

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:58 p.m. at Greenwood. President Thomas G. Grzyski and the following Board members were present: Mr. Donald L. Arnold, Mr. Luis E. Borunda, Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Dr. Warren Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Gabrielle Wyatt. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

President Grzyski reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in October and November.

Mr. Grzyski reviewed the area educational advisory council membership list. Mr. Grzyski will work with the Coordinator and Ms. Stiffler to ensure that the membership lists are accurate. Mr. Grzyski also reviewed the Board focus areas for 2005-06 discussed at the August retreat.

Mr. Hayden entered the room at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Janssen shared information from the MABE conference and some of its workshops.

Ms. Johnson entered the room at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Borunda suggested the Board schedule its fall retreat in 2006.

Mr. Hayden related that, while at the MABE conference, he discovered that COMAR might be amended to require Board members to receive annual professional development. MABE will update Board members in the near future.

At 6:21 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(7). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayden and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Government Relations, reviewed with Board members personnel matters to be considered on the agenda.

At 6:48 p.m., Mr. Arnold moved the Board go into open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and unanimously approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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Dr. Hairston updated Board members on notice concerning armed forces recruiter access required by law. He stated that Baltimore County Public School's process is clearly within legal requirements. Dr. Hairston asked whether the Board wants to go beyond the law and take additional steps.

Ms. Harris asked for clarification on who provides the list to the military.

Dr. Hairston reminded Board members that BCPS has created a separate form, which has been sent out to all eleventh and twelfth graders, and that the information will be communicated to parents including utilizing Channel 73 and homeroom teachers.

At 7:09 p.m., Ms. Harris moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:47 p.m. at Greenwood. President Thomas G. Grzymiski and the following Board members were present: Mr. Donald L. Arnold, Mr. Luis E. Borunda, Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Mr. John Hayden, III, Dr. Warren Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Gabrielle Wyatt. 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 Jennifer Oswald, 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 Session Minutes of September 7, 2005, Mr. Grzymiski declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

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

### ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Baltimore County Student Council President and representative for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, reported on its first meeting held September 21 and the leadership workshop held on September 30.

Ms. Meg O'Hare, Coordinator of the Area Educational Advisory Councils, reported on the council's joint meeting of September 27 with guest speakers Dr. Thomas Gaul and Ms. Lynn Whittington. She noted the goal is systemic school improvement for all schools. Ms. O'Hare announced the pre-budget council meetings for each area.

Mr. Walter Hayes, Chair of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, read the testimony of Mr. David Marks, Advisory Council Secretary. Mr. Hayes announced the council's pre-budget meeting on October 6, 2005 at Eastern Technical High School.

Mr. Stephen Crum, a Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council representative, announced the council's pre-budget meeting on October 18, 2005 at Sollers Point Technical High School.

Mr. Stephen Crum, Chair of the Career & Technology Education Advisory Council, requested that the career and technology program budget remain fully funded.

Dr. Ella White-Campbell, Chair of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, stated MAAG will soon be unveiling its adopt-a-school project for all schools in the northwest/southwest area. She announced that MAAG will be meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Teresa Streb, a PTA Council of Baltimore County representative, introduced the latest PTA resource, a Student and Parent Health and Safety Resource binder that will be placed in every county middle and high school. She stated that the PTA Council supports the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee report.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, encouraged the Board to consider last year's identified operating budget issues

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported that Mars Estates and Cromwell Valley Elementary Schools have been chosen to participate in the best practice study conducted by the National Center for Educational Accountability. Mars Estates and Cromwell Valley are only two of the five elementary schools nationally that have been selected for this study.

Dr. Hairston reported that the National Purchasing Institute has awarded Baltimore County Public Schools the Tenth Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2005. This prestigious award is earned by those organizations that demonstrate excellence in innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership.

Dr. Hairston announced that Sparks Elementary School was named a 2005 *No Child Left Behind* National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education and a candidate for national blue ribbon standards. Sparks Elementary was the sole Maryland school selected to receive this honor. Only 295 schools nationwide have been so designated.

Dr. Hairston noted that students at Pikesville High School are in the process of planning a visit to the White House.

Dr. Hairston shared with the Board that the Baltimore County Public Schools has complied with the *No Child Left Behind Act* regarding release of directory information to third parties, including the military. He stated that further steps are being taken to eliminate or minimize only possible confusion.

Finally Dr. Hairston reported on the Baltimore County Student Council's leadership workshop held on September 30.

### RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Government Relations, recognized the Advisory Council appointment made at the September 20, 2005 Board meeting:

- Ms. Sarah "Jodi" Shaefer                      Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Renaming of Chase Elementary School Library**

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board approved the proposed renaming of Chase Elementary School library to the *Clarisse Mechanic Library*.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

**FY07 Proposed Capital State/County Budget**

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, presented the revised budget changes. She noted the total state and county funds required for this request are \$191,227,000.

Mr. Janssen expressed concern over the Kenwood High School renovation addition and that the revised request to the county is 65% in addition to what was requested last year. Mr. Janssen stated he does not support the additional funds for the Kenwood High School renovation.

Ms. Shillman also expressed concern over the budget's high school priority list. She hopes that Milford Mill Academy would be placed on the priority list for renovations next year over and above other middle schools.

Dr. Hayman asked for clarification on the changes made since the work session. Ms. Burnopp responded that a number of system projects have been reduced based on further analysis of the numbers. She stated that the total request is \$15,000,000 less than originally proposal presented at the work session. Dr. Hayman suggested the calendar be adjusted in the future regarding the capital budget process.

With regards to Attachment II of the exhibit, Dr. Hayman asked why the school system failed to request additional state/county funds for the Milford Mill cafeteria. Ms. Burnopp responded the school system would like the funds for the Milford Mill cafeteria before July 1, 2007. She stated staff return to the Board with recommendations to make up the difference from the Superintendent this fiscal year for this specific project.

Mr. Arnold moved to adopt the FY07 Capital State/County budget. Mr. Hayden seconded the motion. The Board approved the budget. Mr. Janssen voted in opposition of the budget. Miss Wyatt, student Board member, did not vote. (Favor-9; Opposed-1)

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on FY2006 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP)** – Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, and Mr. Dennis Elkins, Physical Facilities Administrator, provided an overview on the maintenance plan for FY2006 as required by the State of Maryland. Mr. Sines noted this item is listed under Building and Contracts Committee recommendations to be voted on by the Board this evening.

Following Dr. Hayman's question, Mr. Sines explained that the report is due at the state on October 15, 2005.

Board members expressed concern that the detailed comprehensive maintenance plan had not been provided to them prior to this evening.

### REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Grzyski stated that Board members can contact Mr. Sines should they have issues or questions after reviewing the document.

Ms. Johnson asked about consequences if the Board failed to vote. Mr. Sines responded this document must be submitted to the state to place BCPS in compliance with the state mandate. He noted that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) program is at risk if not approved.

### PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits E, F, G, H, and I. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.) One area educational advisory council appointment was deferred.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-11 (Exhibit J). Mr. Hayden abstained from item 3, and Dr. Hayman abstained from item 11.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. RGA-101-03 Even Start Family Literacy Program Evaluation
2. PCR-217-06 Contract Extension: Personal Protective Equipment
3. RGA-170-06 Resident Teacher Coaches' Program
4. JNI-723-06 Toolcat Utility Work Machine
5. JMI-614-06 Transporting Modular Classrooms and Associated Services
6. RHA-393-03 Contract Modification: Boiler Replacement at Southwest Academy
7. JMI-626-06 Roof Repairs – Cockeysville Bus Repair Shop
8. JIM-627-06 Roof Repairs – Dundalk Grounds Building
9. JMI-625-06 Roof Replacement – Kenwood Professional Development Center
10. MBU-569-06 Boiler Replacement at Loch Raven Technical Academy
11. Request for Consideration of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan FY 2006 (Executive Summary)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grzyski made the following announcements:

- The Area Educational Advisory Councils will be holding their pre-budget meetings in the month of October. All pre-budget meetings will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the following locations:
  - Northeast AAC will meet at Eastern Technical High School on Thursday, October 6
  - Northwest AAC will meet at New Town High School on Tuesday, October 18
  - Southeast AAC will meet at Sollers Point High School on Tuesday, October 18
  - Southwest AAC will meet at Catonsville Middle School on Wednesday, October 19
  - Central AAC will meet at Carver Center on Thursday, October 20
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session, which will be followed by a brief dinner recess. The open session will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions. The Board will host the Baltimore County Education Coalition for dinner on October 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will be hosting the annual National Federation of Urban Suburban School Districts Conference October 9-12, 2005, at the Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn.

Mr. Grzyski 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.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board to grant one Muslim holiday, Ramadan, on the school calendar.

Ms. Tia Steele thanked the Board for its attention and willingness to act on the opt-out issue so that parents and students can be well-informed.

Mr. John Oliver asked the Board to consider adding the Muslim holiday to the school calendar.

Mr. Jerry Pilcher asked the Board to consider a boundary change to allow certain students to attend Catonsville Middle School rather than Arbutus Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Kate Delker expressed concern over the lack of established policy regarding student safety while walking from the main school building at Hillcrest Elementary School to relocatables. Ms. Delker also asked the Board to increase the budget to have videos in every trailer for safety purposes.

Ms. Denise Cutair requested the Board consider adding teacher resources at Powhatan Elementary School to alleviate overcrowding in for Kindergarten, grade 3, and grade 4.

Mr. Murray Piper stated he was encouraged that additional funds for the Milford Mill Academy cafeteria would be forthcoming this fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., Mr. Hayden moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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