May 25, 2021 Recap

LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
5 p.m.
Presiding: Brenda Sheridan, Chair

This was a virtual meeting to comply with Gov. Ralph Northam’s Statewide Measure to Contain COVID-19, which limits in-person gatherings to 25 people.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Stone Bridge High School state-champion athletes Charlie Lausten, Cole DeVido and Jeremiah Covington-Griggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS
Department of Human Resources and Talent Development Sub-Central Specialist, Bonnie Robertson, honored Chase Acton of Waxpool Elementary School; Layla Ali of Arcola Elementary School; Reverend Brian Wells of Belmont Ridge Middle School; and Nazima Burlbaugh of Heritage High School, as Loudoun County Public Schools’ Outstanding Substitutes.

ACTION
The School Board Approved:
Minutes; Discipline Committee: Adoption of Policy 8265, Student Searches and Seizure (Formerly Policy 8-2); HRTD Committee: Policy 7324, Drug and Alcohol Testing for Employees Required to Hold a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL); HRTD: Recommended termination of employment for case number: 1452521; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #R19232, Agency Nursing Services for Students, Renewal; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #R20255, Civil and Environmental Engineering Services, Renewal; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP #R21268, Security Guard Services; Finance and Operations Committee: RFP Back of the Envelope Audit, Renewal; Finance and Operations Committee: Resolution Requesting the Board of Supervisors to Request the Circuit Court to Order a Special Election to Issue General Obligation Bonds of the County or to Apply for Virginia Public School Authority Financing Not to Exceed $159,410,000 in General Obligation Bonds for School Purposes; Finance & Operations Committee: Award of Contract – Construction Manager at Risk Services for Douglass School Renovations, Part 2 - Construction Services; Department of Instruction: Approval of the Proposed Amendment to Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) School Business Partnership Executive Council Bylaws: Council Membership – Representatives; Department of Instruction: Approval of the Proposed 2021 Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award Application; Specialized Programs and Centers Committee: Charter School Per Pupil Funding; and Licensed and Classified personnel actions, including the following administrative appointment:

William Wohead, as Director, Facilities Operations, Department of Support Services. Mr. Wohead holds a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Trine University and a master’s degree in civil engineering from San Diego State University. He has served as a facilities and construction manager for the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Navy; as an operations officer for the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion; as director of engineering services for the White House Military Office; as director of design and construction and director of public works and infrastructure for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii; and a director of operations for Naval Construction Group ONE, Port Hueneme, California.

… a Gun Violence Awareness Proclamation.
… an LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation for the Month of June.
… the School Board finalized its decision that the terms of future School Boards shall be staggered.
… appropriating $10,871,859 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act from the State of Virginia to the Non-Departmental Department in the School Operating Fund.
… adding three additional school holidays to the adopted 2021-2022 calendar, which would bring the LCPS calendar into closer alignment with Virginia state holidays.
… the addition of the Advisory Commission on Youth report titled “State of the Youth of Loudoun County” to the Joint Committee Work Plan.

INFORMATION
Finance and Operations Committee: Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Kevin Lewis and School Board member Leslee King (Broad Run District) described Milestone Towers’ proposed Mickie Gordon Park cellular tower.
Business and Financial Services: Assistant Superintendent for Business and Financial Services Sharon Willoughby and Interim Superintendent Dr. Scott Ziegler gave a COVID Relief Funds update.
Support Services: Kevin Lewis said a naming committee’s suggested name for LCPS’ new alternative high school was Oak Grove High School.
Discipline Committee: School Board members Jeff Morse (Dulles District) and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Ashley Ellis addressed the adoption of revisions to Policy 8210, Introduction to Student Discipline and Deletion of Policy 8-34, Personal Electronic Devices and Laser Pointers.
Pupil Services Committee: Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services Dr. Asia Jones, Director of Student Services Dr. Clark Bowers, and Dr. Scott Ziegler addressed the revision of Policy 8155, School Assignment.

Department of Instruction: Dr. Ashley Ellis outlined an Alternative Accreditation Plan for LCPS' New Alternative High School.

PUBLIC HEARING
John Benedict, Middleburg Mayor Bridge Littleton, John Rizik, and Joe Darden expressed reservations about a cellular tower being placed in Mickie Gordon Park.

DELEGATIONS (LIVE COMMENTS)

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Sandy Sullivan spoke in favor of staggered School Board terms and collective bargaining. Erika Daly spoke in favor of a Gun Violence Awareness Proclamation. Julie Garrett praised the School Board. Joe Darden spoke about the need for healthy meals in school. Monica Sadeghi addressed various concerns. Mike Biron and Erin Smith detailed efforts to recall members of the School Board.