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Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Academies of Loudoun

MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Committee Members Present: Bill Fox, Eric Hornberger, Jeff Morse, and Jill Turgeon

Meeting called to order at: 5:42 p.m. by Jeff Morse on behalf of Chairman Hornberger, who arrived at 5:56 p.m.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The committee approved the meeting minutes from the last committee meeting of April 21, 2015 (3-0-2 with Mrs. Bergel and Mr. Hornberger absent). Motion was made by Jeff Morse and seconded by Bill Fox.
- II. **Public Comment:** There was no public input on the Academies of Loudoun.
- III. **Presentation by Stantec Architecture, Inc.:**
 - Derk Jeffrey of Stantec Architecture, Inc. began the presentation. He presented the proposed schematic design for the new Academies of Loudoun facility. Stantec staff responded to questions from committee members and the audience as a whole. There was widespread support for the proposed schematic design.
 - Chairman Hornberger noted that the School Board as a whole would need to approve the final schematic design and that it would be preferable for the design to be shared with the full Board as soon as possible. The committee voted unanimously of members present (4-0-1 with Ms. Bergel absent for the vote) to recommend the proposed schematic facility design to the full Board for review and consideration at its next regular business meeting (May 12, 2015). Chairman Hornberger requested that the presentation be made during the afternoon portion of the May 12, 2015 regular business meeting and that the session be televised. Presentation of the proposed schematic design to the full School Board on May 12, 2015 will allow for the proposed design to be shared with the Loudoun County Planning Commission Public Hearing on May 19, 2015 as part of the School Board's Commission Permit request. Additionally, this information may also be presented at the Joint Boards Committee meeting on June 4, 2015. The school board will have time to discuss the project further at their meetings in May and June. The target goal for approval of a finalized schematic design by the School Board is the end of June 2015.

- Dr. Terri L. Breeden, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, along with LCPS staff, discussed the curriculum work and timelines for the scope of the instructional program development for the new Academy of Engineering & Technology (AET). Dr. Breeden proposed to start with 9th and 10th grade students having access to and beginning the program pathways as early as the fall of 2016 or 2017, a full year or two prior to the opening of the Academies of Loudoun facility. This could be accomplished within an existing LCPS high school that may be below student capacity. Committee members supported the concept of beginning programming prior to facility completion and opening AET as quickly as possible. The Committee expressed an interest for staff to further develop these plans. Staff will work on developing the concept and identifying budget implications that will impact the FY17 operating budget and beyond.

IV. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**