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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 F[illegible] (Provide[illegible]**sent**)
Ky[illegible] McDaniel (At-La[illegible]**ent**)
[illegible]n McElveen (At-Large; [illegible])
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill)
Ilryong [illegible]non (At-Large)
Marc[illegible]t. 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 vote[illegible]due to a lack of q[illegible]um. Therefore, they were only able to watch online and for the purpo[illegible]s of [illegible]m are cons[illegible]ed absent from the public hearing despite watching the hearing or[illegible]e.

Leadership Team Present: Di[illegible]ion Superin[illegible]nt **Dr. Michelle Reid**; Chief of Staff **Marty Smith**;

School Board Office[illegible]aff Prese[illegible] Clerk to t[illegible] School Board **Christina Setlow** and Deputy Clerk to the School Bo[illegible]**anet Brow**

Student Representat[illegible] **[illegible]n Mekonen** was not present.

Ms. [illegible]t announ[illegible]d that t[illegible]ht's public hearing was on the Board's FY 2027 Approved Budget. A[illegible]part of the annu[illegible]budget [illegible]cle, the School Board must review the approved budget that [illegible]ines the division[illegible]fiscal priorities, such as competitive staff compensation, class size reste[illegible]ion, and speci[illegible]ed student support. The School Board held a public hearing to receive comme[illegible] from fa[illegible]es and members of the public before voting to take action on the approved b[illegible]et.

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.

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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 P[illegible]ams	
2	Molly Cronin	Individual	Fully Fun[illegible]EU C[illegible]tracts	
3	Eli Bolotin	Individual	FY 2027 Approved Budget	
4	Juliette Adams	Individual	Community Budget [illegible]ble	
5	Emily VanDerhoff	Fairfax County Federation of Teachers (FCFT) President	[illegible]2027 Budget	
6	Sewit Araia	Individ[illegible]	Title [illegible]chool Budget	
7	Brian Thoreson	Individua[illegible]	ACE and [illegible]ddle School [illegible]nter Funding	
8	Michelle Dirst	FCP[illegible]ts for Inte[illegible]al [illegible]ch	Tech Equipment/Funding and Budgeting	
9	Manasi Long		Personal Electronic Device Budgets	

Ms. Di[illegible]he speak[illegible]s for sharing comments with the School Board regarding the appr[illegible]ed FY 202[illegible]dget. M[illegible]xit announced that the Board is scheduled to take action on the [illegible]n at their May 21, [illegible]26 at the Regular Meeting.

2. ***Adjournment***

Item 2.01: Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:31 p.m

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Sandy B. Anderson, Chair of the Board | Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Approved: May 21, 2026

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