

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: May 8, 2007

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **NAMING OF STADIUM PROJECT AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL**

ORIGINATOR: H. Scott Gehring, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area

RESOURCE PERSON(S):

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Education approved the addition of a press box and lights at Franklin High School. The work is funded by a combination of private and grant funds. The Franklin High School Boosters, Inc. wants to name the project the "*Dr. Clarence E. McWilliams Stadium.*" The McWilliams and Broderick families have donated over \$20,000 for the stadium project. Attached is a narrative written about Dr. McWilliams history and impact on Franklin High School.

This is the third reading.

RULE 7530 1 NEW CONSTRUCTION: Occupying

Naming of a Capital Project or Area of a School

In accordance with applicable Board of Education Policy 7530, requests for naming a capital project or area of a school must comply with the following standards in order to be presented to the Board of Education for approval. This rule also details the respective roles of the principal and the Executive Director of Schools.

I. Proposals for Naming of a Capital Project or Area

The principal will forward the recommended name to the appropriate Executive Director of Schools. The Executive Director of Schools is responsible for making the recommendation to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Formal Board of Education approval must precede any local arrangements for dedication.

Any proposal for naming of a capital project or area must include the following components:

- A. Exceptional private donations related to the naming proposal in accordance with Board Policy and Superintendent's Rule 7330.
 - **The FHS Athletic Boosters, Inc. has received over \$20,000 from the McWilliams and Broderick Families over the course of the Stadium project. In addition to the monetary donations many hours of personal time were dedicated to the effort since 1999. In honor of Dr. Clarence E. McWilliams memory and as a dedication to the time and attention he gave to the student athletes at Franklin High over his many years, the FHS Athletic Boosters Inc, Executive Board has voted unanimously to name the stadium after him. We would like to recommend the stadium keep the name *The Dr. Clarence E. McWilliams Stadium*, permanently.**
- B. Other exceptional circumstances related to the naming proposal.
 - **Maryland State Athletic Directors Association presented "Doc" McWilliams with their 2005 Distinguished Service Award. This award was presented posthumously and is presented to individuals outside the field of athletic administration who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of interscholastic athletics at the school, county, or state level. "Doc" was on the first Baltimore County Medical Association Committee to establish guidelines for football in Baltimore County**
- C. Information on the individual, private organization, business, community organization or foundation whose name is proposed for use on the project or area.

- **Clarence E McWilliams, M.D. lived in Reisterstown, next to the high school, practicing general medicine from 1953-1995. He had 8 children, all of whom graduated from Franklin, in addition to many nieces and nephews who also graduated from FHS. He had 22 grandchildren, 4 of which attended FHS, the last to graduate this year.**

He was the local town Doctor who provided sports physicals (in an age when they were not mandated) and they were always free of charge. He went to the school to do them before every season. To the general public his office calls were \$2.00 when he began his practice and \$10 when he retired. If patients didn't have the money he accepted fruit and veggies as payment.

If someone was injured during a game or practice all we had to do was call and he would either see him in his office or come next door to the school to examine them.

He also attended as many games as he could and even mowed the grounds of Franklin High (which backed up to his property on Reisterstown Road) for relaxation. He joked with his wife Jean many times about cutting the grass at Franklin to keep him busy in retirement, however she took him down to Florida instead. Both he and his wife attended many activities when they came in town to visit their family.

"Doc" truly was an icon to be remembered for many years to come. Dedicating the stadium to his memory is the least we can do as a community, a school, and Board.

II. Proposals for Retaining a Name Beyond Ten (10) Years

The principal will forward a recommendation to retain a name longer than ten (10) years to the appropriate Executive Director of Schools. The Executive Director of Schools is responsible for making the recommendation to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Formal Board of Education approval must precede any local arrangements for any re-dedication.

Rule:
Adopted: 3/08/05

Superintendent of Schools