



Fairfax County School Board Meeting

Accountability Score Card

School Board Meeting Date: **August 26, 2021**

Total Time that School Board met: **3 hours, 19 minutes**

Topic	Time Spent at SB mtg (minutes)	Time Spent at SB mtg (%)	Notes
Citizen participation	31 min	15%	
Academics/Curriculum changes	0 min	0%	
Learning Loss/Catch Up Learning	3 min.	1.5%	SOL scores, in the context of ESSER III discussion, mentions in speeches of SB members.
Testing/Grading Changes	0 min.	0%	
Addressing Special Needs population concerns/issues	0 min.	0%	
COVID Issues/Guidance	0 min.	0%	A few references to the pandemic.
New Superintendent Hiring	0 min.	0%	
Other: ESSER III Spending Plan	53 min.	27%	
Votes	Key Sponsor	Passed (Y/N)	Who Voted
ESSER III Spending Plan		Y	McLaughlin abstained, Omeish not in the room but came back and clarified support for the plan.
Superintendent to direct Principals on how to spend \$10 million from ESSER funds to meet their needs	Corbett-Sanders	Y	Passed unanimously.
Outdoor Learning Spaces – allow opportunity to consume meals outside as much as possible and use outdoor spaces for learning.	Meren	Y	Passed unanimously.
Consent Agenda	Sizemore-Heizer	Y	Passed unanimously.

Other Issues Discussed:

- The School Board voted to approve revenue and expenditure adjustments to the FY21 budget, to include **a one-time bonus for FCPS employees** of \$1000 per contracted teacher and \$500 per staff.
- The School Board approved a resolution renaming the Chef Rockeymore-Murray Cafe at Mount Vernon High School in honor of Chef Rockeymore-Murray.
- The School Board approved the ESSER III spending plan for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funding which includes:
 - Allocations to elementary, middle and high schools
 - Hire ESSER III Executive Principal/Implementation Manager
 - Hire a Social Emotional screener
- A few notable comments by School Board members:
 - Looking at hiring hourly monitors (Brabrand)
 - Lunchroom concerns and alternative outdoor spaces for lunch (Anderson)
 - Test to stay as an alternative to quarantines (Anderson, Keys-Gamarra)
 - SOL scores showed us we have work to do, which is not a surprise (Tholen)
 - We brag about being #1 for business in Virginia but we need to be #1 for education and teacher pay (Brabrand)
 - ESSER funds were an unusual infusion of funds in a system that has long been underfunded (Pekarsky)
 - Allow parents to check-out and check-in students from lunch (Brabrand)
 - Daughter was quite excited to be back in school (Anderson)
 - School bond will be on the ballot this year (Meren)
 - Excited to go to South Lakes open house and football game (Meren)
 - Acknowledge transportation problems in Dranesville (Tholen)
 - Believe we have best practices and layered strategy to keep our students safe in school this year (Kaufax)
 - I know we are worried about the learning loss in the long term. Look forward to a school year with a return to fun and joy in the learning. (Sizemore-Heizer)
 - Hope during the budget process that parents will be here to support raises for our teachers (Cohen)
 - I know we are eager to put the pandemic behind us, but we aren't there yet. Wearing a mask and requesting a vaccination isn't an attempt of a school system to control people. (Frisch)
 - Joy is what happened in our schools this week. I know it will be a challenging year to deal with delayed learning. We have the largest military-connected youth than any other school system. (Omeish)
 - We will be welcoming new students/refugees to the school system. (Corbett-Sanders)
- Brabrand's Report:
 - Stated that test scores dropped in every state whether started in-person, virtual or hybrid. He said that we won't get out of this in a quarter, a semester or even a year.
 - Noted that 180,000 kids returned to school.
 - Pushed urgency for EUA for COVID vaccine for under 12yo