March 8, 2022
LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
5 p.m.
Presiding: Jeff Morse, Chair

WORK SESSION

School Board Operations: Chair Jeff Morse provided the School Board with information regarding School Board Operations.

RECOGNITIONS

Schools to Watch: Six middle schools, Belmont Ridge, J. Michael Lunsford, Mercer, Seneca Ridge, Smart’s Mill and Trailside, were honored for having been redesignated as National Schools to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. Loudoun County Public Schools has been named a National Schools to Watch District in response to all eligible middle schools receiving the designation of a National School to Watch and their support of middle school-aged students.

Teaching and Learning Spotlight, Briar Woods High School: Briar Woods High School Principal Sheila Alzate and English teacher Laura Noselli detailed the high school’s use of data to drive instruction, targeted instruction and social-emotional supports. They were assisted by the Briar Woods Student Advisory Planning Team: Srijan Muscu, Shruti Kasireddy, Samhita Gupta, Shruthika Sundar, Sibel Bulut, Kavya Smart and Diana Barahona-Bonilla.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from Hamilton Elementary, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, lead the Pledge. These students included Ella Brantley, Denver Welch, Arthur Hertzberg and Jeremiah Haggard.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Potomac Falls High School Guitar Quartet performed the National Anthem. Students performing included Angelica Franco Brito, Sebastian Gutierrez Sandoval, Pranet Ok and Esteban Olivares.

ACTION

The School Board Approved:

Minutes; Personnel Actions; Specialized Programs and Centers: Charter School Calendars - School Year 2022-2023; Department of Student Services: New Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Members; Nomination of Equity Committee Member by Atoosa Reaser, Algonkian District; Finance & Operations Committee: Mickie Gordon Memorial Park Lease; Finance and Operations Committee: Contract Award – IFB 21-499 Briar Woods High School Classroom Addition; Finance and Operations Committee: Contract Award – IFB 21-501 Potomac Falls High School Weight Room Expansion; Finance and Operations Committee: IFB #I22338 Athletic Equipment for Ongoing Needs; Finance and Operations Committee: IFB #I22339 Secondary Music Instruments and Furniture for Ongoing Needs; and Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #R22777 Electric Buses.

… Various proclamations and resolutions, including Equity in Education Month, Women's History Month, Music in Our Schools Month and Social Emotional Learning Day.
… Revision of Policy 8030, Student Discrimination and Harassment (Former Policy 8-6).
… Revision of Policy 8035, Title IX, Sex-Based Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (Former Policy 8-6).
… Revision of Policy 5320, Procedures for Location of Self-Contained Special Education Programs (Former Policy 5-58).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Office of the Superintendent: Superintendent Dr. Scott Ziegler presented the Superintendent’s Operational Update. Department of Support Services: Chief Operations Officer Kevin Lewis presented the Abbreviated Attendance Zone Change Process for the Reserve at Holly Springs. Mr. Lewis also presented Current Elementary School Students Affected by Attendance Zone Changes – Policy 8160 Survey Results for Certain Rising Grade Five Students.

Legislative and Policy Committee: School Board member Atoosa Reaser (Algonkian District) and Division Council Robert Falconi presented Revisions to Policy 2160, Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests.
Finance and Operations Committee: Chief Financial Officer Sharon Willoughby presented the Revision of Policy 4150, Financial Accounting and Reporting; the Revision of Policy 4350, Vendor Relations; the Adoption of Policy 4360, Small, Women-Owned, Minority-Owned, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses; and the Adoption of Policy 8020, Relations with School Support Organizations.

Chair Morse presented the Month of the Military Child Proclamation.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Ellie Schubert, of Rock Ridge High School; Aaron Weidner, of Freedom High School; and Diana Altenhof, of Stone Bridge High School, were introduced as the student School Board members.

DELEGATIONS (Live Comments)


DELEGATIONS (Virtual Comments)

Jessica Huff, Lindsay Carrasco and Marcus Luangrath, spoke about the renovation of Park View High School. Ayesha Waqas, Kiran Kumar, Heather Hughes, Sonia Aznaran, Janny Cho, Mary McClintock, Tim McClintock, Michaela Garrison, Ruth Kieffer, Sridevi K., Rene Ciampaglia, Valerie Smith and Benjamin Smith asked for the School Board to reconsider funding the Virtual Loudoun program in grades K-5. Sheryl Gusman expressed various concerns.