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School Board Elects New Chairman Regular meeting location to change

A new chairman will lead the Falls Church City School Board for the 2006-2007 school year. At its organizational meeting last night, the board appointed Craig Cheney to serve in the leadership position. Outgoing chairman Kathy Chandler nominated Cheney.

“His vision is ambitious, but well grounded in reality,” Chandler said. “Our relationship with the Falls Church City Council has improved over the past year, and Craig is largely responsible for that.”

Cheney was elected to office in 2004. He served as vice chairman during the 2005-2006 school year. His past service also includes work with the communications subcommittee, the Professional Employees Advisory Committee (PEAC), the high school PTSA and the middle and high school athletic boosters. He is the father of three Falls Church City public school students.

The school board also appointed Kathy Chandler to serve as vice chairman. Board member Kieran Sharpe nominated her. He commended Chandler for her exemplary leadership as chairman in building a new middle school, planning for school progress and in leading the committee on school starting times during her two years as chairman. Chandler was first elected to office in 2002 and was re-elected to a second term this year. She is the mother of two George Mason High School graduates.

Meeting Location Change

The first order of business for the new board was to set dates, time and location of school board meetings for the coming year. For personnel and fiscal reasons, the board decided to move regular meetings to the Chambers at City Hall.

“Meeting at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School over the past year has provided us with a friendly venue for showcasing student talent,” said Superintendent Lois Berlin. “However, it requires additional television personnel to set up and broadcast meetings on FCC-TV than is necessary at city hall, and it has created more set up and break down work for our middle school custodial staff.”

The Falls Church City School Board will continue to hold its regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., but in its new location, the Chambers at City Hall. School board work sessions on alternate Tuesdays, or as needed, will continue to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School library.

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