STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Horizons Community Church One-Year Extension Request of Building Contract with Colonial Forge High School

ITEM NO: 8E

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MEETING: March 23, 2004
ACTION DATE: March 23, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the request of Horizons Community Church for an extension of their current contract with Colonial Forge High School for church services – 2 years requested.

KEY POINTS:

- School Board Regulation R2-38, Community Use of School Facilities: Priorities for Use, Section B, stipulates that nonprofit Stafford County religious organizations may be permitted to rent school facilities. Section B, Item 4, states, said agreement shall be renewable annually up to a maximum of six years upon agreement of the parties. If during the sixth year of renting school facilities a religious organization is actively engaged in the construction phase of building its own facility and it is reasonably evident that completion of such construction cannot be accomplished prior to the conclusion of the sixth year of the rental agreement, then in that event the Superintendent is authorized to renew such agreement on a monthly basis for a period of up to twelve months but not greater.
- Horizons Community Church, having met the six-year maximum, petitioned the School Board at the regularly scheduled meeting of May 14, 2002, and received a two-year extension. The extension will expire on May 6, 2004.
- On March 11, 2004, a letter was received from Horizons Community Church requesting an additional two-year extension to their current building contract with Colonial Forge High School.
- A 10.5-acre parcel of property was purchased by Horizons Community Church in 2002; payments for land were completed in September 2003.
- Architectural drawings for new facility are approximately 80% complete and construction will begin by May 2005.
- Horizons Community Church anticipates completion of building before the end of May 2006.
- Dr. Lisa Martin, Principal, Colonial Forge High School, supports this request.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:
Goal 5: Provide Facilities that Promote Student Learning and Community Support

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:

- School Board Regulation R2-38, Community Relations, Community Use of School Facilities: Priorities For Use
- Agenda Item 9E, dated May 14, 2002
- Letter from Dr. Russell Watson, dated May 20, 2002 Authorizing Extension
- Letter from Horizons Community Church, dated March 11, 2004