MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Luther Jackson Middle School

Regular Meeting October 8, 2026

1. ***Regular Meeting***

Category #1: Meeting Opening

Item 1.01: Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/National Anthem (Exhibit C)

Vice Chair McDaniel called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board Members present:

Robyn Lady (Chair and Dranesville, **PV**)
Kyle McDaniel (Vice Chair and At-Large)
Ricardy Anderson (Mason)
Sandy Anderson (Springfield)
Tom Dannan (Braddock, **PV**)
Seema Dixit (Sully)
Mateo Dunne (Mount Vernon)
Karl Frisch (Providence)
Ryan McElveen (At-Large)
Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill)
Ilryong Moon (At-Large, **PV left at 10:05 p.m.**)
Marcia St. John-Cunning (Franconia)

Leadership Team present: Division Superintendent**, Dr. Michelle Reid;** Interim Chief of Staff**, Dr. Frances Ivey;** Chief Academic Officer**, Dr. Sloan Presidio;** Chief Information Technology Officer**, Gautam Sethi;** Chief of Facilities Services and Capital Programs**, Erik Gordon;** 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**, Megan Vroman;** Division Counsel**, John Foster;** Assistant Superintendent, Strategy, Planning, & Learni**ng, Marcy Kneale**

School Board Staff present: Clerk to the School Board, **Christina Setlow**; Deputy Clerk to the School Board, **Tiffany Sheppard**; and Deputy Clerk to the School Board, **Janet Brown**

Student Representative: Newt Shosteck is also present.

Before the Pledge of Allegiance and performances, Vice Chairman McDaniel provided the following explanation regarding the upcoming De Colores performance:

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will have a special performance of De Colores following the national anthem. De Colores is a song that is thought to have originated in Spain and has been sung in the Americas and throughout the Spanish speaking world since the 16th century.

The phrase “de colores”, means many colors. The upbeat melody speaks to the celebration of creation and the joy of seeing the world’s many colors…the many colors in nature, the many colors of people and the many colors of love.

This traditional folk song has evolved as it’s been passed down through time and from generation to generation. It is a beloved children’s song, a religious spiritual, the unofficial anthem of the United Farm Workers and a union solidarity song.

De Colores is a song that celebrates the beauty of life, love, and unity.

The Board observed the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of S.ilence, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the Herndon High School Orchestra under the direction of Allison Devereux and a special performance of De Colores by Crestwood Elementary School under the direction of Chelsea Heckenkamp and Daniel Cranbill with a musical accompaniment by the Lewis High School Mariachi Teacher, Mr. Mata in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Item 1.02: Announcements (Exhibit D)

Motion: Mr. Moon has submitted a request to attend tonight's meeting remotely due to personal reasons, he is located in Yeoju City/Seoul, South Korea. I have performed an initial review of Mr. Moon's request and, having found it to be in compliance with the School Board's Remote Participation Resolution, I have approved the request.

I now ask Board Members who are physically present to vote on the following:

All those in favor of confirming the Vice Chair's approval of Mr. Moon request?

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Seema Dixit, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Mateo Dunne, and Marcia St John-Cunning
No: Ricardy J Anderson

Motion: Ms. Lady - Chair has submitted a request to attend tonight's meeting remotely due to work related reasons, she is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I have 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, I have approved the request.

I now ask Board Members who are physically present to vote on the following:

All those in favor of confirming the Vice Chair's approval of Ms. Lady's request?

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Seema Dixit, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Mateo Dunne, and Marcia St John-Cunning
No: Ricardy J Anderson

Motion: Mr. Dannan has submitted a request to attend tonight's meeting remotely due to attending a family funeral, she is located in Syracuse, New York. I have performed an initial review of Mr. Dannan's request and, having found it to be in compliance with the School Board's Remote Participation Resolution, I have approved the request.

I now ask Board Members who are physically present to vote on the following:

All those in favor of confirming the Chair's approval of Mr. Dannan's request?

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Sandy B Anderson, Seema Dixit, Karl V Frisch, Melanie K Meren, Ryan McElveen, Kyle McDaniel - Vice Chairman, Mateo Dunne, and Marcia St John-Cunning
No: Ricardy J Anderson

Item 1.03: Indigenous People's Day & Native American Heritage Month Proclamation (Exhibit E)

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day is recognized on the second Monday of October and Native American Heritage Month is recognized throughout the month of November across the United States and in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to honor and celebrate the history, accomplishments and contributions of the first peoples of this land; and,

WHEREAS, in 1990 Congress passed, and President George H. W. Bush signed into law, a joint resolution designating the month of November as the first National American Indian Heritage Month. In 2021, President Joe Biden was the first U.S. President to formally commemorate Indigenous People's Day as a national holiday with a presidential proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, indigenous people have made invaluable contributions in the sciences, arts, public service, military service and many other fields that are integral to the advancement of our nation an**d society; and,**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is home to eleven officially-recognized tribes whose presence and leadership honors and strengthens our shared history and future; and,

WHEREAS, Fairfax County sits on land originally stewarded by the Dogue, Manahoac, and Pamunkey tribes, and other Indigenous peoples, whose stories, traditions, and cultures continue to enrich our county and commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, FCPS serves a diverse student population with many who embrace and celebrate their indigenous family heritage.

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day and Native American Heritage Month are wonderful opportunities for our Fairfax County Public Schools community to honor our nation's original inhabitants and their descendants. These commemorations further call us to honor the beautiful

and rich indigenous communities, traditions, cultures, and lives across our county, commonwealth, and all around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board does hereby proclaim October 12, 2026, as **Indigenous People's Day** and November 2026 as **Native American Heritage Month** in recognition and celebration of the many contributions of our nation's indigenous people to our school system, community and country.

Motion: That the School Board approve the Indigenous People's Day & Native American Heritage Month Proclamation.

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

After the vote on the Indigenous People's Day & Native American Heritage Month Proclamation, Mr. McDaniel called on Dr. Reid to provide brief remarks. Dr. Reid provided brief remarks.

Item 1.04: Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation (Exhibit E)

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized annually from September 15th through October 15th across the United States by celebrating the histories, cultures, and innumerable contributions of those whose ancestors trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean nations; and,

WHEREAS, nearly one in five people in the U.S. is Hispanic. The highest concentration of Virginia's Hispanic population resides in northern Virginia and accounts for 18% of Fairfax County's population. Approximately one in three Fairfax County Public Schools students is of Hispanic heritage; and,

WHEREAS, Hispanic history is inexorably entwined with United States history, as California, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, parts of Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma were at one point Spanish or Mexican territory. As part of the largest ethnic group in the United States, Hispanics and Latinos have significantly contributed to our nation's identity and have played a vital role in shaping American democracy, economy, cuisine and culture; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme, "Unidos, Somos Más. Together, We Are More," celebrates family, resilience, creativity, faith and service while honoring the diverse stories that strengthen our nation and calls upon us to recognize the rich cultural traditions and shared legacy of Hispanic Americans while celebrating the vibrancy and innovation of younger generations who will carry forward this collective heritage. Hispanic Americans have profoundly shaped the fabric of our nation – from military service and civic leadership to groundbreaking contributions in science,

education, entrepreneurship, arts, and beyond – building the nation we enjoy today. The resilience and creativity of Hispanic communities – from storytellers like Sandra Cisneros, innovators like Lin-Manuel Miranda, public servants like Justice Sonia Sotomayor, artists like Celia Cruz and Bad Bunny, to modern cultural trailblazers like Marcello Hernández, Elizabeth Acevedo, Laurie Hernandez, Becky G, Ellen Ochoa – embody a bridge from the past to an inspired future;

WHEREAS, prominent Hispanic Virginians include Michel Zajur, Founder of the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Susana Marino, an entrepreneur, Founding President, and Chair of the Northern Virginia Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce; and major-league baseball pitcher Javier Lopez who attended Robinson Secondary School; and,

WHEREAS, FCPS' Hispanic American students, staff, and families are valued members of our community whose contributions immeasurably enhance our classrooms, culture, and collective success. By affirming our shared commitment to equity and opportunity, we empower all students to become the next generation of leaders – reinforcing the School Board's belief that "Diversity is a strength that creates resilient, open, and innovative global citizens."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2025, as **Hispanic Heritage Month.** We encourage Fairfax County residents to participate in programs and events taking place in our schools and community to learn about, celebrate, and elevate the rich Hispanic/Latino heritage

The Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation was then read in Spanish and is provided below:

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana se reconoce anualmente del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre en todo Estados Unidos celebrando las historias, culturas e innumerables contribuciones de aquellos cuyos antepasados tienen sus rafces en España, Mexico, America Central, América del Sur y las naciones caribeñas de habla hispana; y,

CONSIDERANDO QUE, casi una de cada cinco personas en Estados Unidos es hispana/latina. La mayor concentración de población hispana/latina en Virginia reside en el norte de Virginia y representa el 18% de la población del Condado de Fairfax. Uno de cada cuatro estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Fairfax es de herencia hispana/latina; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la historia hispana está inexorablemente entrelazada con la historia de Estados Unidos, ya que California, Florida, Texas, Nuevo México, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, partes de Wyoming, Kansas y Oklahoma fueron en algun momenta territorio español o mexicano. Como parte del grupo etnico más grande de Estados Unidos, los hispanos y latinos han contribuido significativamente a la identidad de nuestra nación y han desempeñado un papel vital en la configuración de la democracia, la economía, la gastronomía y la cultura estadounidenses; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el tema nacional de 2026, "Herencia colectiva: Honrando el Pasado, lnspirando el Futuro" nos llama a reconocer las ricas tradiciones culturales y el legado compartido de los hispanoamericanos mientras celebramos la vitalidad e innovación de las

generaciones más jóvenes que continuarán con esta herencia colectiva. Los hispanoamericanos han moldeado profundamente el tejido de nuestra nación, desde el servicio militar y el liderazgo cfvico hasta las contribuciones innovadoras en ciencia, educaci6n, emprendimiento, artes y mas allá, construyendo la nación que disfrutamos hoy. La resiliencia y creatividad de las comunidades hispanas, desde narradores como Sandra Cisneros, innovadores como Lin-Manuel Miranda, servidores públicos como la jueza Sonia Sotomayor, artistas como Celia Cruz, hasta pioneros culturales modernos como Marcello Hernandez, Elizabeth Acevedo, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, Laurie Hernandez, Becky G, Ellen Ochoa, encarnan un puente del pasado hacia un futuro inspirado;

CONSIDERANDO QUE, entre los virginianos hispanos prominentes se incluyen Michel Zajur, fundador de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Virginia; Susana Marino, empresaria, presidenta fundadora y presidenta de la Cámara de Comercio Hispanoamericana del Norte de Virginia; y el lanzador de béisbol de las grandes ligas Javier Lopez, que asistió a la escuela secundaria Robinson; y,

CONSIDERANDO QUE, los estudiantes, el personal y las familias hispanoamericanos de FCPS son miembros valiosos de nuestra comunidad, cuyas contribuciones enriquecen enormemente nuestras aulas, nuestra cultura y nuestro éxito colectivo. Al reafirmar nuestro compromiso compartido con la equidad y las oportunidades, empoderamos a todos los estudiantes para que se conviertan en la próxima generación de líderes, reforzando asf la convicción del Consejo Escolar de que «la diversidad es una fortaleza que crea ciudadanos globales resilientes, abiertos e innovadores».

POR TANTO, SE RESUELVE que la Junta Escolar del Condado de Fairfax proclama del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre de 2026 como Mes de la Herencia Hispana. Animamos a los residentes del Condado de Fairfax a participar en los programas y eventos que se llevan a cabo en nuestras escuelas y comunidad para conocer, celebrar y enaltecer la rica herencia hispana/latina.

Motion: That the School Board approve the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

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

Item 1.05: LGBTQIA+ History Month Proclamation (Exhibit E)

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ History Month has been recognized across the U.S. since 1994 and Fairfax County Public Schools since 2017, to acknowledge the often overlooked contributions of LGBTQIA+ people, communities, and movements in our history; and,

WHEREAS, the arc of LGBTQIA+ history is one of both struggle and triumph. Despite increased understanding and protections, LGBTQIA+ people still face many challenges, including the threat of violence and their legal rights being revoked; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ organizations across Virginia and Fairfax County have shaped our Commonwealth's history. Equality Virginia, founded in 1989 and now the leading statewide advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights; Fairfax County's Transgender Education Association, launched in 1982 and now led by Rev. Emma Chattin to provide education, support, and advocacy for transgender and gender-expansive people and their families; Fairfax Lesbian and Gay Citizen's Association, established in 1989 by Bart Forbes, which sponsored Gay Fairfax, a cable television program chronicling local LGBTQIA+ life; Equality Fairfax, started in 2001 by Paula Prettyman and Kelly Schlageter to build local visibility and community; FCPS Pride, formed in 2015 by educator Robert Rigby as an employee and family advocacy group; and Pride Liberation Project, organized in 2021 by then-FCPS student Aaryan Rawal in response to attacks on LGBTQIA+ books and students. These and other groups' collective legacy has been transformative in the lives of LGBTQIA+ Virginians; and,

WHEREAS, despite earnest attempts, FCPS was regrettably slow to formally protect LGBTQIA+ students and staff. In 1992, the School Board extended modest verbal bullying protections to gay, lesbian, and bisexual students. In 2000, the school division removed administrative barriers that kept students from forming and joining Gay-Straight Alliance clubs. In 2002, the School Board postponed voting on a measure to add sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy when the state attorney general declared it did not have the authority. Twelve years later, these legal hurdles were removed, and the School Board finally added protections for sexual orientation in 2014 and gender identity in 2015. Progress has continued: 2016 and 2021 saw major inclusivity-focused updates to Student Rights and Responsibilities; 2018 and 2021 saw significant inclusive updates to Family Life Education; 2020 saw the school division's first recognition of June as Pride Month and the implementation of Regulation 2603, then among the nation's strongest protections for transgender and gender nonconforming students; and 2022 saw FCPS become one of the first public school systems to provide family planning benefit parity for LGBTQIA+ employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board stands with its diverse community of LGBTQIA+ students, families, and staff, recognizing the urgency of its charge to foster a responsive, caring, and inclusive culture where LGBTQIA+ students are affirmed and see their identities reflected in school programs, instructional curricula, and library offerings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board hereby proclaims October 2026 as **LGBTQIA+ History Month** in Fairfax County Public Schools, urging all to learn more about the many historical contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community, not only during October but throughout the entire year as well.

Motion: That the School Board approve the LGBTQIA+ History Month Proclamation.

Motion by Ryan McElveen, second by Marcia St John-Cunning.

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

Item 1.06: Proclamation Recognizing Asha-Jyothi (Exhibit E)

WHEREAS, Asha-Jyothi, meaning "A Ray of Hope," was founded in Chantilly, Virginia, in 2003 with a desire to help individuals and families facing medical hardship: and

WHEREAS, has since grown into a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to improving lives through education, healthcare, and community service, providing educational opportunities and access to healthcare for underserved communities while bringing people together across cultures and communities in a shared spirit of service, compassion, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Asha-Jyothi has remained deeply committed to the Northern Virginia community where it was founded, establishing its Educate-Innovate initiative to expand access to STEM and STEAM education, providing students and educators with innovative tools, technologies, and learning environments that encourage creativity, collaboration, exploration, and problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, the Educate-Innovate program cultivates in students the desire and drive to design, experiment, build, and invent, instilling in them the skills and confidence needed to become technology leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Asha-Jyothi has forged a strong partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools, supporting innovative learning opportunities and spaces at schools including Chantilly High School, Rocky Run Middle School, and Deer Park Elementary School, while providing grants, resources, and educational opportunities totaling more than $350,000; and

WHEREAS, through its annual 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run, Asha-Jyothi promotes community interest in, and support of, technology education for young people matching and distributing thousands of dollars in registration fees for the event to FCPS; and

WHEREAS, Asha-Jyothi's founders, volunteers, donors, and community partners demonstrate the extraordinary impact when people come together in service to others, showing a steadfast commitment to inspire, educate, and prepare students for future success in technology-related fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Fairfax County School Board recognizes and commends Asha-Jyothi for its steadfast commitment to STEM and STEAM education, and its generous support and service to the students, educators, and communities that are Fairfax County Public Schools.

Motion: That the School Board approve the Proclamation Recognizing Asha-Jyothi.

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

Category #2: Community Participation (Item 2.01): (Exhibit F)

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

In-Person/Virtual Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic
1	Lydia Tibebe	Student	Whitelist pilot
2	Naomi Durst	Student	Less screens
3	Peter Snelgrove	Individual	Questions about the XeedQ quantum computing contract
4	Eli Bolotin	Individual	Educational technology
5	Ann Marie Mochen	Individual	Hybrid telework
6	Julie Landry	Fairfax County Federation of Teachers (FCFT)	Teacher Open Gate duty
7	Emily VanDerhoff	FCFT	Weapons detection and telework
8	Megan Durst	Individual	Tech
9	Luke Williams	FCFT	Weapons detection duty
10	Tamara O'Neil	Individual	Objections to mandatory weapons detection duty for teachers
11	Steve Tunley	Individual	Gratitude

12	Zac Coe	Individual	School Board decision on the weapons detection grievance
13	Michelle Butler	Individual	Concerns about ed tech

Pre-Recorded Video Testimony

No.	Name	Representing	Topic
1	Panos Chatzigiannis	Individual	Educational value of ed tech apps
2	Bill McCabe	Individual	IPRs
3	Summer Johnson	Individual	Innovative work spaces

Category #3: Student Representative Matters (Item 3.01) (Exhibit G)

Student Representative Newt Shosteck made remarks.

Category #4: Action Items

Item 4.01: Superintendent's Recommendation for PreK/K Tech Device Use (Presentation & Vote) (Exhibit I)

Summary: After reviewing the ETRC recommendations, the Superintendent modified and recommends allowing the limited use of Lexia during the kindergarten reading/intervention block, (up to a maximum of 75 minutes per week) only for kindergarten students who require additional reading support. This limited exception for kindergarten students who require additional reading support recognizes the important role of targeted literacy intervention while maintaining the School Board's broader direction regarding limiting kindergarten device use.

This approach maintains the School Board's broader direction to limit device use in kindergarten while ensuring that students who require targeted literacy intervention continue to have access to the supports identified as necessary for their reading development in alignment with their reading plans. Further, there will be an allowable opt out for families of kindergarten students who do not wish to use Lexia as their additional reading support.

This recommendation affirms and maintains the existing Board approved exceptions for kindergarten students who require access to and use of such technology devices for Individualized Education Programs, 504 plans, translation purposes, or multilingual education support

Board Action:

Main Motion: That the School Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation**.**

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

After the Board voted on the Main Motion, the Board considered a Follow-on Motion:

Follow-on Motion: I move that the Fairfax County School Board direct the Superintendent to develop a process for parent or guardian opt-outs from ST Math and Lexia in elementary school, including instructional alternatives to these specific digital learning tools.

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

Item 4.02: Motions Related to Instructional Digital Applications (Exhibit J)

Board Action: At the beginning the agenda item, Mr. Dunne moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, the following original main motion #1: I move that the Fairfax County School Board direct the Superintendent to conduct an expedited review of the cost and instructional efficacy of Lexia reading tools currently used by Fairfax County Public Schools, to include (i) independent research, not funded by the vendor, of their instructional efficacy and (ii) a comparison with the instructional efficacy of additional staff-led tutoring services to meet EIRI requirements. The Superintendent shall identify alternate reading tools approved by the Virginia Department of Education or otherwise available for use by the school division that are supported by independent research.

During the discussion on the agenda item, Mr. Dannan moved, and Mr. Dunne seconded, the following amendment to main motion #1: I move to amend main motion #1 by:

- striking the phrase "additional staff-led tutoring services" and inserting the phrase "alternative methods of instruction" in its place; and
- striking the phrase "tools approved" and inserting the phrase "resources approved" in its place.

Upon the movement of this amendment, Vice Chairman McDaniel asked for unanimous consent for its inclusion into the motion. Since there were no objections, this language was added to main motion #1. Following additional discussion, the Board took the following vote on the amended main motion #1:

Amended Main Motion #1: I move that the Fairfax County School Board direct the Superintendent to conduct an expedited review of the cost and instructional efficacy of Lexia reading tools currently used by Fairfax County Public Schools, to include (i) independent research, not funded by the vendor, of their instructional efficacy and (ii) a comparison with the instructional efficacy of alternative methods of instruction to meet EIRI requirements. The Superintendent shall identify alternate reading resources approved by the Virginia Department of Education or otherwise available for use by the school division that are supported by independent research.

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

After the Board considered main motion #1, Mr. Dunne moved, and Mr. McElveen seconded, the following original main motion #2: I move the Fairfax County School Board to direct the Superintendent to evaluate the cost and instructional efficacy of all instructional apps and software (excluding Microsoft Office, Google Suite (Google Workspace), and similar apps and software) employed in the classroom, to include, to the maximum extent practicable, (i) independent research, not funded by the vendor, of their instructional efficacy and (ii) additional staff-led instruction. Mr. Dannan moved, and Mr. Dunne seconded, the following amendment to main motion #2:

During the discussion on main motion #2, Mr. Dannan moved, and Mr. Dunne seconded, the following amendment to main motion #2: I move to amend main motion #2 by:

- striking the phrase “all instructional apps and software” and inserting the phrase “centrally provided, core instructional applications and software for elementary schools” in its place;
- inserting the phrase “that are widely” after the phrase “similar apps and software)” and before the phrase “employed in the classroom”; and
- striking the phrase “(ii) additional staff-led instruction.” and inserting the phrase “(ii) alternative instructional methods” in its place.

Upon the movement of this amendment, Vice Chairman McDaniel asked for unanimous consent for its inclusion into the motion. Since there were no objections, this language was added to main motion #2. Following additional discussion, the Board took the following vote on the amended main motion #2:

Amended Main Motion #2: I move the Fairfax County School Board to direct the Superintendent to evaluate the cost and instructional efficacy of centrally provided, core instructional applications and software for elementary schools (excluding Microsoft Office, Google Suite (Google Workspace), and similar apps and software) that are widely employed in the classroom, to include, to the maximum extent practicable, (i) independent research, not funded by the vendor, of their instructional efficacy and (ii) alternative instructional methods.

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

The Board took a brief recess at 10:05 pm between Action items, the Board returned at 10:26 pm

Item 4.03: 2027 Fairfax County School Board State Legislative Priority Positions (Exhibit K)

Summary: The School Board regularly works with local, state, and federal officials and others to advance its legislative and budget priorities on behalf of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students, teachers, staff, families, and the broader community. The School Board also collaborates with other Virginia school divisions and statewide education organizations, including the Virginia School Boards Association.

As part of this work, the Board annually updates its State and Federal Legislative Program document. The Program, as currently structured, includes the Board's state and federal priority positions, a joint legislative position adopted with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and broader standing positions on state and federal issues of current and ongoing importance.

The Board will revise its adopted 2026 legislative priorities and positions to reflect actions taken in the past year by policymakers at all levels of government. The revisions will also address emerging issues, reflect the Board's current policy positions, and clarify or simplify existing language as appropriate.

At its September 8 Work Session, the Board discussed staff-recommended changes to the Board's state and federal priority positions as well as updates to its broader standing positions. In addition, the Board discussed the operation of its newly formed Legislative Committee. The discussion included revisions to the Board's legislative advocacy calendar and its approach to its state and federal priorities and to the broader legislative program document itself, with a near-term focus on identifying and finalizing Board state and federal priorities.

The Board is currently considering changes only to its existing state and federal legislative priority positions. A discussion of broader Legislative Program language changes has been delayed to a later date.

Board Action: That the Board adopt the 2027 Fairfax County School Board State Legislative Priority positions, as revised.

Main Motion: That the Board adopt the 2027 Fairfax County School Board State Legislative Priority positions, as revised.

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

Item 4.04: 2027 Fairfax County School Board Federal Legislative Priority Positions (Exhibit L)

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The Board is currently considering changes only to its existing state and federal legislative priority positions. A discussion of broader Legislative Program language changes has been delayed to a later date.

Board Action: That the Board adopt the 2027 Fairfax County School Board Federal Legislative Priority positions, as revised.

Main Motion: That the Board adopt the 2027 Fairfax County School Board Federal Legislative Priority positions.

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

Item 4.05: Award of Contract – Synthetic Turf Field Replacements at Annandale High School and South County Middle School (Exhibit M)

Summary: For safety and performance reasons, existing synthetic turf fields are maintained on a 10-year replacement cycle. The synthetic turf fields at Annandale High School and South County Middle School have reached the end of their expected service life and are due for replacement. As part of the projects, the existing infill will be replaced with crumb rubber infill. Funding for the projects will be provided through the Fairfax County Park Authority Fund.

The Office of Facilities Management (OFM) recommends utilizing FieldTurf USA, Inc., to perform the projects under AEPA Contract No. 4400012354. As an awarded contractor under the competitively procured AEPA cooperative contract, FieldTurf USA, Inc. has demonstrated the qualifications and capabilities necessary to provide synthetic turf replacement services in accordance with the contract requirements.

Board Action: For this agenda item, Vice Chairman McDaniel noted that since this item needed to be postponed again, he asked for unanimous consent to postpone this item until the October 22, 2026 Regular Meeting. Given that there was no objection, this item was postponed until October 22, 2026.

Item 4.06: Approval of Policy 5010, Procurement of Goods and Services Except Construction (Exhibit M)

Summary: On September 15, 2026, the Fairfax County School Board Governance Committee met and agreed to move several updated/revised policies, including
Policy 5010, Procurement of Goods and Services Except Construction, to the full School Board for approval.

Board Action: At the beginning of this agenda item the Board considered main motion #1:

Main Motion #1: I move that the School Board Governance Committee further review policy 5010 in tandem with policy 5011, to define items of procurement and clarify required notice by the Superintendent to the School Board.

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

Since main motion #1 failed, the Board considered main motion #2:

Main Motion #2: That the School Board adopt Policy 5010, Procurement of Goods and Services Except Construction, as revised and detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs with leave for the Clerk to make technical, grammatical, and formatting changes.

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

Category #5: Presentations to the School Board

Item 5.01: Opening of Schools (Exhibit H)

Dr. Reid presented the Opening of Schools report, highlighting division staffing rates, transportation metrics, student academic milestones, and new strategic initiatives.

Item 5.02: Academic Matters (Exhibit H)

Vice Chairman McDaniel stated that without objection, the Board would defer Agenda Item 5.02, Academic Matters. Since no objections were raised, this item was deferred.

Category #6: Performance Review

Item 6.01: Financial Planning (EL-5) Monitoring Report (Exhibit Q)

Summary: The Superintendent will provide an annual report to the Board on each of the 13 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.

Presentation: Dr. Reid presented the Board (EL-9) Monitoring Report.

Board Action: Following the presentation, the Board considered the following motion:

Motion: I move that the School Board finds that the Superintendent is in compliance with Executive Limitation # 5, Financial Planning Monitoring Report. I further move that the School Board approve the monitoring report based on the Superintendent's reasonable interpretation of Executive Limitation # 5, Financial Planning Monitoring Report, as outlined in the Strategic Governance Manual.

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

Category #7: Consent Agenda

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. (Dr. Anderson, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Dannan, Ms. Dixit, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Frisch, Ms. Lady, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. McElveen, Ms. Meren, and Ms. St John-Cunning were present.)

Item 7.01: Approval of Minutes (Exhibit R)

Summary: The Board approves meeting minutes from previous School Board meetings.

School Board Action: That the School Board approve the minutes for the following meetings: the September 24, 2026 Regular Meeting and September 22, 2026 School Board Retreat Meeting minutes with leave for the Clerk to make grammatical and formatting edits.

Item 7.02: Policy Review: EL-5: Financial Planning (Exhibit U)

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 Policy Review: EL 5 (Financial Planning) as is or refer this EL to the Board's Governance Committee for review. For further information, see the School Board's Governance Manual.

School Board Action: That the School Board maintains Executive Limitation 5, Financial Planning as it is currently detailed in the Strategic Governance Manual.

Item 7.03: Award of Contract – Roof Replacement Project at Whitman Middle School (Exhibit V)

Summary: Funding for the project will be provided from the Roofing Infrastructure Replacement Fund. Plans and specifications were prepared, and the project has been advertised. Bids were received on September 23, 2026. The bid tabulation is furnished below. The low bidder R.D. Bean, Inc. has performed satisfactorily on previous projects with the School Board.

Bidder	**Amount**
R.D. Bean, Inc.	$1,093,030.00
Interstate Corporation	$1,100,000.00
Orndorff & Spaid, Inc.	$1,214,524.00
Simpson Unlimited, LLC	$1,418,700.00
Vatica Contracting, Inc.	$1,420,021.00
Northeast Contracting Company, LLC	$1,721,300.00

School Board Action: That the School Board award a contract for the Roof Replacement Project at Whitman Middle School to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.D. Bean, Inc. in the amount of $1,093,030.00, and authorize the Division Superintendent, or the Chief Operating Officer, to execute, deliver and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

Item 7.04: Approval of Policy 1310 (Combination-Grade and Multiage Classes - Elementary Grades); Policy 1375 (Charity Drives); Policy 1475 (Approval Process for Research Studies and Data Collection Archives); and Policy 5029 (Equipment Ownership and Use) (Exhibit W)

Summary: On September 15, 2026, the Fairfax County School Board Governance Committee met and agreed to move the following policies to the full School Board for approval:

- Policy 1310, Combination-Grade and Multiage Classes - Elementary Grades

- Policy 1375, Charity Drives
- Policy 1475, Approval Process for Research Studies and Data Collection Archives
- Policy 5029, Equipment Use and Ownership

School Board Action: That the School Board adopt the following policies, as revised and detailed in the agenda item on BoardDocs with leave for the Clerk to make technical, grammatical, and formatting changes:

Policy 1310, Combination-Grade and Multiage Classes - Elementary Grades
Policy 1375, Charity Drives
Policy 1475, Approval Process for Research Studies and Data Collection Archives
Policy 5029, Equipment Use and Ownership

Item 7.05: School Board Office (SBO) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) (Exhibit W)

Summary: At the September 2, 2026 meeting of the Administration Committee, Members discussed the following Standard Operating Procedures for the School Board Office and approved sending them before the full Board for consideration:

List of SOPs for Consideration:

Minutes Process
Telework Procedures for SBO
Student Leadership Development Program
School Board Member Professional Development
Community Use, Back to School Night, and Constituent Outreach Funding (Formerly Back to School Night)
Leave Request and Leave Approval
Non-Exempt Employee Overtime
Meeting Manager Process
Quorum and Attendance Tracker
EL Monitoring Process Report
School Anniversary Proclamation/Recognition

School Board Action: That the School Board approve the School Board Office Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), as outlined in the attachment on BoardDocs.

Item 7.06: Amendment to Consultant Services Contract - SumTotal Systems, LLC - Professional Development and Evaluation System (Exhibit W)

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

Contract details are provided in the attachment.

School Board Action: That the School Board (i) approve the amendment for the Professional Development and Evaluation System, 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 7.07: Amendment to Consultant Services Contract - Tyler Technologies, Inc. - Student Transportation Routing Software(Exhibit W)

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

Contract details are provided in the attachment.

School Board Action: That the School Board (i) approve the amendment for the Student Transportation Routing Software, 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 7.08: Nomination to the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee (Exhibit W)

Summary: To nominate Toby Latham as Mr. McDaniel's appointment to the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee (ETRC). Mr. Latham replaces Mr. McDaniel's previous appointment to the ETRC.

School Board Action: That the School Board approve the appointment of Toby Latham (McDaniel - At-Large) to the the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee.

Item 9.09: Additional Appointees to Community Advisory Committees (Exhibit X)

Summary: The current version of Policy 1710 establishes eight standing community advisory committees to the School Board, setting forth their authority, responsibility, and representation. By policy, committee members “shall be residents of Fairfax County or employees of Fairfax

County Public Schools," and "to the maximum extent possible, appointments made by School Board members should reflect the religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the areas they represent." Additional committee members are selected as provided for in the current version of Regulation 1710. All appointments shall be approved by the School Board.
Members of the community advisory committees serve one-year terms, as do the student representative's appointees. All terms begin in August and end in July.

Nominees to be appointed or reappointed by this action are listed below:

School Board Action: That the School Board appoint individuals to serve on Community Advisory Committees for a term expiring July 31, 2027, as detailed in the BoardDocs agenda item.

Category #8: 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 8.01: Strategic Plan Goal 1 Report: Strong Start: Pre-K-12 (Exhibit Z)

Recommended Action: That the School Board approves the Goal 1 Strategic Plan Report for SY 2026-27.

Item 8.02: Issuance of School Bonds (Exhibit AA)

School Board Recommended Action: That the School Board (a) adopt the Resolution approving the 2027 sale of school bonds, and (b) authorize the Chair or Vice Chair and Clerk, as required, with the advice of legal counsel for the school division, to negotiate, execute, deliver, and administer the School Board Tax Certificate and all other documents as are deemed appropriate and advisable, and to do all other things necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by the Resolution, as detailed in the agenda item.

Item 8.03: Award of Contract – Roof Replacement Project at Gunston Elementary School (Exhibit BB)

School Board Recommended Action: That the School Board award a contract for the Gunston Elementary School Roof Replacement Project 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 8.04: Nomination to the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee (Exhibit AA)

School Board Recommended Action: That the School Board approve the appointment of Priya Obloy (McElveen - At-Large) to the the Superintendent's Educational Technology Review Committee.

Item 8.05: Strategic Governance Manual Revision - Update to Proclamation Section (Exhibit AA)

School Board Recommended Action: I move that the Fairfax County School Board amend Appendix E of the Strategic Governance Manual ("School Board Proclamations and Other Acknowledgements"), Section 3 ("School Board Proclamations - Annual Proclamations"), Subsection 6 ("National Heritages and Holidays") to add the "September 11 Commemoration" to the list of observances honored by the School Board every year.

Category #9: Board Committee Reports (Item 9.01) (Exhibit CC)

Mr. Dunne provided a brief update on the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee.

Category #10: Superintendent Matters (Item 10.01): presented by Dr. Reid (Exhibit DD)

The Superintendent did not provide remarks due to the late hour.

Category #11: Board Matters (Item 11.01) (Exhibit EE)

Board Members did not provide remarks due to the late hour.

Category #12: Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:39 a.m.

MINUTES
Fairfax County School Board
Luther Jackson Middle School

Robyn Lady, Chair of the Board

Christina Setlow, Clerk of the Board

Approved: October 22, 2026