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Regular Meeting April 09, 2026

1. ***Public Meeting***

Item 1.01 Motion to Convene a Closed Meeting (Exhibit A)

Chair S. Anderson convened the Public Meeting at 4:36 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; **Absent**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon; **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large; **absent**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill; ; **Absent**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Ms. Lady, Ms. Dixit, Mr. Dunne, Mr. McDaniel and Ms. Meren were absent.

Leadership Team Present: Division Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid and Division Counsel John Foster

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

The Student Representative, Faith Mekonen, does not attend these meetings of the Board.

Motion: The Board will now make a motion on April 9, 2026 to go into closed meeting to 1) discuss personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)), 2) security matters pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(19); 3) disciplinary and other matters concerning one or more students pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) and (A)(4), and 4) consult with legal counsel regarding specific matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) and (A)(8), specifically a) personnel, b) student discipline , c) accommodation of students and d) Freedom of Information Act.

Motion by Karl V Frisch, second by Ilryong Moon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Chair S. Anderson adjourned the public meeting at 4:37 p.m.

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2. *Closed Meeting*

Item 2.01 Closed Meeting (Exhibit B)

Chair Anderson convened the Closed Meeting at 4:37 p.m., with the following Board Members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville; **arr. 4:39 p.m.**)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock)
Seema Dixit (Sully; **arr. 5:40 p.m.**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon; **arr. 5:35 p.m.**)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large; **arr. 4:42 p.m.**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill; **arr. 4:50 p.m.**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Leadership Team Present: Division Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid; Chief of Staff Marty Smith; and Division Counsel John Foster

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

The Student Representative, Faith Mekenon, does not attend these meetings of the Board.

The Board then took a break from 5:55 p.m. to 6:03 p.m.

The Closed Session adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The Board then took a brief break between the Closed Meeting and the Regular Meeting from 6:57 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

3. *Regular Meeting*

Category #3: Meeting Opening

Item 3.01: Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem (Exhibit C)

Chair S. Anderson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following Board Members present:

Sandy Anderson (Chair and Springfield)
Robyn Lady (Vice Chair and Dranesville; **arr. 7:11 p.m.**)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Tom Dannan (Braddock)
Seema Dixit (Sully)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)

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Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon) Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Leadership Team Present: Division Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid; Chief of Staff Marty Smith; Chief Academic Officer Dr. Sloan Presidio; Chief Information Technology Officer Gautam Sethi; Chief Equity Officer Dr. Nardos King; Chief of Facilities Services and Capital Programs Erik Gordon; Chief Operating Officer Andy Muick; Chief Financial Officer Leigh Burden; Chief Safety and Security Officer; Chief Experience and Engagement Officer Lisa Y. Hall; Chief Human Resources Officer William Solomon; Chief of Schools Dr. Geovanny Ponce; Division Counsel John Foster; Assistant Superintendent, Strategy, Planning, and Learning Marcy Kneale; Assistant Superintendent, Region 3 Ray Lonnett; Assistant Superintendent, Region 4 Pablo Resendiz; Interim Assistant Superintendent, Region 6 Dr. Francis Ivey

School Board Office Staff Present: Clerk to the School Board Christina Setlow and Deputy Clerk to the School Board Kevin Jackson.

Student Representative Faith Mekonen was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Student Representative Faith Mekonen. The Board observed a moment of silence, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the Whitman Middle School Symphonic Orchestra under the direction of Elizabeth Fogel.

Item 3.02: Announcements

Ms. Lady submitted a request to participate in the meeting remotely due to a professional commitment, and attended the meeting from Winter Park, Florida. The Board Chair performed an initial review of Ms. Lady's request and, having found it to be in compliance with the School Board's Remote Participation Resolution, approved the request. Ms. Lady's audio and video were then verified, and she was heard and seen in the meeting room.

Board Members physically present confirmed the Chair's approval of Ms. Lady's request by a vote of 10-1 [Ms. Anderson - Chair, Mr. Dannan, Ms. Dixit, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Frisch, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. McElveen, Ms. Meren, Mr. Moon, and Ms. St. John-Cunning voted yes; Dr. Anderson voted no]

On behalf of the School Board, Chair Anderson welcomed Fairfax City School Board member Derrick Healthy and Fairfax City School Board Member Amit Hickman to the meeting.

Item 3.03: ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION (Exhibit D)

WHEREAS, April is a time to celebrate Arab American heritage and culture and pay tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic speaking Americans. This year's theme, "Many Voices, One Community," underscores the ideal that diversity is not a weakness, but a strength –

one that enriches American society, deepens our collective story, and honors our differences while affirming our unity; and

WHEREAS, nearly four million Americans trace their roots to an Arab country. Arab Americans hail from 22 Arab nations and are diverse ethnically, religiously, politically, and artistically; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and invented many groundbreaking innovations to include television transmission and LCD screens, the waffle cone, emotion recognition technology, the iPod and the iPhone, surgical developments including the concept behind coronary bypass surgery, and internet security advances such as the Digital Signature Standard (DSS); and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, people of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as model citizens and public servants; and Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates our fellow Americans and counters bias, misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared abuses by other ethnic groups; and Arab American Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the great pride and vibrancy of the over 100,000 Arab Americans in Virginia whose abilities and contributions strengthen Virginia's economy, diverse culture, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Public Schools believes in fostering an inclusive community that empowers all students and families. Arab American Heritage Month presents an opportunity to explore and appreciate the diversity that strengthens our community. Through classroom activities and educational programs we aim to enrich our students' understanding and appreciation of Arab American heritage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board hereby proclaims April as **ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** and officially recognizes the contributions Arab Americans have made to our society. We encourage the celebration of the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures, and traditions of Arab Americans and encourage participation in educational events honoring their contributions.

Motion: That the School Board approve the Arab American Heritage Month proclamation.

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Marcia St John-Cunning.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

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Item 3.04: SCHOOL LIBRARIAN APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION (Exhibit E)

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as School Library Month, a time to celebrate the essential role that school librarians and library services staff play in supporting student achievement and fostering a love of reading and learning; and

WHEREAS, school librarians in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are highly trained instructional partners who design and deliver engaging learning experiences that strengthen literacy, research, and critical thinking skills for all students; and

WHEREAS, FCPS librarians and Library Services staff lead and support innovative programs that promote equitable access to diverse resources, digital tools, and emerging technologies, ensuring that all students can locate, evaluate, and use information effectively in an increasingly complex world; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide welcoming, inclusive environments that encourage curiosity, creativity, and student voice, providing access to materials that reflect the diversity of our community and broaden students' understanding of different perspectives and cultures; and

WHEREAS, FCPS Library Services staff curate high-quality collections, support instructional initiatives, advance digital citizenship, and ensure that library programs remain responsive to the evolving needs of students and educators; and

WHEREAS, school librarians foster a lifelong love of reading by guiding students to discover books that inspire, challenge, and engage them, while supporting both academic success and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of FCPS librarians and Library Services staff strengthen our schools and communities by promoting literacy, innovation, and equitable access to knowledge for every student.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board hereby proclaims April 2026 as School Librarian Appreciation Month, and expresses its highest commendation for the dedication, expertise, and impact of school librarians and Library Services staff. We encourage the Fairfax County community to recognize and celebrate the vital contributions of school librarians and to engage with their school libraries throughout the year.

Motion: That the School Board approve the School Librarian Appreciation Month proclamation.

Motion by Tom Dannan, second by Seema Dixit.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

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Item 3.05: THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD PROCLAMATION (Exhibit F)

WHEREAS, April is the Month of the Military Child. This designation was established by former U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in 1986 to acknowledge and honor our youngest military heroes and the significant role they play in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme for the Month of the Military Child is "Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story" and shines a light on the everyday courage of military children. Their stories, filled with resilience, adaptability, and quiet strength. demonstrate the powerful character they build while growing up in a world defined by service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to over 77,000 military-connected school age students, more than any other state in the nation. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) proudly supports around 13,500 military-connected youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, our military-connected students bring wealth of life experiences to our schools. Military families relocate frequently, leading their children to change schools and support networks with each move. These students know first-hand what it feels like to be the "new kid" and know how a welcoming attitude can help every new student; and

WHEREAS, military-connected children overcome many challenges and have unique experiences as a result of their parents' assignments at duty stations around the world; and

WHEREAS, FCPS is honored to participate in the Purple Star Designation Program. The ninety-six FCPS Purple Star schools are recognized by the Virginia Department of Education and Virginia Council on Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children for actively supporting military-connected students and their families and we remain dedicated to ensuring all schools earn the Purple Star Designation by the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, on April 15th FCPS will celebrate "Purple Up! Day." Purple symbolizes all branches of the military as a combination of Army green, Marine Corps red, and Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force and Space Force blue. We encourage everyone to wear purple to celebrate our military-connected students next Wednesday.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board celebrates April as the Month of the Military Child in recognition of military-connected students for their heroism, character, sacrifices, and continued resilience. This month provides a powerful opportunity to raise awareness and build support for these children; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board extends our appreciation for the service of all children from military families and encourage everyone to wear purple throughout the month to celebrate our military-connected students and their families.

Motion: That the School Board approve the Month of the Military Child proclamation.

Motion by Marcia St John-Cunning, second by Ricardy J Anderson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Item 3.06: Annual Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers (Exhibit F)

The School Board honored educators who achieved or renewed their certification as a National Board Certified Teacher, through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

National Board Certified Teachers – Newly Certified

Name	Region	District	School	Certification
Stacy Pekarik	5	Braddock	Wakefield Forest ES	Generalist, Early Childhood
Bhumika Saxena	3	Franconia	Twain MS	Science, Early Adolescence

National Board Certified Teachers – Renewed Certification

Name	Region	District	School	Certification
Carrie Cleary	6	Springfield	Saratoga ES	Exceptional Needs Specialist, Early Childhood through Young Adulthood – Gifted and Talented
Jennifer Cottle	2	Dranesville	Haycock ES	Generalist, Early Childhood
Krista Gallagher	4	Braddock	Lake Braddock Secondary	English-Language Arts, Adolescence
Kathleen Gannon	4	Braddock	Cardinal Forest ES	School Counseling, Early Childhood through Young Adulthood
Allison Popsuy	5	Sully	Stone MS	Literacy: Reading-Language Arts, Early and Middle Childhood
Christopher Roeseler	3	Mount Vernon	Bucknell ES	Generalist, Middle Childhood
Suzanne Roettger	5	City of Fairfax	Providence ES	Generalist, Early Childhood

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Name	Region	District	School	Certification
Catherine Williams	5	City of Fairfax	Fairfax HS	Science-Chemistry, Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Category #4: Community Participation (Item 4.01): (Exhibit H)

8 individuals addressed the Board in the time reserved for public comment.

In-Person/Virtual Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic
1	Anthony Lambkin	Individual	School calendar
2	Julie Kouril	FCPS Parents for Intentional Technology	Device, Tech, & AI Policies
3	Angie Trerotola	Individual	School Calendar
4	Emily VanDerhoff	FCFT	Calendar
5	Christina Kish	Justice H.S. Rowing Boosters	Requesting transportation support from FCPS for the rowing team
6	Alyssa Colman	Individual	Recommendations for five-day school weeks

Video Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic
1	Stephanie Lundquist-Arora	Independent Women's Network	Education
2	Kimberly Adams	Individual	Calendar

While Nicole Woodward signed up to submit pre-recorded video testimony, she did not submit her video, and thus, no video was shown for her during this portion of the Regular Meeting.

Category #5: Student Representative Matters (Item 5.01) (Exhibit I)

Remarks provided by Student Representative Faith Mekonen.

Category #6: Action Items

Item 6.01: Certification of a Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit J).

Summary: Certification of the April 9, 2026 Closed Meeting in accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-3712 (D).

Board Action:

Motion: In order to comply with Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary for the Board to certify that since the Fairfax County School Board convened a closed meeting on April 9, 2026, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed meeting.

Motion by Ryan McElveen, second by Karl V Frisch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
Abstain: Seema Dixit

Item 6.02: Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed (Exhibit K)

Summary: The Board may take action in the Closed Meeting that requires a public vote. Any such actions are recorded during this portion of the Regular Meeting.

Board Action:

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Closed Motion #1: I move to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student, who was charged with a crime in the community and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent.

Motion by Karl V Frisch, second by Marcia St John-Cunning.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
Abstain: Melanie K Meren, Seema Dixit

Closed Motion #2: I move to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student, who brought nicotine and drugs onto school property with intent to distribute (sell) them at school, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent.

Motion by Marcia St John-Cunning, second by Kyle McDaniel.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
Abstain: Seema Dixit

Closed Motion #3: I move to remand the school reassignment appeal of a student, who assaulted another student on school grounds resulting in serious bodily injury, to the Division Superintendent for further consideration based on the discussion in the Closed Meeting.

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Ilryong Moon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
Abstain: Seema Dixit

Closed Motion #4: I move to expel the student who committed a serious offense in violation of School Board policy by being convicted of one count of possession or transportation of a firearm by persons under the age of 18 and one count of unlawfully handling a firearm so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of another.

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Tom Dannan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Abstain: Seema Dixit

Item 6.03: Motion to Amend School Calendar Regarding Indigenous Peoples' Day (Exhibit L)

Summary: The Board voted on whether to Amend School Calendar Regarding Indigenous Peoples' day

Board Action:

Main Motion: I move that the Fairfax County School Board direct the Superintendent to designate Indigenous Peoples' Day as a standard instructional day for students and staff for the 2026-2027 school year, and all subsequent years, and to create and implement a district-wide "Indigenous Peoples' Day Observance Curriculum" focused on the history, sovereignty, and contributions past and present of local indigenous peoples and especially First Americans.

Motion by Melanie K Meren, second by Ryan McElveen.
Final Resolution: Motion Fails
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Ricardy J Anderson
No: Kyle McDaniel, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Ilryong Moon
Abstain: Mateo Dunne

Item 6.04: Motion to Amend School Calendar Regarding Early Release Days (Exhibit M)

Summary: The Board considered a motion on capping the number of early release days per school year, beginning with School Year 2026-2027.

Board Action: Mr. Dunne moved, and Ms. Meren seconded, the original main motion, which states: I move to direct the Superintendent to schedule no more than four (4) early release days per school year.

During the discussion by School Board Members, Mr. Dannan then moved to amend the original main motion, which Mr. Moon seconded, thatstates: "I move to amend by striking 'four (4) early release days" and inserting "eight (8) early release days in its place". Several School Board Members made comments, then the Board Members took a brief recess from 9:39 p.m. to 9:55 p.m.

Upon returning from the recess, Dr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Dannan seconded, a secondary degree amendment, that states: "I move to strike the amendment in its entirety and replace it to read as follows: by striking "four (4) early release days" and inserting the phrase "eight (8) early release days for elementary school students" in its place."

After discussing the secondary degree amendment, the Board then took the following vote on it:

Secondary Degree Amendment: I move to strike the amendment in its entirety and replace it to read as follows: by striking "four (4) early release days" and inserting the phrase "eight (8) early release days for elementary school students" in its place.

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Tom Dannan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Ryan McElveen, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
No: Melanie K Meren
Abstain: Kyle McDaniel, Marcia St John-Cunning, Sandy B Anderson - Chair

Once the secondary amendment was adopted, it replaced the original amendment. Thus, the Board considered the following amended amendment.

Amended Amendment: I move to amend by striking "four (4) early release days" and inserting "eight (8) early release days for elementary school students" in its place.

Note: While BoardDocs says that the motion fails, this is incorrect, as abstentions do not count as negative votes under Robert's Rules of Order. Therefore, since the yeses and nos are 6-1, the motion would carry and passes.

Motion by Tom Dannan, second by Ilryong Moon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Ryan McElveen, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
No: Melanie K Meren
Abstain: Kyle McDaniel, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit

Following the Board's action to adopt the amended amendment, the Board considered the amended main motion:

Amended Main Motion: I move to direct the Superintendent to schedule no more than eight (8) early release days for elementary school students per school year.

Note: While BoardDocs says that the motion fails, this is incorrect, as abstentions do not count as negative votes under Robert's Rules of Order. Therefore, since the yeses and nos are 5-1, the motion would carry and passes.

Motion by Mateo Dunne, second by Melanie K Meren.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ryan McElveen, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

No: Melanie K Meren
Abstain: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit

Item 6.05: Motion to Amend School Calendar Regarding Veterans Day (Exhibit N)

Summary: The Board considered a motion to change Veterans Day from a school holiday to an instructional day for students and staff beginning with School Year 2026-2027.

Board Action: The Board took a vote on the following main motion:

Main Motion: I move that the Fairfax County School Board direct the Superintendent to designate Veterans Day as a standard instructional day for students and staff for the 2026-2027 school year, and all subsequent years, and to create and implement a district-wide "Veterans Day Observance Curriculum" designed to appropriately instruct students and engage community members in observing the meaning of this day.

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Melanie K Meren.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson
No: Seema Dixit
Abstain: Kyle McDaniel, Marcia St John-Cunning, Tom Dannan

After the Board considered the main motion,the Board considered Follow-on Motion #1:

Follow-on Motion #1: I move that the School Board approve the SY2026-2027 calendar, as amended by the outcomes of motions 6.03, 6.04, and 6.05.

Motion by Kyle McDaniel, second by Seema Dixit.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Ilryong Moon
No: Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Mateo Dunne, Ricardy J Anderson

Following the Board's consideration of Follow-on Motion #1, Mr. McDaniel moved, and Ms. St. John-Cunning seconded, Follow-on Motion #2, which states: I move that the School Board direct the Division Superintendent to bring her recommended calendars for SY2027-2028 and SY2028-2029 to the July 9th, 2026 regular meeting of the Fairfax County School Board for action.

During an opportunity for discussion, Dr. Anderson moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, an amendment to Follow-on Motion #2, which states: I move to amend the follow-on motion in its

entirety and by replacing it with "I move that the School Board direct the Division Superintendent to bring her recommended calendars for SY2027-2028 and SY2028-2029, to incorporate comprehensive community engagement that includes, but not limited to, in-person feedback and electronic surveys, to the July 9th, 2026 regular meeting of the Fairfax County School Board for action.".

Once the Board had an opportunity to discuss the amendment to Follow-on Motion #2, the Board took the following vote on it:

Amended Follow-on Motion #2: I move to amend the follow-on motion in its entirety and by replacing it with "I move that the School Board direct the Division Superintendent to bring her recommended calendars for SY2027-2028 and SY2028-2029, to incorporate comprehensive community engagement that includes, but not limited to, in-person feedback and electronic surveys, to the July 9th, 2026 regular meeting of the Fairfax County School Board for action.".

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Ryan McElveen.
Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Following the Board's vote on the amendment to Follow-on Motion #2, the Board took a vote on the amended Follow-on Motion #2:

Amended Follow-on Motion #2: I move that the School Board direct the Division Superintendent to bring her recommended calendars for SY2027-2028 and SY2028-2029, to incorporate comprehensive community engagement that includes, but not limited to, in-person feedback and electronic surveys, to the July 9th, 2026 regular meeting of the Fairfax County School Board for action.

Motion by Kyle McDaniel, second by Marcia St John-Cunning.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Item 6.06: Approval of Human Resources Related Policies: Policy 4425, Lactation Support Programming; Policy 4520, Employee Organization Recognition; and Policy 4950, Sexual Harassment (Exhibit O)

Summary: On February 17, 2026, the Board's Governance Committee advanced the below revised policies for consideration by the full Board.

Board Action:

Main Motion: That the School Board approve the following HR-related policies, as revised and detailed in the attachments on BoardDocs, with leave for the Clerk to make technical, grammar, and formatting changes: Policy 4425, Lactation Support Programming, Policy 4520, Employee Organization Recognition, and Policy 4950, Sexual Harassment.

Motion by Ilryong Moon, second by Melanie K Meren.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon
Not Present at Vote: Ricardy J Anderson

Item 6.07: Strategic Governance Manual Factual Errors and Typo Corrections (Exhibit O)

Summary: The Board considers the correction of factual errors and typos to the Strategic Governance Manual as detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs.

Board Action:

Main Motion: That the Board approve the correction of factual errors and typos to the Strategic Governance Manual as detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs.

Motion by Karl V Frisch, second by Ilryong Moon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon
Not Present at Vote: Ricardy J Anderson

Category #7 – Performance Review

Item 7.01: Asset Protection (EL-7) Monitoring Report (Exhibit S)

Summary: The Superintendent will provide an annual report to the Board on each of the 7 Executive Limitations at a regular Board meeting. The Board will vote on each of the monitoring reports presented by the Superintendent. If the Board finds the Superintendent is not in compliance with the Executive Limitations, the Superintendent will present a corrective action plan to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

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Presentation: Dr Reid gave a presentation on the SY2025-26 monitoring report for EL-7: Asset Protection.

Board Action:

Motion: That the School Board finds that the Superintendent is in compliance with Executive Limitation #7: Asset Protection. Further moved that the School Board approve the monitoring report based on the Superintendent's reasonable interpretation of Executive Limitation #7: Asset Protection, as outlined in the Strategic Governance Manual.

Motion by Seema Dixit, second by Tom Dannan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Seema Dixit, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon
No: Melanie K Meren
Not Present at Vote: Ricardy J Anderson

Category #8: Presentations to the School Board

Item 8.01: Academic Matters (Exhibit P) - Dr. Reid presented on Algebra 1.

Item 8.02: Strategic Plan Update (Exhibit Q) - English Language Development

Category #9: Consent

Our Adopted rules of parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. As such, the following measures on the Consent Agenda were approved by the School Board in a 11-0 vote. (Sandy Anderson, Robyn Lady, Tom Dannan, Seema Dixit, Mateo Dunne, Karl Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Ryan McElveen, Melanie Meren, Ilryong Moon, and Marcia St. John-Cunning were present. Ricardy Anderson was not present.)

Item 9.01: Approval of Minutes (Exhibit Q)

Motion: That the School Board approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting, March 24, 2026 PM and CM, and March 3, 2026 Work Session as detailed in the agenda item, with leave for the Clerks to make technical, formatting, and grammatical changes.

Item 9.02: Policy Review - EL #7: Asset Protection (Exhibit R)

Summary: The School Board reviews Executive Limitations (ELs) annually, at the time a monitoring report is presented, for any revisions. Additionally, the School Board may also revise any EL at any time to update the limitations for the Superintendent moving forward. The Board will vote to either maintain EL-7 (Asset Protection) as is or refer this EL to the Board's Governance Committee for review. For further information, see the School Board's Governance Manual.

Motion: That the School Board maintains Executive Limitation 7, Asset Protection, as it is currently detailed in the Strategic Governance Manual.

Item 9.03: Approval of Policy 8320: Site and Building Acquisition (Exhibit S)

Summary: The Governance Committee reviewed and forwarded Policy 8320: Site and Building Acquisition to the School Board at its January 20, 2026 meeting. At the January 22, 2026 Regular Meeting, the School Board referred this policy to the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee (CPDC) for its review and consideration. At the March 5, 2026 CPDC meeting, the Committee reviewed the policy and voted to advance it to the Board for its consideration.

Motion: That the School Board adopt Policy 8320: Site and Building Acquisition, as revised and detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs.

Item 9.04: Approval of Policy 8275: Value Engineering (Exhibit T)

Summary: The Governance Committee reviewed and forwarded Policy 8275: Value Engineering to the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee (CPDC) for further review and consideration. At the March 5, 2026 CPDC meeting, the Committee reviewed the policy and voted to advance it to the Board for its consideration.

Motion: That the School Board adopt Policy 8275: Value Engineering, as revised and detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs.

Item 9.05: Approval of Policy 8560: Maintenance of Public School Facility Assets (Exhibit U)

Summary: Pursuant to P5011.5, the School Board shall approve any contract or contract amendment relating to a sole source contract, intergovernmental contract, or contract for consultant services where the total contract value exceeds $200,000.

Motion: That the School Board adopt Policy 8560: Maintenance of Public School Facility Assets, as revised and detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs.

Item 9.06: Sunset of Policy 5210, Petty Cash Funds (Exhibit V)

Summary: On February 17, 2026, the Board's Governance Committee advanced the below policy for consideration by the full Board.

Motion: That the School Board retire Policy 5210, Petty Cash Funds.

Category #10: New Business

The following are new business agenda items; there will not be a vote tonight on these items, but action is scheduled for a future meeting.

Item 10.01: Strategic Plan Goal 4 Report: Equitable Access and Opportunity (Exhibit X)

Recommended Action: That the School Board approves the Goal 4 Strategic Plan Report for SY 2025-26.

Item 10.02: Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application for Federal Funds, 2026-2027 (Exhibit Y)

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the School Board approve the 2026-2027 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application, Section 611, Part B, and Section 619 (Preschool), Part B, grant funding application, as detailed in the agenda item.

Item 10.03: Award of Contract – Construction Testing and Inspection Services for Facilities Projects (Exhibit Z)

Recommended Action: That the School Board authorize staff to award professional services contracts to selected firms for construction testing and inspection services, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Item 10.04: Award of Contract – Makeup Air Unit Installation at Bryant High School (Exhibit AA)

Recommended Action: That the School Board award a contract for the Makeup Air Unit Installation at Bryant High School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Item 10.05: Award of Contract – Baseball Field Lighting Replacement at Bryant High School (Exhibit BB)

Recommended Action: That the School Board award the contract for the stadium sports lighting replacement at Bryant High School to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the total amount of $437,297.00, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Item 10.06: Resolution Dedicating the Vaughn Lewis Field at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Exhibit BB)

Recommended Action: That the School Board approve the following resolution dedicating the stadium field at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) to the "Vaugh Lewis Field."

Category #11: Board Committee Reports (Item 11.01) (Exhibit CC)

Ms. Meren provided a brief update on the Governance Committee.

Category #12: Superintendent Matters (Item 12.01): presented by Dr. Reid (Exhibit DD)

Dr. Reid passed due to the late hour.

Category #13: Board Matters (Item 13.01) (Exhibit EE)

In accordance with a School Board consensus, the Board skipped this item given the late hour.

Category #14: Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Luther Jackson Middle School

Sandy Anderson, Chair of the Board

Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Approved: April 23, 2026