



TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, August 13, 2002

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:13 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Sarah D. Bormel, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Mr. James R. Sasiadek, Mr. Sanford V. Teplitzky, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Arnold informed Board members of the death of the father-in-law and grandfather of Kathy and Erica Cohn, former Board members.

Board members were reminded to contact Ms. Zepp for a parking pass for Friday's Administrative and Supervisory meeting.

Board members were also reminded of the September 15th retreat to be held at Greenwood. Mr. Arnold stated that an agenda would be sent out prior to the meeting.

Mr. Arnold announced that beginning with tonight's meeting, the statement during the evening meeting regarding the approval of the minutes would change to "...they stand approved as presented on the web site."

Dr. Hairston noted the item under Reports, "Annual Board Agenda," is for information only.

At 5:19 p.m., Mr. Sasiadek moved the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(7). The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung and unanimously approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Grimsley, Executive Director for Human Resources, reviewed the various recommended appointments listed on tonight's agenda.

Ms. Murray entered the room at 5:23 p.m.

Dr. Hayman and Ms. Ettinger shared their concern about the assignment of a particular employee.

Ms. Howie, Legal Counsel to the Superintendent, reviewed the interpretation of a legal statute.

At 6:36 p.m., Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the closed session for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sasiadek and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:37 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Sarah D. Bormel, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Ms. Janese Murray, Mr. James R. Sasiadek, Mr. Sanford V. Teplitzky, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; staff members, members of various civic, employee, and community organizations were present as was the media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Miss Danielle Roth, a fourth grade student at Reisterstown Elementary School, and a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections to the open and closed session minutes of June 11, 2002, and July 9, 2002, Mr. Arnold declared the minutes approved as presented on the web site.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston expressed his appreciation to Ms. Johns, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Arlene Fleischmann, Coordinator in the Department of Professional Development, for their efforts in preparing for the recent New Teacher Induction program.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Randall Grimsley recognized the staff members whose appointments were approved at the July 9, 2002, meeting.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. Report on the Proposed Revisions to Policy 3122 – Classification of Expenditures – and New Rule 3122 – Classification of Expenditures

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- B. Report on Proposed Revisions to Policy [6153] 6104 – Field Trips and Foreign Travel – Ms. Bailey, Executive Director for Special Programs K-12, provided a history and background of the policy. She noted that staff is currently discussing the ban on foreign travel and that Dr. Hairston would be coming back to the Board in the future with a recommendation. Through a Power Point™ presentation, Ms. Danae Farley, Specialist in World Languages, reviewed the current field trip and foreign travel policies and discussed the proposed changes.

In response to a question by Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Bailey reported that the proposed rule for field trips and foreign travel is still under review by legal counsel.

Dr. Hayman made some editorial suggestions.

Mr. Grzymiski inquired as to whether information would be included in the rule regarding precautions and safeguards parents could take to minimize their financial exposure. Ms. Farley indicated that it would.

Mr. Walker asked for clarification of the statement regarding students not being denied the opportunity to participate in field trips because of cost.

When Mr. Teplitzky inquired as to when the Board would receive a recommendation regarding foreign travel, Dr. Hairston suggested it could be the latter part of October or November. Noting the extensive planning that goes into foreign trips, Mr. Teplitzky suggested the recommendation be presented to the Board much sooner.

- C. Report on Proposed Revisions to Policy 6111 and New Rule 6111 – School Calendar – Mr. Teplitzky shared his desire to see wording in the rule that would make clear the Board has the final obligation and responsibility to approve the calendar. He also suggested the inclusion of a provision that the expectation would be no fewer than seven days placed in the calendar for inclement weather.

Mr. Sasiadek suggested the return of unused inclement weather days be included in the rule. Several Board members disagreed.

Mr. Teplitzky asked the Calendar Committee to review the position about school opening dates, as some parents find it confusing.

Having once served on the Calendar Committee, Mr. Sasiadek noted that it is difficult to develop a calendar that has a great deal of flexibility. He

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suggested that the policy be kept as broad as possible so that the Board could consider each calendar on its own merits.

- D. Report on FY 2004 Capital (State and County) and Operating Budget Schedules – Mr. Grzymiski suggested that the dates for the availability of information on the proposed operating budget be provided to constituents.
- E. Annual Board Agenda.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits G, H, I, J, K, and L. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.)

CONTRACT AWARDS

Mr. Teplitzky pulled items 2, 3, and 6. On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Grzymiski, the Board approved items 1, 4, 5, and 7-11.

- 1. Containerized Refuse Collection Services – One-Year Extension – Reassignment of Contract
- 4. Contracted Services: Science Chemical Disposal – One-Year Extension
- 5. Contracted Services: Sprinkler System Inspection, Installation, and Repair Services – Three-Year Bid
- 7. Contracted Services: Wood Dance Floor Installation – Patapsco High School
- 8. Equipment Contract: Window Air Conditioners
- 9. Equipment and Software Contract: Video Image System
- 10. Literacy Training Program
- 11. Specialty Paper and Envelopes – Two-Year Bid

CONTRACT AWARDS (Cont.)

Items 2, 3, and 6

On motion of Mr. Sasiadek, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Board approved items 2, 3, and 6. Mr. Teplitzky abstained from discussion and voting on these items.

2. Contracted Services: Nurses
3. Contracted Services: Physical Examinations – Two-Year Bid
6. Contracted Services: Sylvan Learning – One-Year Extension

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee, represented by Mr. Kennedy, recommended approval of items 1-12. Dr. Hayman pulled item 10 for further discussion. The Board approved recommendations 1-9 and 11-12.

1. Temperature Control Upgrades – Eastern Technical High School
2. Boiler Feed Water Tank Replacement – Franklin Middle School
3. Casework Replacement – Kenwood High School
4. Systemic Renovation Project – Maiden Choice School
5. Ramp and Chairlift – Sparrows Point High School
6. Fee Acceptance – Inspection Services for Subdivision of Open Spaces and Science Lab Renovations – Chesapeake High School
7. Fee Acceptance – Design and Construction Administration Services for Reroofing Project – Arbutus Middle School
8. Fee Acceptance – Design and Construction Administration Services for Reroofing Project – General John Stricker Middle School
9. Change Order – Design Services for Reroofing – Franklin Elementary School
10. Change Order – Design Services for Addition/Renovation – Randallstown Elementary School

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Cont.)

11. Change Order – Major Maintenance Renovation Project – Eastwood Center Elementary Magnet School
12. Change Order – Major Maintenance Renovation Project – Sussex Elementary School

Item 10

Dr. Hayman asked if the air-conditioning was part of the school renovation, to which Dr. Krempel responded it was. Dr. Krempel also noted that the postponed ribbon cutting is being rescheduled.

Mr. Walker inquired about air-conditioning in the older portion of the building. Dr. Krempel responded that only the new section of the school is air-conditioned. He also stated that it is standard practice to install air-conditioning in new additions, administrative areas, and health suites. In this particular project, window units in the administrative and teacher support areas are being replaced with a central chiller.

As recommended by the Building Committee, the Board approved item 10.

10. Change Order – Design Services for Addition/Renovation – Randallstown Elementary School

LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Ms. Ettinger questioned whether the long-term commitment to this facility is educationally worthwhile. Ms. Fromm stated that discussions were held with Ms. Bailey and Dr. Young prior to entering into negotiations for the lease extension. It was determined that the building is meeting the educational needs of the program.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Grzynski, the Board approved a five-year extension to the lease agreement for the Meadowood Education Center in the amount of \$132,489 annually.

PARTNERSHIP CONTINUATION

On motion of Mr. Teplitzky, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Board approved the continuation of the partnership between the University of Maryland Baltimore County and the Baltimore County Public Schools. The continuation of the agreement will place four interns at Hebbville Elementary School for training this school year.

REVISED BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sasiadek, the Board approved a revised year-end Budget Appropriation Transfer in the amount of \$1,363,657.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- Schools and offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2002, in observance of Labor Day.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 9, 2002, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at 5:00 p.m. After the Board adjourns to meet in closed session, followed by a brief dinner recess, the open meeting will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.
- The Board will meet in retreat on Sunday, September 15, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the Greenwood Administration Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers who were originally scheduled to speak at the July 9th meeting but were unable to do so because the meeting was shortened because of a power outage addressed the Board:

Ms. Carol Pinto discussed her reasons for opposing the changes to State regulations and Baltimore County Board policy (#5550) if it would include the phrase "sexual differences."

Ms. Anita Bass asked for information on how a determination is made to update/renovate schools' bathrooms.

Ms. Laura Suffecool, a Baltimore County Public Schools' parent, thanked the Board for reconsidering the inclusion of "sexual differences" in Policy 5550. She shared her concern that the proposed change might have eventually opened the door for issues dealing with sexual orientation to be taught as an acceptable alternative behavior. She stated the new wording will protect all children.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a representative of the Advisory Committee for Special Education, thanked the Board for approving the Special Education Staffing Plan at the July meeting. She again reiterated the committee's (and parents') request for the rationale behind the ratios. With regard to the argument of fully funding the federal effort, Ms. Shriver stated that regardless of

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whether or not it is funded, under the law, lack of adequate resources does not release school districts of their obligation to provide a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment for every identified special education student.

Ms. Lora Williams, President of the American Federal, State, and County Municipal Employees Local 434, introduced members of Council 67 that accompanied her this evening. She described the various financial needs of the group's membership that have not been funded and asked for the Superintendent's and Board's support in seeking funding from the fiscal authorities.

Mr. Michael Franklin, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, congratulated Mr. Arnold and Mr. Sasiadek on their re-election to the positions of President and Vice President, respectively. He described the activities of the group's summer retreat. Mr. Franklin announced the date of the PTA Council's annual Fall Workshop – October 24th at Cockeysville Middle School. Lastly, Mr. Franklin urged that the ribbon cutting for Randallstown Elementary School be held on a Saturday so that it could be a community event and so that the local PTA president could attend.

No one signed up to address the Board with regard to proposed revisions to Policy 6111 – School Calendar.

Mr. J. R. Carter, a Featherbed Lane Elementary School parent, discussed some concerns of Featherbed parents—the lack of adequate access and egress routes to and from the school, overcrowding, lack of restroom facilities for staff in one of the buildings, and children and teachers having to go outside to attend classes in trailers.

At 9:08 p.m., Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sasiadek and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer