

APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, BOARD OFFICERS AND NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Monday, August 9, 2004

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 11:43 a.m. at Greenwood. President James R. Sasiadek and the following newly appointed Board members were present: Mr. Nicholas P. Camp, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, and Ms. Ramona N. Johnson. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Sasiadek thanked the newly appointed Board members for attending today's meeting. He reviewed the purpose of the meeting, which was to bring the newly appointed Board members up to speed before the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, August 10th.

Board members and staff went around the table and introduced themselves. Mr. Charles Herndon, Director of Communications, introduced Ms. Jennifer McMenemy of the Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Luis E. Borunda, newly appointed Board member, entered the room at 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Sasiadek reviewed the Board norms that were approved last year. He noted the Board's focus is to meet the needs of all of our children in all of our schools. The Board norms are reflective of the Board's existing practices and values in which the Board believes. Mr. Sasiadek read the Board norms and emphasized these norms are a point of reference for newly appointed Board members.

Dr. Hairston provided an overview of his background and quality as a leader and vision for the school system. He stated that schools are reflective of the community with no fiscal autonomy.

Mr. Grzynski entered the room at 11:54 a.m.

Next, the *Blueprint for Progress*, which will be reviewed at the Board meeting on August 10th, was distributed to newly appointed Board members. Dr. Hairston provided the history, concept, and background of the *Blueprint for Progress*. He stated that this document has driven BCPS performance, and the school system has not deviated from that foundation of thinking. Dr. Hairston noted the *Blueprint for Progress* revisions focus on alignment with the *No Child Left Behind Act 2001* and the National Education Bills. Dr. Hairston also noted that the foundation for the *Blueprint for Progress* is the Master Plan. Revisions to the Master Plan would be reviewed at the August 10th Board meeting.

Ms. Harris exited the room at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Sasiadek provided an overview of the student member's voting rights. A copy of Policy 8110 was supplied to Mr. Camp.

Mr. Daniel Scroggs, Information Technology Coordinator, reviewed Baltimore County Public School's website describing how Board members can obtain information such as Board agendas, exhibits, policies, and rules. Mr. Scroggs will contact all newly appointed Board members individually to ensure they have access to all pertinent information. Mr. Sasiadek stated that a session would be scheduled on equipment usage and accessibility to the Board of Education website.

Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board, provided the agenda and exhibits for the August 10th Board meeting to newly appointed members. Mr. Sasiadek reviewed the times of each session including the Building Committee process.

Next, Ms. Stiffler reviewed the 2004-05 calendar of events. She noted that events are subject to change. Mr. Sasiadek asked each Board member to leave Tuesdays open for Board meetings and work sessions during the school year.

Mr. Grzyski greeted newly appointed Board members. Mr. Grzyski and Ms. Johnson left the room at 12:53 p.m.

Mr. Nevelt Steele, Jr. Assistant County Attorney, reviewed the appeal process before the Board of Education. Mr. Steele also reviewed the State Board process and distributed a summary of COMAR 13A.01.01.03 to each newly appointed Board member.

Finally, Mr. Sasiadek introduced Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County. Ms. Bost provided an overview of TABCO and noted the excellent relationship TABCO has with the Board of Education. She also stated that TABCO would be working with this Board and coalition members during the upcoming budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:25 p.m., Mr. Janssen moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Camp and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer