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Fairfax County School Board
Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting March 26, 2026

1. ***Public Meeting***

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

Chair S. Anderson convened the Public Meeting at 4:33 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; **Absent**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon; **Absent**)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large; **absent**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill; **left at 7:01 p.m.**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Ms. Dixit, Mr. Dunne, and Mr. McDaniel 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 March 26, 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, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St John-Cunning, Robyn Lady - Vice Chair, Sandy B Anderson - Chair, Tom Dannan, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Chair S. Anderson adjourned the public meeting at 4:34 p.m.

2. ***Closed Meeting***

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Item 2.01 Closed Meeting (Exhibit B)

Chair S. Anderson convened the Closed Meeting at 4:35 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; **Absent**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon; **arr. 5:20 p.m.; left at 6:45 p.m.**)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large; **absent**)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill; **left at 7:01 p.m.**)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Ms. Dixit and Mr. McDaniel were absent.

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 Closed Session adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The Board then took a brief break between the Closed Meeting and the Regular Meeting from 7:02 p.m. to 7:12 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 7:12 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; **Absent**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Ms. Dixit was absent.

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;

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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 Brian Lambert; 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, School Improvement and Supports Marie Lemmon; Assistant Superintendent, Special Services Dr. Terri Edmunds-Heard; Assistant Superintendent, Region 1 Dr. Jameile Choice

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 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 Fairfax County Public School Students in the All-Virginia Chorus under the direction of Luke Frels.

Item 3.02: Announcements

No special announcements were made during this meeting.

Item 3.03: Music, Theatre, and the Arts Appreciation Month Proclamation (Exhibit D)

WHEREAS, March has been officially designated as Arts in our Schools Month encouraging communities across the nation to focus on dance, music, theatre, and visual arts education. This month serves as a reminder that all students deserve access to and equity in the delivery of dance, music, theatre, and visual arts education; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has a thriving Fine and Performing Arts Education program with over 630 music educators, over 46,000 students in instrumental and choral programs, over 430 art educators and over 20,000 students in elective secondary art. FCPS hosts one of the largest theatre education programs in the United States with nearly 60 theatre teachers and more than 6500 theatre arts students. FCPS Dance has programs at the elementary and high school levels. Dance, music, theatre, and visual arts students at FCPS demonstrate the importance of quality fine and performing arts education programs to the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, FCPS art programs are known throughout the state and country as a model of excellence emphasizing conceptual learning, personal relevance, and innovation. In March and throughout the spring, FCPS school pyramids celebrate the arts with pyramid art shows exhibiting the works of elementary, middle, and high schools in each community. Each year, middle and high school artists are recognized through the FCPS ARTiFAX awards, the Scholastic Art Awards, and other art recognition programs; and

WHEREAS, the FCPS music program consistently receives recognition as a recipient of the "Best Communities for Music Education" award from the National Association of Music Merchants. The 6th Grade All-County Choral Festival is recognized as one of the largest elementary choir events

in the nation. FCPS secondary ensembles garner accolades at prestigious events including the Virginia State Music Conference, Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, National Band Association, and American Choral Directors Association. Our schools have been honored with several national distinctions, such as the Sudler Flag of Honor, Sudler Cup of Distinction, VMEA Blue Ribbon Award, and VMEA Honor Band; and

WHEREAS, FCPS Theatre and Dance offer a vast array of curricular and extracurricular arts experiences including dance events and showcases, plays, musicals, drama clubs, improv competitions, student-directed one-act festivals, the VHSL state one-act competition, the Brandon Victor Dixon Awards, and the Cappies. The Cappies, an international high school program that celebrates theatre performance, journalism, and student ownership, originated in Fairfax County Public Schools. FCPS theatre students and teachers are recognized at this annual gala in Washington, DC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Fairfax County Public Schools recognizes March as Dance in Our Schools, Music In Our Schools, Theatre In Our Schools Month, and Youth Art Month to celebrate and acknowledge every day that Fine and Performing Arts Education, experiences, and opportunities are an essential part of every student's well-rounded education.

Motion: That the Board approve the Music, Theatre, and the Arts Appreciation Month Proclamation.

Motion by Melanie K Meren, 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
Not Present at Vote: Ricardy J Anderson

Item 3.04: Disability Affirmation Month Proclamation (Exhibit E)

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was founded on four principles: inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is committed to these and the principles of equity, excellence and opportunity for all students; and

WHEREAS, inclusion is an attitude, an approach, and a mindset that welcomes and facilitates participation of students with disabilities in every aspect of student life, which requires mutual responsibility for adaptation and removal of barriers so that students with disabilities have the same opportunity to participate in student life as any other student; and

WHEREAS, FCPS celebrates efforts to recognize disability awareness and acceptance to increase public awareness and respect for persons with disabilities, inform the public concerning their many contributions to society, ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities, encourage health promotion to increase community awareness of the needs of persons with disabilities, and emphasize the abilities and rights of disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, over 30,904 and approximately 17% of FCPS students receive special education services and research has shown that students with disabilities encounter more difficulty being accepted by their peers, making friends, and becoming involved in school and community-based activities and clubs than nondisabled students; and

WHEREAS, FCPS provides innovative and individualized programs to advance the achievement and knowledge of students and young adults living with disabilities in the area(s) of vocational, social, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of human diversity and people with disabilities have the same human and civil rights as everyone else, including the right to be included in all aspects of society, therefore we must ensure they are included in the FCPS community by increasing knowledge and understanding of disabilities, promoting positive attitudes by creating a culture of respect and inclusion, and ensuring the school curriculum and norms, events, and processes are accessible and inclusive of disability history and disability norms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board does hereby proclaim March 2026 as Disability Affirmation Month in recognition of the many contributions and strengths of people with disabilities and to promote inclusive school communities across our division; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board renews its commitment to inclusion for all individuals with disabilities in our schools and communities.

Motion: That the Board approve the Disability Affirmation Month Proclamation.

Motion by Ilryong Moon, second by Mateo Dunne.
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
Not Present at Vote: Ricardy J Anderson

Item 3.05: Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation (Exhibit F)

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Public Schools is committed to fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment where every student, employee, and family is respected and empowered; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility is observed annually on March 31 to celebrate the lives and contributions of transgender people while raising awareness of the disproportionate discrimination and violence the transgender community continues to face; and

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WHEREAS, transgender students, families, and staff are integral members of our community whose talents, leadership, and courage enrich our classrooms, strengthen our schools, and inspire all; and

WHEREAS, transgender people have made significant contributions throughout history, including early LGBTQIA+ rights movement activists like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera; artists such as Laverne Cox and Kim Petras; leaders like Sarah McBride, the first openly transgender member of Congress and Virginia Senator Danica Roem, the first openly transgender state legislator; scientists like distinguished neurobiologist Dr. Ben Barres, and Dr. Lynn Conway, whose innovations revolutionized computer science; and countless others whose courage and achievements have advanced equality and inspired others; and

WHEREAS, all transgender people have inherent worth and are deserving of respect and dignity, from these and other well-known historical and public figures to those for whom it is not safe to live their authentic lives. Wherever they are on their journey, they are valued and valid; and

WHEREAS, major medical organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Psychiatric Association, have affirmed the validity of transgender identities and support age-appropriate gender-affirming care as evidence-based, medically necessary treatment that significantly improves health outcomes for transgender people; and

WHEREAS, transgender youth face significantly higher rates of mental health challenges, largely due to discrimination, rejection, and lack of affirmation, underscoring the critical importance of inclusive schools where transgender students can thrive, with research demonstrating that transgender youth who feel supported in their identities show significantly improved academic, social, and emotional outcomes; and

WHEREAS, transgender students deserve to learn in environments free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, and exclusion, and to have their names, pronouns, and identities honored; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board stands with and celebrates its transgender students, families, and staff, recognizing the urgency of its charge to foster a responsive, caring, and inclusive culture by reaffirming its commitment to policies that uphold the rights and well-being of transgender individuals, ensuring access to education and employment free from discrimination and grounded in respect; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board recognizes that learning and growth require ongoing reflection, dialogue, and partnership with students, families, staff, and community members to advance equity and understanding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairfax County School Board proclaims March 31, 2026, as Transgender Day of Visibility in Fairfax County Public Schools and encourages all to promote a caring culture of equity, inclusivity, and respect for transgender people, not only on this special day but throughout the entire year as well.

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Motion: That the Board approve the Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation.

Motion by Kyle McDaniel, 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, Ilryong Moon
Not Present at Vote: Mateo Dunne, Ricardy J Anderson

Category #4: Winter Athletic and Academic Team Recognitions (Item 4.01) (Exhibit G)

The Board recognized six (6) teams for their outstanding performance. One of these teams competed in Fall 2025 but due to a scheduling conflict could not attend the Board's February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting. Thus, the Board recognized their accomplishments at this Regular Meeting.

Category #5: Community Participation (Item 5.01): (Exhibit H)

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

In-Person/Virtual Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic
1	Meg O'Neill	Student	Performing Arts
2	Phoenix Britton	Student	Middle School Theatre Program
3	My Tran	Individual	Enabled Apps on FCPS devices
4	Patty Karchner	Individual	Twice Exceptional Learners
5	Thomas Ziehnert	School Solar Project	School Solar
6	Vanessa Hall	FCPS Pride	Student Visibility and Support
7	Dale Van Wagner	FCPS Parents for Intentional Tech	EdTech
8	Katie Brunberg	Individual	Theater Enrollment Challenges
9	Deborah Worden	Individual	Middle School Theater
10	Kearston	U.S. Institute of	Middle School Theater Class

	Dillard-Scott	Theatre Technology (USITT)	
11	Helen Miller	Individual	Middle School Theater Program
12	Scott Parfumi	Theatre Arts Directors Association	Theater Arts Education

Video Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic
1	Panos Chatzigiannis	FCPS Parents for Intentional Technology	Edtech
2	Nehal Jain	Individual	Edtech Concerns

Category #6: Student Representative Matters (Item 6.01) (Exhibit I)

Remarks provided by Student Representative Faith Mekonen.

Category #7: Action Items

Item 7.01: Certification of a Closed Meeting Compliance (Exhibit J)

Summary: Certification of the March 26, 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 March 26, 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 Melanie K Meren, second by Ilryong Moon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, 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: Kyle McDaniel

Item 7.02: 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:

Motion #1: I move to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student, who made multiple direct and indirect threats towards another student, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent, according to terms and conditions discussed in closed session.

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

Motion #2: I move to deny the school reassignment appeal of a student, who was charged with an unlawful act in the community – one count robbery with a weapon, and to confirm the disciplinary decision of the Division Superintendent.

Motion by Marcia St John-Cunning, second by Karl V Frisch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Karl V Frisch, 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: Kyle McDaniel

Item 7.03: Strategic Plan Goal 2 Report: Safe, Supported, Included, and Empowered (Exhibit L)

Summary: Fairfax County Public Schools' Strategic Plan was adopted in June 2023 (Strategic Plan 2023-30) and presents our vision and goals as a leading public school division that is committed to delivering excellence, equity, and opportunity in education.

The Strategic Plan contains five goals:

- Goal #1 - Strong Start: Pre-K-12
- Goal #2 - Safe, Supported, Included, and Empowered
- Goal #3 - Academic Growth and Excellence
- Goal #4 - Equitable Access and Opportunity
- Goal #5 - Leading for Tomorrow’s Innovation

The purpose of annual goal reporting is to provide an update on the Division’s progress towards meeting the 2030 goals of the Strategic Plan.

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Board Action:

Main Motion: That the School Board accepts the Goal 2 Strategic Plan Report for SY 2025-2026.

Motion by Ryan McElveen, 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, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Item 7.04: Advanced Academic - AAP Center North Springfield ES (Exhibit M)

Summary: On December 18, 2025, the Board directed staff to engage the community on a proposal to open a new Full-Time Advanced Academic Program (AAP) Center at North Springfield Elementary, starting with grade 3, for SY2026-27.

The Chief Academic Office held two community feedback sessions on February 2 and 5. Ninety-two families RSVP'ed to attend the meetings. Overall, the community is supportive of the opening of a new AAP Center at North Springfield Elementary, noting that it will resolve misaligned grade-level patterns to the AAP Center at Poe Middle School and will provide a within-pyramid AAP Center option for students in the Annandale pyramid.

Staff recommend opening a new AAP center at North Springfield Elementary School starting with grade 3 in SY 2026-27. Staff further recommend that the North Springfield AAP Center serve students eligible for Full-Time AAP from the following schools:

- Annandale Terrace, Braddock, and North Springfield elementary schools. This would eliminate the need for students to access AAP Center-based services at Canterbury Woods, which is outside the Annandale pyramid and does not align with the grade 6-8 configuration at their assigned middle school (Poe).
- Columbia, Mason Crest, and Weyanoke elementary schools. This would foster more intact student cohorts (general education and AAP center-based students) from these schools for middle school assignments in the Annandale pyramid (Poe or Holmes).

If approved, the new North Springfield AAP Center will serve grade 3 in SY 2026-27, grades 3-4 in SY 2027-28, and grades 3-5 in SY 2028-29.

A final Board vote on whether to open a new center is scheduled for March 26. This timeline will ensure newly eligible Full-Time AAP students who will be in grade 3 in SY2026-2027 are able to attend orientations for the Center and Local Full-Time options in April 2026.

The proposed timeline for opening a new Full-Time AAP Center at North Springfield Elementary is:

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Date	Event
December 18, 2025	School Board motion to engage the community about opening a new AAP Center at North Springfield Elementary
December 2025	Schedule community meetings and engage impacted principals
February 2 & February 5, 2026	Community meetings and feedback
February 26, 2026	School Board New Business
March 19, 2026	School Board Public Hearing
March 26, 2026	School Board Consent Agenda (final vote)
April 3, 2026	Full-Time eligibility decisions are sent to families by April 3 (spring break), which include information about the orientation meeting(s). Orientations at Local Full-Time and Center-Based AAP sites run April 13-May 1. Rising grade 3 families with eligible students are invited to North Springfield for orientation for the Center-Based Full-Time AAP option
May 15, 2026	Family decisions for Center or Local Full-Time choice are due to the AAP office. Student lists are sent to principals for staffing information.
SY 2026-27	Grade 3 at North Springfield ES Center
SY 2027-28	Grade 3-4 at North Springfield ES Center
SY 2028-29	Grade 3-5 at North Springfield ES Center (full implementation)

Board Action:

Motion: I move that the Board accept the staff recommendation to open a new Advanced Academic Center (AAP) at North Springfield ES starting with grade 3 in SY 2026-27. I further move that the Board accept staff's recommendation that the North Springfield AAP Center serve students eligible for Full-Time AAP from the following schools: Annandale Terrace, Braddock, North Springfield, Columbia, Mason Crest, and Weyanoke elementary schools.

Motion by Tom Dannan, 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, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Item 7.05: Motion Regarding Athletic Facility Naming Rights (Exhibit N)

Summary: School Board Members McDaniel (At-Large) and Dunne (Mount Vernon) have proposed the following motion for Board consideration.

Board Action:

Main Motion: That the School Board direct the Superintendent to draft a proposal for pursuing naming rights opportunities for FCPS athletic facilities by July 2026, in accordance with School Board Policy 8170, and that the proposal be discussed at a future School Board Work Session.

Motion by Kyle McDaniel, second by Mateo Dunne.
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

Item 7.06: Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) 2026 Business Honor Roll Nominations (Exhibit O)

Summary: 2026 VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS HONOR ROLL

WHEREAS, public schools and local businesses are an integral part of this community; and

WHEREAS, many local businesses play a crucial role in supporting our schools; and

WHEREAS, the economic health of our community, state and nation depends on a strong public school system; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between local public schools and local businesses strengthens schools and the business community alike by providing a well-trained and highly educated workforce; and

WHEREAS, an excellent public school system is vital to the quality of life in this community and fundamental to preserving a strong democratic society now and in the future; therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) School Board names BRIGHTSPOT, PENSKE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, and DREAMS SALON to the 2026 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll, showing appreciation for the ongoing support of this community's public schools. Their work has aided this division in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child who attends them.

Board Action:

Main Motion: That the School Board nominates Brightspot, Penske Automotive Group, and Dreams Salon to the 2026 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll, which is to be awarded later this year.

Motion by Ricardy J Anderson, second by Robyn Lady - Vice Chair.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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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

The Board took a brief recess from 10:02 p.m. to 10:16 p.m.

Category #8: Presentations to the School Board

Item 8.01: Academic Matters (Exhibit P) - Dr. Reid presented on Fine Arts. Education Specialist, Theatre Arts, Dr. Tara Taylor and Educational Specialist, Fine Arts Projects, Maeve Nash assisted Dr. Reid in answering School Board Member questions

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. (Karl Frisch, Kyle McDaniel, Melanie Meren, Ryan McElveen, Marcia St. John-Cunning, Robyn Lady, Sandy Anderson, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, and Ricardy Anderson were present. Seema Dixit was not present.)

Item 9.01: Approval of Minutes (Exhibit Q)

Summary: The Board's approval of draft minutes from past Board meetings.

Motion: That the School Board approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026 Regular Meeting, February 24, 2026 Joint BOS and FCSB Budget Meeting, 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: Appointment of Community Members to the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee (Exhibit R)

Summary:

- At the December 4, 2025 Regular Meeting, the School Board approved the creation of Community Member roles to the membership of the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee.
- The School Board Office ran an application period for inaugural Community Members of CPDC from January 9 - February 8, 2026. During the application period, nearly 40 members of the public applied for this position.
- During the applicant review period, Committee Members and staff considered eligible applicants against the application criteria.
- On March 5, 2026, the CPDC recommended a slate of the highest ranked 5 Community Members applicants be considered and approved by the School Board.

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- This recommendation was posted for New Business at the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting, and is scheduled for Board action at the March 26, 2026 regular meeting.

Motion: That the School Board approve the recommendation of the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee and appoint individuals to terms as Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee Community Members, as detailed in the agenda item attachment, which will be posted prior to the March 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Item 9.03: FY 2026 Third Quarter Budget Review (Exhibit S)

Summary: This agenda item is provided to review the current FY 2026 Budget. The FY 2026 Third Quarter Budget Review reports on activity and recommendations made since the School Board's FY 2026 Midyear Budget Review, approved on December 18, 2025.

There are no revenue and expenditure adjustments.

Motion: That the School Board approve FY 2026 Third Quarter Budget Review detailed in the agenda item.

Item 9.04: Monthly Employee Separation Report - February, 2026 (Exhibit T)

Summary: This agenda item is provided to review the Monthly Employee Separation Report - February, 2026

Motion: That the Board approve the Monthly Employee Separation Report - February 2026.

Item 9.05: Sole Source Amendment - International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) - Curriculum and Assessment Development (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 (i) approve the contract for Curriculum and Assessment Development, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the office of procurement services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Item 9.06: New Sole Source Contract: Aetna Life Insurance Company - Medicare Advantage Plan (Exhibit V)

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

Motion: That the School Board (i) approve the contract for the Medicare Advantage plan, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the office of procurement services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Item 9.07: New Sole Source Contract: Concord Theatricals Corp. - Theatrical Copyright Performance Licenses and Script Material (Exhibit W)

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

Motion: That the School Board (i) approve the contract for Theatrical Copyright Performance Licenses and Script Material, and (ii) authorize the Division Superintendent, or the director of the office of procurement services to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

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: Asset Protection (EL-7) Monitoring Report (Exhibit X)
Recommended Action: That the School Board finds that the Superintendent is in compliance with Executive Limitation #13: Executive Limitations. I further move that the School Board approve the monitoring report based on the Superintendent's reasonable interpretation of Executive Limitation #13: Executive Limitations, as outlined in the Strategic Governance Manual.

Item 10.02: Strategic Governance Manual Factual Errors and Typo Corrections (Exhibit Y)
Recommended Action: That the Board approve the correction of factual errors and typos to the Strategic Governance Manual as detailed in the agenda item.

Item 10.03: Calendar Motion Regarding Monday, October 12, 2026 (Exhibit Z)
Recommended Action: I move to direct the Superintendent to schedule Monday, October 12, 2026, as a student instructional day.

Item 10.04: Calendar Motion Regarding Early Release Days (Exhibit AA)
Recommended Action: I move to direct the Superintendent to schedule no more than four (4) early release days per school year.

Item 10.05: Calendar Motion Regarding Veterans Day (Exhibit BB)

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Recommended Action: I move to direct the Superintendent to schedule Veterans Day annually as a student instructional day.

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

Mr.McDaniel provided an update on the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee.

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

Dr. Reid provided brief remarks.

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: Convening a Closed Meeting

Item 14.01: Motion to Convene a Closed Meeting (Exhibit FF)

Summary: As the Board had adjourned its earlier closed meeting, the Board took the below action to convene a second closed meeting on March 26, 2026.

Board Action:

Motion: The Board will now make a motion on March 26, 2026 to go into closed meeting to 1) discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)) of the Code of Virginia, and 2) consult with legal counsel regarding specific matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) and (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, specifically a) personnel.

Motion by Karl V Frisch, second by Ryan McElveen.
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

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to go into a Closed Meeting at 11:06 p.m.

4. *Closed Meeting*

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Item 15.01 Closed Meeting #2 (Exhibit GG)

Chair S. Anderson convened the Closed Meeting at 11:07 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; **Absent**)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Kyle McDaniel (At-Large)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Mr. Dunne was absent.

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

School Board Staff Present: Clerk to the School Board Christina Setlow; Deputy Clerk to the School Board Janet Brown.

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

The Closed Session adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

5. Regular Meeting Continued
Category #16: **Additional Action Items**

The Board returned to the Regular Meeting at 11:32.

Item 16.01: Certification of a Closed Meeting Compliance #2 (Exhibit HH)

Summary: Certification of the March 26, 2026 Closed Meeting #2 in accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-3712 (D).

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 an additional closed meeting on March 26, 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 Karl V Frisch, second by Ilryong Moon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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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

Item 16.02: Confirmation of Action Taken in Closed #2 (Exhibit II)

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.

Motion: I move that the Chair of the School Board be authorized to execute on behalf of the Board, the contract for Region 6 Assistant Superintendent

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, Tom Dannan, Mateo Dunne, Ilryong Moon, Ricardy J Anderson

Category #17: Adjournment

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

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Sandy Anderson, Chair of the Board

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Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Approved: April 23, 2026

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