

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:32 p.m. at Greenwood. President James R. Sasiadek and the following Board members were present: Mr. Donald L. Arnold, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Mr. John Hayden, III, Dr. Warren Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, and Ms. Joy Shillman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

President Sasiadek reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events for July and August.

At 5:44 p.m., Mr. Kennedy 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 §10-508(a)(7). The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and unanimously approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Nevett Steele, Jr., Esq. offered legal advice on a matter dealing with a request for hearing.

Dr. Donald Peccia, Executive Director of Human Resources, reviewed personnel matters to be considered this evening with Board members.

Upon advice of Board counsel, and by motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Grzymiski, the Board moved into executive function.

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Arnold moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:53 p.m. at Greenwood. President James R. Sasiadek and the following Board members were present: Mr. Donald L. Arnold, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Mr. John Hayden, III, Dr. Warren Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, and Ms. Joy Shillman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Rowland Savage, followed by 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 Board of Education Open and Closed Minutes of May 24, 2005; and the Open and Closed Minutes of June 14, 2005, Mr. Sasiadek declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

Mr. Sasiadek informed the audience of the sessions in which Board members had participated earlier in the afternoon.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Maggie Kennedy, a representative of the Area Educational Advisory Council, reported that the advisory council leadership met to plan activities for the upcoming school year.

On behalf of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, Ms. Kennedy announced its annual retreat will be held on August 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the Maritime Museum.

Ms. Maggie Kennedy, Chair of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, reported on its work over the summer meeting with various advocacy groups and individuals.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on its meeting last month and is putting together its accomplishments for 2004-05 year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported that Baltimore County Public Schools had a major presence at the National Educational Computing Conference, the world's largest and most comprehensive educational technology event. Dr. Hairston accepted the 2005 ISTE Award for Outstanding Leadership at the conference.

He reported that many county educators are spending most of July in summer curriculum workshops. This month more than 70 workshops are being held aimed at developing and refining curriculum for the new school year. This year, the workshops concentrate on "differentiating and diversifying" curriculum.

Dr. Hairston reported on the Principals' Academy, which was held June 19-22 to talk about priorities and plans for the upcoming school year and to share best practices and support with each other.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont)

Dr. Hairston noted that in the final round of the prestigious Young Artists Competition, three BCPS students performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in a gala concert. Those students were Anahid Gregorian from Franklin High School, Julian Evans from Towson High School, and Willis Spencer from Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Executive Director of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments approved at the June 14, 2005 Board meeting as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
CHERYL R. BROOKS (Effective June 20, 2005)	Teacher/Classroom Chase Elementary School	Specialist Office of Equity and Assurance
PHILIP H. BYERS (Effective July 1, 2005)	Assistant Principal Arbutus Elementary School	Principal Middleborough Elementary School
ADRIENNE D. DICKERSON (Effective July 1, 2005)	Family Services Coordinator St. Vincent de Paul Head Start Center	Pupil Personnel Worker
DWIGHT J. EASTERLY (Effective July 1, 2005)	Acting Assistant Principal Battle Monument School	Assistant Principal Battle Monument School
TYEST GANT (Effective July 1, 2005)	Teacher/Mathematics Woodlawn Middle School	Assistant Principal Woodlawn Middle School
BRENT GRABILL (Effective July 1, 2005)	Teacher/Classroom Deer Park Elementary School	Assistant Principal Arbutus Elementary School
BERNARD P. HENNIGAN (Effective July 1, 2005)	Teacher/English Parkville High School	Pupil Personnel Worker
RENEE B. JOHNSON (Effective July 1, 2005)	Assistant Principal Featherbed Lane Elementary School	Principal Chesapeake Terrace Elementary School
MICHAEL D. KNIGHT, JR. (Effective July 1, 2005)	Assistant Principal Northeast Middle School Baltimore City Public Schools	Assistant Principal Woodlawn Middle School
LYNNE E. MULLER (Effective July 1, 2005)	Supervisor, Guidance and Counseling Department of Student Support Services	Coordinator, Guidance and Counseling Department of Student Support Services

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

ROBERT T. MURRAY, IV (Effective July 1, 2005)	Teacher/Social Studies Sparrows Point Middle School	Assistant Principal New Town High School
JAMES B. QUARLES (Effective July 1, 2005)	Teacher/Classroom Woodmoor Elementary School	Assistant Principal Featherbed Lane Elementary School
LAVINIA M. RINGGOLD (Effective July 1, 2005)	Local Accountability Coordinator Maryland State Department	Coordinator of Testing Office of Accountability, Research and Testing of Education
MANUEL B. RODRIGUEZ (Effective July 1, 2005)	Superintendent of Schools Roswell Independent School District	Area Assistant Superintendent
DELORES TEDESCHI-BUTLER (Effective July 1, 2005)	Teacher/English Deer Park Middle Magnet School	Assistant Principal Old Court Middle School
JOHN S. WARD (Effective July 1, 2005)	Assistant Principal Woodlawn Middle School	Principal Stemmers Run Middle School
RICHARD W. WEBER (Effective July 1, 2005)	Assistant Principal Perry Hall Middle School	Principal Pine Grove Elementary School

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

Dr. Hairston presided during the election of the President of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Dr. Hairston asked for nominations for the office of president. Mr. Janssen nominated Mr. Grzymiski. Ms. Harris seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Dr. Hairston closed the nominations for the office of president. The motion to select Mr. Grzymiski was passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Grzymiski assumed the chair and requested nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Ms. Johnson nominated Dr. Hayman. Mr. Janssen seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Mr. Grzymiski closed the nominations for the office of vice president. The motion to elect Dr. Hayman as Vice President of the Board of Education was passed by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Fiscal Year 2007 Operating and Capital Budget Schedules** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, outlined the FY 2007 capital and operating budget schedule for the upcoming school year. Ms. Burnopp also distributed the FY2006 Adopted Operating Budget to the Board. Ms. Burnopp stated that the adopted budget would be available to the public on July 13 via the BCPS website.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits C, D, E, F, G, and H. Mr. Janssen opposed Exhibit H. He stated that information was received too late for him to review and make an informed decision. Ms. Johnson abstained from voting on Exhibit H. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.)

CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Kennedy, recommended approval of items 1-19 (Exhibit I). Ms. Harris pulled item 1. Mr. Janssen pulled item 18 for further discussion.

With regards to item 18, Mr. Janssen inquired why this contract has a 5% contract modification when other contracts request a 10% contract modification. Mr. Sines responded the contingency allotment for contracts is being examined with the focus on targeting the actual expenditure. The reduction of the contract modification from 10% to 5% is due to good field study from the contractor.

The Board approved these recommendations. Ms. Harris opposed item 1. Mr. Hayden abstained from voting on item 15.

1. Class Attendance and Evacuation Monitor System
2. Closed Circuit Television Equipment and Installation Services
3. Employee Benefits Consulting Service
4. Lease Agreement – Office Space for Southwest Area Superintendent's Designee Psychological Services, and Pupil Personnel Workers
5. Public School Piano Loan Program
6. Roofing Package – Windsor Mill Middle School
7. Various Contracts – Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council-Board Authority Additional Purchasing Options

CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

8. Well Water Treatment, Sampling, and Inspection Services
9. Contract Extension: Dual Purpose Paper-Copy, Laser Printers, and Duplicators
10. Contract Extension: Food and Nutrition Service-Dishwashing and Cleaning Agents
11. Contract Extension: Sprinkler System Inspection, Installation, and Repair Services
12. Contract Modification: Additional Design Services-Kenwood High School
13. Contract Modification: Installation of Vertical Chairlift at Fifth District Elementary School
14. Landscaping (Package 2C) – Windsor Mill Middle School
15. Parking Lot and Driveway Addition – Joppa View Elementary School
16. Running Track Replacement – Pikesville High School
17. Theatre Heating and Air Conditioning Replacement and Improvements at Carver Center of Arts and Technology
18. Window Replacement and Siding – Human Resources Building, Greenwood
19. Temporary Easement – Sollers Point Technical High School

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Financial Report for the Months Ending May 31, 2004 and 2005
- B. Educational Area Advisory Councils for Baltimore County Workgroup Report of May 25, 2005
- C. Revision to 2006-2007 School Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grzymski made the following announcements:

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 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.

Mr. Grzynski reminded speakers to refrain from discussing any matters that might come before the Board in the form of an appeal, as well as any personnel matters.

Due to a misunderstanding with the public comment sign-up sheet, Mr. Kennedy noted that there were four individuals from the community in the audience who would like to speak regarding the renaming of Relay Elementary School's library. With approval from the Board, Mr. Grzynski permitted the individuals to come forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RENAMING OF
RELAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

Ms. Paula Rees, principal of Relay Elementary School, who spoke for all of the individuals, thanked the Board for considering this proposal.

Mr. Hayden motioned to amend the agenda for this evening and vote to approve the renaming of Relay Elementary School library to *Dr. James F. Skarbek Memorial Library* in memory of Dr. Skarbek. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously approved by the Board.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Suzy Filbert expressed concern over provision 9528 of the ESEA, as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* and the release of directory information to military recruiters. She requests the Board adopt a policy and practice regarding military recruiters and Section 9528. Additional information was distributed to Board members.

Ms. Tia Steele asked the Board to give special consideration to the Student Handbook information regarding directory information. She requested that an opt out form be required with the school's emergency information form, printed as a stand-alone form, or require it to be returned as part of student registration.

Ms. Ronda Cooperstein stated students need to be educated from about all perspectives regarding joining the military, including an opt out form.

Ms. Linnen Meier, a former student, expressed concern that parents are unaware that directory information of a student may be withheld from disclosure. She stated that students are required to meet privately with college representatives; therefore, the same procedure should be followed when meeting with military recruiters.

Mr. James Baldrige, a member of Veterans for Peace, would like to the opportunity to go into schools and speak with students that are considering the military. On behalf of Veterans for Peace, Mr. Baldrige asked the Board to give this organization the opportunity to speak with students about career opportunities other than the military.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Mr. James Strassberger asked the Board to ensure every student and parent/guardian is aware of their option to withhold directory information from military recruiters. He asked the Board to adopt a policy that would include an opt out statement and become part of a student's permanent record.

Mr. John Oliver asked the Board to encourage county schools to allow representatives of Veterans for Peace and other community groups to have the opportunity to speak to students about opportunities other than the military.

Ms. Elsie Davis urged the Board to take action and establish a uniform policy so that opting out is more accessible to parents.

Ms. Ellyn Butler was surprised to receive a letter on the last day of school that bus service for her children to Franklin High School would be terminated. She believes her neighborhood falls within the 1.5 mile boundary. Ms. Butler also stated it is unreasonable to expect students to walk this distance carrying heavy backpacks for three miles a day.

Delegate Bobby Zirkin expressed concern over the termination of bus service from the Timberscape and Timbergrove communities to Franklin High School. It is a long distance for students to walk and there is danger in crossing Reisterstown Road. He asked the Board to address this issue in an expeditious manner. Next, Delegate Zirkin thanked the Board for its work in obtaining 54 acres in the Rosewood area for potential use as a middle school in the northwest area. Finally, Delegate Zirkin noted the opportunity in the northwest area for creative uses in the Owings Mills area due to upcoming new town center.

Dr. Bash Pharoan believes the Board needs to make a motion to oppose the war in Iraq.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m., Mr. Sasiadek moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer