

**FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT MEETING**

April 2, 2019

3:00 P.M.

Government Center Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors Members Present:

Board Chair Sharon Bulova
Committee Chair Penelope Gross, Mason District
Supervisor John Cook, Braddock District
Supervisor John Foust, Dranesville District
Supervisor Pat Herrity, Springfield District
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Supervisor Jeff McKay, Lee District
Supervisor Kathy Smith, Sully District
Supervisor Linda Smyth, Providence District
Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

School Board Members Present:

Board Chair Karen Corbett Sanders
Vice Chair Ilryong Moon, Member-at-Large
Pat Hynes, Hunter Mill District
Karen Keys-Gamarra, Member-at-Large
Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District
Dalia Palchik, Providence District
Elizabeth Schultz, Springfield District

Others Present:

Noel Kaplan, DPZ
Tiya Raju, DPWES-BCBD
Chris McGough DPMM
Vrushali Oak, DPWES
Peter Shogren, FMD, Energy Division
Meena Bhatia, DPWES
Eric Goplerud, FACS
Keith Snyder, FCPA
Toby Sorensen, City of Fairfax School Board
Al Kenneke, FACS

Betty Ender, FACS
Cindy Spear, FACS
George Kralovec, Citizens Climate Lobby
Tom Biesiadny, FCDOT
Bill Hafker
Pam Tinker, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action
Bruce Tinker, FACS

April 2, 2019 Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2019/april02-joint-environmental-policy-agenda.pdf>

April 2, 2019 Meeting Materials:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-supervisors-joint-environmental-policy-meeting-county-school-board-april-2-2019>

To view a recording of the April 2, 2019 Joint Meeting between the Board of Supervisors and School Board, please see:

http://video.fairfaxcounty.gov/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=9. The video link may be found under “Apr. 02, 2019 Joint Environmental Policy & School Board.”

Today’s meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Opening Remarks & Item I

Chairman Bulova welcomed the Fairfax County School Board members to a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss coordination on environment and energy issues. The meeting was scheduled to address resolutions passed by both the Board of Supervisors and the School Board, indicating their respective commitments to act on energy and climate issues. In addition, both boards had indicated an interest in meeting more frequently with each other to discuss opportunities for increased collaboration.

School Board Chair Karen Corbett Sanders also provided an introduction where she expressed the importance of collaboration between the School Board and Board of Supervisors on environmental issues, to better meet goals and priorities in countywide plans, such as One Fairfax. Sanders mentioned the opportunities

both boards can create for county youth and for environmental sustainability by continuing to work together.

Remaining members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board, as well as staff from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), Fairfax County Government (FCG) and contributory agencies introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of the role they play within the realm of energy and the environment.

Item II Environment and Energy Informational Matrix

The first topic on the agenda was a presentation from Kambiz Agazi, Environmental and Energy Coordinator, Office of the County Executive, who provided an overview of an informational matrix on current and future opportunities for collaboration on environment and energy initiatives between FCG and FCPS.

The matrix, a complete version of which was shared with the joint boards in an attachment, detailed the seven service areas in Fairfax County's Environmental Vision, laid out targets for each service area shared by FCG and FCPS, outlined how these two entities are already collaborating in these areas, and provided examples of how these two entities might further collaborate moving forward. Kambiz stressed that the informational matrix was meant to provide guidance and initiate discussion between FCG and FCPS; the matrix was not an implementation plan. Many of the proposed opportunities for increased collaboration included increasing the frequency of meetings between FCG and FCPS staff. Kambiz stressed that doing so would allow the two groups to share best practices and progress toward adopting innovative energy solutions, reducing energy use, improving energy efficiency in facilities and, ultimately, reaching regional climate goals.

Kambiz then presented in more detail on the current partnerships between FCG and FCPS, particularly the many educational programs the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) runs through their Departments of Solid Waste Management, Stormwater Management, Wastewater Management and Trees and Urban Forest Management. In addition, DPWES provides workforce development pathways for FCPS high school graduates who are

interested in Trades and Labor, and/or may not be planning to attend a traditional four-year college or university.

Item III

Board of Supervisors/School Board Environmental Policy

The second topic on the agenda was a presentation from Jeff Platenberg, FCPS Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Transportation, and Justin Moss, FCPS Director of Facilities Management, who provided an update on current energy initiatives in FCPS and opportunities for coordination with FCG on these initiatives.

Superintendent Jeff Platenberg gave an introduction, where he thanked both boards for bringing FCG and FCPS together to share avenues for future collaboration. Jeff highlighted the importance of aligning joint FCG and FCPS environment and energy goals with existing plans. He touched briefly on current FCPS environmental initiatives, such as the Get2Green program, and opportunities to partner with FCG, but turned it over to Justin Moss to present on specific initiatives.

Justin first shared a matrix on the FCPS Environmental Vision, which outlined many of FCPS' policies on environmental stewardship and recycling. In addition to these initiatives, Justin shared FCPS priorities related to climate mitigation and health and education of students. Justin stated that FCPS and FCG coordination on these last two areas provide ideal opportunities to affect environmental change and enhance educational programs for county youth.

Justin then shared a climate and energy collaboration matrix and discussed how work with federal partners has allowed FCPS to work toward their energy use reduction goals. Although FCPS and FCG use different building design standards and certification programs, FCPS believes they could work with FCG on green buildings and energy use by participating in mutual training programs and building on shared knowledge that will benefit both organizations. Furthermore, Justin pointed out that these two groups can work together to overcome challenges associated with reducing energy use and adopting renewable energy.

Finally, Justin touched on other initiatives that FCPS and FCG can partner on, such as recycling, planting trees, aligning construction stewardship programs, developing wildlife habitats, hosting outdoor classrooms and working on key health initiatives like-school gardens and farm-to-cafeteria programs.

Chairman Bulova thanked the presenters and followed up with some additional comments on the informational matrix presented by Kambiz Agazi. Chairman Bulova highlighted the county's goals related to electric vehicle fleet adoption and charging infrastructure installations as an example of an area where FCG and FCPS could collaborate on procurement opportunities.

Item IV

Open Discussion on Presentation Materials

Members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board had a round table discussion on ways FCG and FCPS could further collaborate on environment, energy and climate issues. Each board member was given an opportunity to share their thoughts and recommendations.

Board members expressed an interest in a broad range of environmental and energy issues impacting FCPS and the greater county. These included improving alternate and public transit options to schools, (such as enhancing walking and biking routes, increasing school bus ridership and ramping up the county's free bus program); increasing recycling and composting projects; repurposing older facilities; developing solar PPAs and other low-carbon energy solutions; developing workforce training and certification programs for FCPS students within county departments; increasing outdoor learning opportunities; and increasing focus on health and nutrition for school-aged children.

Several board members brought up the importance of increased FCG and FCPS coordination on community engagement, especially amongst FCPS students. Board members expressed a wish to hold future joint board meetings in times and places where students might be able to participate, and to increase online communication with this demographic. Aligning joint board environmental initiatives with One Fairfax and other county policies was brought up by several board members, as was the need for cost-benefit analyses for specific collaborative projects. A few board members expressed the need to ensure that whatever collaborative projects and initiatives may be developed not overburden

FCPS faculty members. Finally, the need to develop timelines and short- and long-term goals was mentioned as an important first step for future work.

Item V
Establishment of the Joint Environmental Task Force (JET)

Chairman Bulova announced the establishment of a Joint Environmental Task Force (JET), the purpose of which is to assemble a small group of joint board members, who will work with staff and the community to identify areas of collaboration between the School Board and Board of Supervisors to further Fairfax County's efforts in energy efficiency and environmental sustainability and to develop implementation strategies for bringing efforts forward. Chairman Bulova announced that Supervisors Penny Gross and Dan Storck would be the two representatives to serve on JET from the Board of Supervisors; Chairman Sanders put forward herself and Pat Hynes to serve as the School Board's representatives on the JET.

Supervisor Jeff McKay then shared some insights from the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT), a similarly structured collaborative initiative between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board, which resulted in the One Fairfax Resolution, adopted by both boards in 2016, and the establishment of an equity office in both FCG and FCPS. Some recommendations Supervisor McKay shared included involving senior staff in meetings, utilizing expertise from community members and stakeholders, holding bimonthly meetings and using a third-party moderator.

Chairman Bulova concluded the Joint Board meeting by suggesting that all the newly appointed JET members stay behind for a few minutes to talk about scheduling the first JET meeting. The Joint Board meeting was then adjourned at 4:52 pm.