildings** - Approve award of contract for purchase and installation of relocatable classroom buildings (FcS; exhibit H)

Mrs. McDowall moved that the Board award the contract for purchase and installation of relocatable classroom buildings to Nationwide Homes in the amount of \$299,850. Mrs. McDowall asked when the relocatable classrooms would be

functional, and Mr. Hlavin responded they would be ready August 15. Mrs. Michener asked whether this list included relocatables needed for the new West Potomac High School. Mr. Hlavin responded that the requirements for the new school were included. He said, however, the determination that fifteen relocatables were needed was based on a preliminary analysis rather than current projections. He said Area Superintendents had been asked to resubmit their requirements based on the updated membership analysis. He said the final requirements would be determined in the very near future, and would include the final requirements for West Potomac High School.

Mr. Caputo asked how staff determined where the relocatable classrooms would be placed. Mr. Hlavin said the Area Superintendents presented their requirements and the Facilities staff reviewed these requirements with the Deputy Superintendent who made the final determinations.

Chairman Collier called for a vote on the motion to award a contract for the purchase and installation of relocatable classroom buildings to Nationwide Homes in the amount of \$299,850. The motion passed 9-0 with Mrs. Korologos absent.

## 2. Naming of intermediate and high schools in Mount Vernon area

Mrs. Michener moved that the Groveton facility be named the West Potomac High School and the Fort Hunt facility be named the Carl Sandburg Intermediate School. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Mrs. Michener reviewed the process used in choosing the school names. She said it was determined by the Area I Transition Advisory Committee that it would be appropriate for the students to assume the leadership in deciding on the school names. She said the communities submitted names for consideration by the students. She said the students narrowed the list down to a workable number which were voted on at the two schools. Mr. Lane spoke in support of the names being offered. Mr. Frye said he would support the motion, but asked that the Quander name continue to be used for one of the buildings.

Mrs. Michener asked the Superintendent to address the issue of financing the changes necessary for the new school. Mr. Burkholder said they were looking at the needs created by the formation of a new high and intermediate school. He said he believed that it was appropriate that appropriated funds be used for such things as new uniforms that would otherwise be provided by the efforts of the schools. He said this was a unique situation and not the same as the opening of a new school. He said it was appropriate for the Board to bear the expenses connected with the opening of the schools, and the staff was in the process of determining those expenses.

Chairman Collier called for a vote on the motion to name the two schools the West Potomac High School and the Carl Sandburg Intermediate School. The motion passed 9-0 with Mrs. Korologos absent.

There was a discussion about a motion to direct the Superintendent to provide the necessary funding for the newly organized schools. Mr. Burkholder stated there was no need for a motion to direct staff to provide the funds necessary for building alterations or relocatable classrooms since these items would be taken care of as a matter of course. Mrs. Michener said this needed to be clarified because the community needed to understand these would be provided.

Mrs. Michener moved that the Board support the provision of an outright grant to West Potomac High School for the purchase of all necessary uniforms and other equipment which will support the extracurricular programs. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Mrs. McDowall moved to amend the motion to state that this grant be made wherever high schools are merged.

Mr. Burkholder said he understood the Board was attempting to send a message to the community which would clarify the Board's intent regarding this situation and give direction to the staff. He said he was concerned that creation of the motion would require further clarification at a later time with the result that no one understood the Board's intent. He suggested that the staff return to the Board at the next meeting with a recommendation for a motion. He said this would provide an opportunity for the recommendations to go through the regular process and give the community an opportunity to react. Mr. Frye said he would feel more comfortable if the Board had some idea of the total package involved in such funding. He said the motion was limited to extracurricular activities and he could foresee other needs outside of this area. He also addressed the naming of a mascot, and suggested it be something which would be acceptable to the entire community.

Chairman Collier asked the makers of the motions if they would accept that it was the sense of the Board that the Board supported the mergers, with the request that the staff return to the Board with a motion which encompassed the three mergers rather than write such a motion at the Board table that evening. Mrs. Michener withdrew her motion concerning a grant to West Potomac High School. Chairman Collier said the Board looked forward to the schools choosing their mascots and colors, and it was the intent of the Board to buy the uniforms to support those choices.

Dr. Cardinale suggested that when the Superintendent brought his recommendations to the Board he consider bringing them in the form of a policy to be used in future mergers.



3. **Mount Eagle Elementary School** - Approve award of contract for construction of a gymnasium-music room at Mount Eagle Elementary School to N. S. Stavrou Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$756,000 (FCS; exhibit I)

Mr. Frye said he was pleased that Mount Eagle was getting a gymnasium and music room. He said he had a procedural question about the construction fund, and he asked whether it took a motion from the Board for the use of those funds. He questioned whether the \$191,000 which would be used from the construction fund should be included as part of the motion to approve the award of contract. Mr. Burkholder said he thought it would be better to include that expenditure as part of the motion. Mr. Burkholder explained that when less money was involved the expenditure did not have to be approved by the Board. Mr. Frye moved that the Board approve the award of contract for construction of a gymnasium-music room at Mount Eagle Elementary School to N. S. Stavrou Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$756,000, with \$191,000 of that amount to come from the construction fund. Mr. Lane seconded the motion which passed 9-0 with Mrs. Korologos absent.

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Tax Deferral of Contributions to Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System (ER-FC)** - Recommendation that the School Board approve (1) a resolution authorizing the Division Superintendent to proceed with planning to implement a system to tax-defer employees' contributions to the Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System (ER-FC) retroactive to January 1, 1985, subject to any changes Internal Revenue Service may require, and (2) the proposed amendment to paragraph 3.02, Plan Document for the ER-FC, that will permit the tax deferral of employees' contributions (PS; action scheduled 5/9/85; exhibit J)

Dr. Warren Eisenhower, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services, reviewed the item. Chairman Collier noted that the item stated that currently the Virginia Code did not permit local jurisdictions to tax defer employees' contributions to VSRS from income tax, and asked whether the Board should consider including this in their legislative package. Dr. Eisenhower responded that it was included in last year's legislative package and would be recommended for inclusion in next year's.

Mrs. McDowall suggested changing the wording so that both the recommendation and the explanation read the same, i.e. "A resolution granting the Division Superintendent authority to take the necessary action..."

- B. Quarterly Employment Report** - Recommendation to confirm the appointments and terminations for the period beginning January 1, 1985, and ending March 31, 1985 (PS; action scheduled 5/9/85; exhibit K)

- C. **Lewinsville Site and Building** - Recommendation to declare the Lewinsville site and building permanently surplus to School Board needs in accordance with Policy 7610.1, Real Property Disposal (FcS; action scheduled 5/9/85; exhibit L)

Chairman Collier invited Board members to visit Lewinsville to see how the building was being used. She said the community was very well served by the ways in which the building and grounds were being used.

- D. **Re-Roofing/Repairs** - Recommendation to award contract for re-roofing/repairs at London Towne, Camelot, and Cardinal Forest Elementary Schools (FcS; action scheduled 5/9/85; exhibit M)

- E. **Installation of Burners** - Recommendation to award contract for installation of burners--Phase VI--at 14 locations (FcS; action scheduled 5/9/85; exhibit N)

Mr. Burkholder said items D and E were placeholder items, and would be returned to the Board with the bids and recommendations at the May 9 meeting.

Mrs. McDowall asked for cost information associated with item E., Installation of Burners; Mr. Burkholder said this would be provided.

Chairman Collier said unless Board members indicated otherwise, all the above items would be placed on the consent agenda for the May 9 meeting.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Items introduced by the Superintendent

None.

### B. Items introduced by Board members

Mr. Buckler invited Board members to attend the SAC convention the next day at Robinson Secondary School at which time the student representative to the School Board would be elected for the term beginning July 1, 1985.

Dr. Cardinale reviewed some of the issues which had come before the Board, and said the one issue which continued to trouble him was the Board vote on March 14, 1985, concerning Robinson Secondary School boundaries. He distributed a map of the area he was concerned about (exhibit O). Dr. Cardinale moved that the Board assign to Robinson Intermediate and Robinson High School all rising 7th through 12th grade students residing in the pre-1984-85 Fairview Elementary School attendance area south of Butts Corner and west of 123, and that this assignment remain in effect for all subsequent

rising 7th through 12th graders until the opening of the Braddock Park facility. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Hanley reported on her attendance at the Area II elementary science fair at Falls Church High School, and the Virginia School Boards Association meeting. She said there was a 30-second visual presentation on a program at Parklawn which she hoped the rest of the Board could view sometime. She announced that the Virginia Reading Teacher of the Year taught at Fairhill Elementary School, and asked that she be included in the next group of school personnel recognized at a Board meeting. She asked for a report on the 7th period day pilot program conducted at four high schools. Mr. Burkholder responded that this would be provided.

Mrs. McDowall said the Board would be receiving a memorandum outlining the items which would be discussed at the Instruction Committee meeting in May. She said there was not enough time to deal with all the items at this meeting, and she asked Board members to respond to the memorandum by indicating whether they preferred to receive written reports on some items or wanted to schedule another meeting in June.

Mrs. Hanley asked about the relocation of the adolescent parenting program, and whether any other approaches were being considered. Mr. Burkholder said as they looked at relocation, they would look at the "whole package."

Dr. Cardinale complimented Dr. Gosling, and the area IV staff and teachers on their project designed to develop students' critical thinking entitled "The 21st Century, 15 Years and Counting."

Mrs. Michener reported on the activities of the Area I Transition Advisory Committee. She reported on the ways the community was being kept informed. She also reported on some of the concerns of the community such as transportation, curriculum, budget, and facilities.

Mr. Lane asked again for a response from staff about the consideration of volleyball as a varsity sport.

Mrs. McDowall cited press reports on the difficulty of obtaining asbestos removal liability insurance, and questioned the effect on the removal projects underway. Mr. Hlavin said he had checked with surrounding jurisdictions, and they had no problems with obtaining bids which required liability insurance. He said he did not see any problem in obtaining qualified bidders.

Mr. Frye complimented Dr. Mary Anne Lecos for her presentation to the Human Relations Advisory Committee on minority academic performance efforts. He reported on his attendance at international night at Dogwood Elementary School, and a tour of the pilot right-to-read lab sponsored by IBM. He said he had received a call from his representative on the Adult Education Advisory Committee expressing concern about the

disposition of vacant schools in the Mount Vernon District. He said the Pimmit Hills Center was overcrowded, and asked that staff give consideration to school system needs before disposing of the property and their contents.

Mr. Caputo reiterated what Mr. Frye said about Dogwood Elementary as he was also present for the international night. Mr. Caputo asked the status of his request that soccer be considered for a varsity sport. He addressed the need to adjust pyramids because of last year's boundary changes. Mr. Burkholder said he would have recommendations for pyramid adjustments by the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Caputo said the Virginia High School League was looking at having one less high school in the Gunston District, but said that for the next year the Gunston District would remain the same. He said George Stepp, Chairman of the Northern Region of the VHSL, had appointed a committee to look at the possibility of redistricting in the following years.

Chairman Collier acknowledged secretaries' week, and thanked the School Board staff for their support.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Frye moved and Dr. Cardinale seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 9-0 with Mrs. Korologos absent. The time was 10:30 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk