MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Luther Jackson Middle School

Public Hearing May 12, 2026

1. ***Public Hearing: FY 2027 Approved Budget***

Item 1.01: FY2027 Approved Budget Public Hearing (Exhibit C)

Ms. Dixit called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with the following Board Members present:

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

While Mr. Frisch, Ms. Lady, and Mr. McElveen requested to participate virtually in this public hearing, they were not able to be voted in due to a lack of quorum. Therefore, they were only able to watch online and for the purposes of quorum are considered absent from the public hearing despite watching the hearing online.

Leadership Team Present: Division Superintendent **Dr. Michelle Reid**; Chief of Staff **Marty Smith**;

School Board Office Staff Present: Clerk to the School Board **Christina Setlow** and Deputy Clerk to the School Board **Janet Brown**.

Student Representative: Faith Mekonen was not present.

Ms. Dixit announced that tonight's public hearing was on the Board's FY 2027 Approved Budget. As part of the annual budget cycle, the School Board must review the approved budget that outlines the division's fiscal priorities, such as competitive staff compensation, class size restoration, and specialized student support. The School Board held a public hearing to receive comments from families and members of the public before voting to take action on the approved budget.

Ms. Dixit recognized Mr. Emery and thanked him for coming to speak before the School Board tonight as he is a former Fairfax County School Board Chair.

Item 1.02: Testimony on FY 2027 Approved Budget (Exhibit B)

9 individuals addressed the Board to testify on the 2027 Approved Budget.

In-Person/Virtual Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic	Exhibit
1	Mark Emery	Individual	After-School Programs	
2	Molly Cronin	Individual	Fully Funding FEU Contracts	
3	Eli Bolotin	Individual	FY 2027 Approved Budget	
4	Juliette Adams	Individual	Community Budget Table	
5	Emily VanDerhoff	Fairfax County Federation of Teachers (FCFT) President	FY2027 Budget	
6	Sewit Araia	Individual	Title I School Budget	
7	Brian Thoreson	Individual	ACE and Middle School Theater Funding	
8	Michelle Dirst	FCPS Parents for Intentional Tech	Tech Equipment/Funding and Budgeting	
9	Manasi Long	Individual	Personal Electronic Device Budgets	

Ms. Dixit thanked the speakers for sharing comments with the School Board regarding the approved FY 2027 Budget. Ms. Dixit announced that the Board is scheduled to take action on the plan at their May 21, 2026 at the Regular Meeting.

2. ***Adjournment***

Item 2.01: Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:31 p.m

Sandy B. Anderson, Chair of the Board

Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Approved: May 21, 2026