MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
School Board Work Session
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1. ***Forum Topic: Energy Savings Performance Contracting and Energy Service Companies 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.***

Item 1.01: Call to Order and Announcement, Robyn Lady, Meeting Manager

Meeting Manager, Robyn Lady, called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock, **absent**)
Seema Dixit (Sully, **Absent**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon, **Virtual**)
Karl Frisch (Providence, **Absent**)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill, **left 11:12 a.m.**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Leadership Team present: Division Superintendent **Dr. Michelle Reid**; Chief Academic Officer **Dr. Sloan Presidio**; Chief Information Technology Officer **Gautam Sethi;** Chief Facilities Services and Capital Programs Officer **Erik Gordon**; Auditor General**, Esther ko**; Deputy Auditor General, **Danielle Moore**

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Motion: Mr. Dunne has submitted a request to attend tonight's meeting remotely due to a professional obligation, and is located in Alexandria, Virginia. I have performed an initial review of Mr. Dunne's request and, having found it to be in compliance with the School Board's Remote Participation Resolution, I have approved the request.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. McElveen, Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Anderson, Ms. St. John-Cunning, Ms. Lady, Mr. Moon
No: Dr. Ricardy Anderson

Item 1.02: Forum Topic: Energy Saving Performance Contracting

Discussion Highlights: The Board engaged in an inquiry regarding the fiscal distinctions between private funding models and traditional capital allocations. Deliberations focused on vendor qualifications under the Virginia Energy Plan and the performance history of providers. Division

Superintendent noted her prior successful implementations of ESCO models and indicated that preliminary meetings with providers have already occurred. The Board discussed how these contracts would integrate with current procurement standards and their potential implications for the division's bonding capacity.

Consensus: The Board directs the Superintendent to report back on previous division experiences with ESCOs, current explorations regarding the Virginia Energy ESPC program, and a comprehensive cost-benefit/bonding analysis.

Yes: Ricardy Anderson, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St. John-Cunning, Sandy Anderson, Robyn Lady, Melanie Meren, Kyle McDaniel, Karl Frisch, Tom Dannan, and Ilryong Moon
No: -

2. FY25 OAG Annual Report and FY27 Risk Assessment and Audit Topics 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Item 2.01: Call to Order and Announcement, Ryan McElveen and Ilryong Moon, Meeting Managers

Meeting Managers, Ryan McElveen and Ilryong Moon, called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m. with the following Board members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock, **Absent**)
Seema Dixit (Sully, **arr 11:32 a.m.**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon, **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence, **Absent**)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large, **Absent**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill, **arr 11:33 a.m.**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Leadership Team present: Division Superintendent **Dr. Michelle Reid**; Chief Academic Officer **Dr. Sloan Presidio**; Chief Information Technology Officer **Gautam Sethi;** Chief Facilities Services and Capital Programs Officer **Erik Gordon**; Auditor General**, Esther ko**; Deputy Auditor General, **Danielle Moore**

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Item 2.02: Fiscal Year 2027 Office of Auditor General (OAG) Risk Assessment and Audit Topics

Staff Contact: Auditor General, Esther Ko; Deputy Auditor General, Danelle Moore

Discussion Highlights: Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General synthesized performance audit results for FY25, highlighting reviews of Procurement, Student Disciplinary processes, and Construction contracting. The Construction and Renovation audit identified one high-risk finding,

while the Procurement audit noted moderate risks regarding vendor approval alignment between IT and Procurement. The Board noted the OAG's successful peer review, which yielded a "pass" rating with no management letter. Additionally, the office facilitated internal control and fraud awareness training for nearly 2,000 stakeholders.

3. The Board took a brief recess from 12:31 p.m. to 1:36 p.m. between Work Session topics.

4. Pre-K and Early Head Start Parent Policy Committee (PKEHSPPC) Annual Report 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Item 4.01: Call to Order and Announcement, Marcia St. John-Cunning, Meeting Managers

Meeting Manager, Marcia St. John-Cunning, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock, **Absent**)
Seema Dixit (Sully)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon, **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence**, arr 1:59 p.m.**)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large, **arr 1:58 p.m.**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill, **Absent**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

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Item 4.02: PreK and Early Head Start Parent Policy Committee 2025-2026 Annual Report

Staff Contact: Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Department (ISD), **Ellen Reilly;**

Other Staff Present: Director Office of Early Childhood Curriculum and Grant Management, ISD**, Lisa Pilson;** Committee Chair**, Theresa Do;** Vice Chair**, Garrett Snoeyenbus**

Summary: The FCPS PreK and Early Head Start Parent Policy Committee is a Superintendent's Advisory Committee and is required to provide an annual report to the program's governing body, Fairfax County School Board, per Head Start Program Performance Standards.

Discussion Highlight: The Board discussed the challenges of serving a high-demand population, specifically noting the 1,280 three-year-olds currently on waitlists as four-year-olds are prioritized. Facility constraints were highlighted, citing the example of Wayne Oak Elementary, where fifth-grade students were relocated to accommodate Pre-K growth. The PPC presented three core recommendations: revising school-based staffing formulas to include Pre-K students, expanding access to after-school childcare enrichment, and securing continued funding for program expansion.The Board then transitioned to the technical education foundation report.

The Board took a brief recess from 2:41 p.m. to 2:47 p.m. between Work Session topics.

5. **Foundation for Applied Technical Education (FATE) Annual Report 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Item 5.01: Call to Order and Announcement, Marcia St. John-Cunning, Meeting Manager

Meeting Manager, Marcia St. John-Cunning, called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock**, arr 2:51 p.m.**)
Seema Dixit (Sully)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon, **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill, **arr 3:12 p.m.)**
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

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Item 5.02: Foundation for Applied Technical Education, Inc SY2025-2026 Annual Report

Staff Contact: Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Department, Ellen T. Reilly

Other Staff Present: Director, Counseling, College, and Career Readiness, **Jennifer Glaser;** Senior Manager, Career and Technical Education, **Whitney Ketchledge;** Senior Manager, Technology and Engineering Education and Building Trades, **Craig Lewis;** President, FATE, **Ed Johnson**

Discussion Highlight: The Board reviewed the status of the "Trades for Tomorrow" program and apprenticeship opportunities. Members emphasized the need for state-level advocacy to modify regulations regarding student access to job sites for HVAC and electrical programs, noting that current age restrictions hinder hands-on training in high-demand technical fields.The Board then moved to the final discussion regarding technology and AI governance.

The Board took a brief recess from 3:30 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. between Work Session topics.

6. Innovative Technology Policy Discussion 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Item 6.01: Call to Order and Announcement, Marcia St. John-Cunning, Meeting Manager

Meeting Manager, Marcia St. John-Cunning, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock)
Seema Dixit (Sully)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon, **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

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Item 6.02: Innovative Technology Policy Discussion

Staff Contact: Clerk to the School Board, **Christina Setlow**

Other Staff Present: Deputy Clerk to the School Board, **Janet Brown**

Discussion Highlight: Deliberations focused on screen-time limits and developmental safety. Although a Grade 8 prohibition was initially discussed, the Board reached a consensus on banning AI usage in elementary grades (through Grade 6). The Board further agreed on 1:1 device restrictions for students in Pre-K through Grade 2, ensuring these devices remain in the classroom rather than being taken home. Middle and High school usage will be permitted only within specified course descriptions, supported by a parental opt-out provision.

Consensus: The Board directs the Superintendent to bifurcate technology policies. Home device use is restricted for Pre-K through Grade 2. AI usage is prohibited through Grade 6. AI may be utilized in Middle and High School courses as explicitly specified in course descriptions, subject to a parental opt-out provision.

Yes: Ricardy Anderson, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St. John-Cunning, Sandy Anderson, Robyn Lady, Melanie Meren, Kyle McDaniel, Karl Frisch, Tom Dannan, and Ilryong Moon
No: -

7. Adjournment of Work Session

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Sandy Anderson, Chair of the Board

Approved: July 16, 2026