

**Meeting Minutes
Virginia Board of Education
Charter School Committee**

Richmond, Virginia

February 22, 2012

Mr. Rob Krupicka called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Committee members attending were: Mrs. Betsy Beamer, Mr. Walter Cross, Mrs. Linda Hyslop, Mr. Rob Krupicka, Mr. Dave Cline, and Dr. Rick Richardson. Also present were Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Patricia Wright, and Board members, Mr. Chris Braunlich and Dr. Billy Cannaday.

After opening remarks, Mr. Krupicka described the steps of the review process and reviewed the committee's task of examining the Fairfax Leadership Academy public charter school application as stipulated in the *Code of Virginia*. The purpose of the meeting was for the committee to discuss the application, meet with the applicant, and decide if the application met the Board's approval criteria.

Before the examination of the application, Mr. Krupicka introduced the applicant, Mr. Eric Walsh, who in turn recognized the following members of the Fairfax Leadership Academy team: Shawn DeRose, Anthony Terrell, Catherine Buffaloe, Sharyn Franck, Kurt Mills, Vince O'Neill, and Julie Strategos. Also attending from the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) were Dr. Richard Moniuszko, Jim Johnson, Phyllis Pajado, Debra Reeder, and Paula Jett.

Mr. Krupicka made note of the supplemental materials that Mr. Welsh presented and the letter that Dr. Moniuszko, Deputy Superintendent, sent to the Board of Education informing them that the charter school has been working with FCPS staff to determine various elements of the charter school.

Mr. Krupicka confirmed that the applicant information (Part A) was complete; an executive summary provided an overview of the proposed charter school; and the assurances (Part C) were signed.

The applicant then provided an overview of the main points of the application's components grouped into three areas: Education, Logistical, and Business. After the applicant addressed each area, the committee had the opportunity to ask questions. Committee members were asked to reach a consensus as to whether the application addressed each of the following required application components:

Required Application Components		Met the Criterion
II.	Mission Statement	Yes
III.	Goals and Educational Objectives	Yes
IV.	Evidence of Support	Yes
V.	Statement of Need	Yes
VI.	Educational Program	Yes
VII.	Enrollment Process	Yes
VIII.	Economic Soundness	Yes
IX.	Displacement	Yes
X.	Management and Operation	Yes
XI.	Employment Terms and Conditions	Yes
XII.	Liability and Insurance	Yes
XIII.	Transportation	Yes
XIV.	Residential Charter School	N/A
XV.	Disclosures	Yes

While consensus was reached that each of the criteria had been met, there were comments on Section IV: Evidence of Support, and Section VIII: Economic Soundness. Regarding Evidence of Support, the applicant was encouraged to seek additional parent and student input among the targeted population that would demonstrate in a more significant way that a need exists for the school. Regarding economic soundness, it was noted that the financial plan was adequate, but the applicant should work closely with FCPS to secure fixed figures on costs.

Dr. Wright commended the applicant on the proposal and also recognized the support of the FCPS.

Mr. Krupicka explained that the committee's consensus report will be prepared and provided to the applicant within ten business days. The report will be presented to the Board for first review at the March 22, 2012, meeting. The Board will review, comment, and make a determination as to whether the Fairfax Leadership Academy charter school application meets the approval criteria and take final action at the April 26 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Krupicka at 3 p.m.