



Fairfax County School Board Meeting

Accountability Score Card

School Board Meeting Date: **September 23, 2021**

Total Time that School Board met: **4 hours, 55 minutes**

Topic	Time Spent at SB mtg (minutes)	Time Spent at SB mtg (%)	Notes
Citizen participation	50 min	17%	Board took an 18 min. break after outcry over books read aloud by a speaker
Academics/Curriculum changes	2 min.	0.6%	Noted they updated planning and pacing guides
Learning Loss/Catch Up Learning	2 min.	0.6%	Megan asked about efforts to reduce learning loss due to quarantines. Brabrand acknowledged learning gaps will not be made up in a quarter or a year.
Testing/Grading Changes	2 min.	0.6%	Brabrand touted success in getting the state to change standards for graduation. Accreditation being waived for another year. Brabrand/Sizemore-Heiser pushing for greater flexibility to graduation standards.
Addressing Special Needs population concerns/issues	0 min.	0%	
COVID Updates/Guidance	0 min.	0%	
New Superintendent Hiring	0 min.	0%	
Other: Superintendent Report Out	32 min.	11%	See notes below.
Other: Q&A between SB and Supt.	88 min.	30%	See notes below.
Other: Transportation Discussion/Vote	56 min.	19%	

Votes	Key Sponsor	Passed (Y/N)	Who Voted
Confirmation of Actions taken in Closed Meeting	Kaufax	Y	Anderson, McLaughlin, Sizemore-Heiser, Omeish voted No. Meren abstained. All others voted Yes.
Suspend rules to consider 6.1 as an action item	KCS	N	Anderson, Meren, McLaughlin, Kaufax voted No.
Effective Oct. 9, Direct Supt to increase driver pay 2.5%, increase starter pay to \$22	KCS	Y	Anderson, Meren, McLaughlin abstained.
An amendment to KCS motion above to include years of service to ensure retention of bus drivers.	Omeish	Y	Anderson voted No. Meren, McLaughlin, Kaufax abstained.
Consent Agenda	Sizemore-Heiser	Y	Unanimous

Notes:

- **Brabrand:** Touted success of FCPS. Mentioned several times vaccines for 5-11 kids and setting up efforts to support vaccination needs in schools. Acknowledge that Covid will continue to be a significant part of our school system for a while. Thinks that when kids can get vaccines that enrollment will go up. Proud of state's changes to the graduation standards to increase graduation rates.
- **KCS:** Inquired about the 133 instructional vacancies. Most significantly in special education (57 vacancies). Also, have significant needs at HS level in math and science. 40 instructional assistant vacancies too, not included in the 133 number. Have about the same amount of bus driver vacancies.
- **KKG:** Asked about community's request for virtual learning option. Brabrand reiterated that we don't have the staffing resources to support a virtual program. Already can't support full in-person learning due to staffing shortages.
- **Frisch:** Wondered about MiFi savings and SEL supports and its impact on LGBTQIA students.
- **Meren:** Expressed concern about FCPS taking on vaccination and testing in addition to the responsibilities of the school system noting it isn't sustainable.
- **Omeish:** Asked about comparison of academic statistics and community engagement to prior years.
- **Sizemore-Heiser:** Asked how we are supporting teachers when students are paused that requires them to work past contract hours. Vital to ensure a connection of students to teachers and school.
- **Pekarsky:** While there are many successes, there are still many areas of concern. Next hurdle is vaccination for 5-11-year-olds. Asked about K-2 technology resources. Noted concern regarding time on devices and inquired about what guidance has been given to teachers.