May 10 and 11, 2022
LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
4 and 6:30 p.m.
Presiding: Jeff Morse, Chair

The Loudoun County School Board continued its Tuesday, May 10, meeting after the School Board and Cabinet Strategic Planning Work Session on Wednesday, May 11.

Chair Jeff Morse (Dulles District), Vice Chair Ian Serotkin (Blue Ridge District), Atoosa Reaser (Algonkian District), Harris Mahedavi (Ashburn District), Andrew Hoyler (Broad Run District), John Beatty (Catoctin District), Tom Marshall (Leesburg District) and Brenda Sheridan (Sterling District) attended the meeting at the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Administrative Offices, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn. Denise Corbo (At-Large) attended remotely.

WORK SESSION
Chair Morse facilitated a discussion concerning School Board operations. Topics discussed included School Board Member Back-to-School videos; a School Board training session; Loudoun County’s budget request; off-site dinners with student School Board members; a realignment of information items (prioritizing those with the most participation first); a 10 p.m. review of remaining agenda items; and ways in which to best accomplish School Board meeting agendas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Loanie Lam, Salma Khalil and Zainab Akbar, who participated in the 57th annual SkillsUSA Virginia State Leadership Conference and Skills Championships, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Academies of Loudoun SkillsUSA participants brought home six gold, six silver and three bronze medals and Zainab was elected to an at-large state officer position. The Academies of Loudoun also was designated as a SkillsUSA Quality Chapter.

NATIONAL ANTHEM
The Willard Middle School String Ensemble, a select group of eighth-grade orchestra students under the direction of Bryce Anderson, performed the National Anthem. The students performing included Riri Arceneaux, Phoebe Lau, Aryan Nindra, Joslyn Prasanth, Alicia Robillard, Anika Singh, Ruhi Sujlana, Victoria Treger and Cooper Won.

RECOGNITIONS
Deputy Superintendent Dr. Ashley Ellis introduced Assistant Director of Special Education Beth Robinson, who introduced transition specialists Sarah Conlin and Jenna Arndt who offered information about the CAST program, an educational course for secondary students with disabilities that leads to access to adult services, post-secondary education and employment.

ACTION
The School Board Approved:
Minutes; Personnel Actions; and Department of Student Services: Kindergarten Non-Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year.

... the Fiscal Year 2022 Third Quarter Financial Review and Appropriated, Unspent Year-End Funds Request. This action included $2.7 million in items to be reduced from Fiscal Year 2023 Budget; $2.2 million to support the Virginia Department of Education’s Recruitment Incentive Payment Program for teachers; and $10 million to fund items as determined by staff from the staff’s recommended use list that was presented to the School Board.
... moving W.O. Robey High School from Park View High School to Dominion High School.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Superintendent Dr. Scott Ziegler presented the Superintendent’s Operational Update. As part of this update, Division Counsel Robert Falconi spoke to the School Board about Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) considerations related to the Virginia Attorney General’s Office issuing subpoenas to LCPS families and staff.
Chair Morse spoke about the nomination of Loudoun Education Alliance of Families (LEAF) members.

Chief Operations Officer Kevin Lewis presented the LCPS Energy Conservation and Efficiency Report. Since 1993, LCPS’ commitment to effective and efficient use of resources has enabled the school community to curb emission outputs while saving more than $100 million in operating costs.

Chair Morse presented a request to name the Blue Ridge Middle School Library “The Sheila Lightner Library” in accordance with School Board Policy 6510.

Dr. Ellis detailed a plan to assign all Hovatter Elementary kindergarten students to Pinebrook Elementary starting with the 2022-23 school year and continuing through the 2024-2025 school year. This situation would end after the opening of ES-32 on the Hovatter/Lightridge High School campus for the 2025-26 school year.

Chair Morse detailed the adoption of Policy 6140, Free and Reduced-Price Meal Services; the adoption of Policy 6150, Food Service Management; and the adoption of Policy 6160, Food Sanitation Program.

Director of Procurement Services/Risk Management Andrea Philyaw outlined the revision of Policy 4340, Procurement Procedures.

Chair Morse presented a request to name the Independence High School Stadium “Prince Movers Field.”

Mr. Mahedavi outlined the revision of Policy 2510, School - Community Communications and Community Involvement.

Mr. Mahedavi and Director of Communications & Community Engagement Joan Sahlgren detailed revisions to Policy 8070, Students - Written Comments and Complaints (Former Policy 8-10).

Dr. Ellis also presented the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Head Start Supplemental Cost-of-Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Application for Fiscal Year 2022.

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Dr. Asia Jones presented a LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation.

Dr. Ellis presented a Gun Violence Awareness Proclamation.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Sophia Kim, a junior at Lightridge High School; Alexandra “Alex” Ramos, a senior at William O. Robey High School; and Laurin Rosales, a sophomore at Woodgrove High School, were introduced as the student School Board members.

DELEGATIONS

Live Comments

Sandy Sullivan expressed concerns on behalf of LCPS employees. Elizabeth Perrin spoke about Park View High School equity concerns. Therese Liebermann, Sophia Liebermann, Amy Rossi, Rachel Emch, Marsha Emch, Elizabeth Emch, Jerry Emch, Gwen Meehan, Sianna Eaves and Anthony Cimino-Johnson advocated for greater funding for the arts. Elizabeth Coppage, Julia Holcomb and Kerry Kidwell sought support for the Gun Violence Awareness and LGBTQ+ Pride Month proclamations. Meggan Jenkins criticized School Board member Ian Serotkin. Rene Camp read news headlines and quoted scripture. Peter Livingston criticized the School Board in relation to the funding of Title I schools. Michael Rivera expressed concerns about the Second Step program. Rene Ciampaglia thanked the School Board and administration for funding Virtual Loudoun for K-5 students in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Jeffrey Dunn spoke in favor of collective bargaining rights for LCPS employees. Andrea Weiskopf asked for an addition to the LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation. Susan Cox thanked the military and those who served, promoted Honor Flights and spoke about Virginia’s governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

Virtual Comments

Lindsey Carrasco spoke in favor of demolishing and rebuilding Park View High School. Valerie Smith and Benjamin Smith thanked the School Board and administration for funding Virtual Loudoun for K-5 students in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.