

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:28 p.m. at Greenwood. President Thomas G. Grzyski and the following Board members were present: Mr. Luis E. Borunda, Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, 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 December and January.

Dr. Hairston distributed to Board members a letter from MSDE concerning Woodlawn Middle School.

Mr. Grzyski discussed the school calendar process and the Board's expectations. Mr. Grzyski recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to provide suggestions for future school calendars.

Mr. Hayden moved that the student member be permitted to participate in closed session collective bargaining discussions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janssen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 6:02 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Mr. Capozzi provided Board members an update on the negotiations with specific collective bargaining units.

Mr. Capozzi exited the room at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director of Student Support Services, entered the room at 6:22 p.m.

Dr. Peccia reviewed with Board members personnel matters to be considered on the evening's agenda.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Hayden moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:28 p.m. at Greenwood. President Thomas G. Grzyski and the following Board members were present: Mr. Luis E. Borunda, Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Mr. John Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, 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 Shinera Mitchell, a student from Woodlawn High School, 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 Open and Closed Session Minutes of November 22, 2005, Mr. Grzyski declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

Mr. Grzyski 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 Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group member, reported on the council's third general assembly.

Ms. Meg O'Hare, Coordinator of the Area Educational Advisory Councils, provided statistics on various religions.

Ms. Meg O'Hare, a representative of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, announced the coalition's next meeting on January 5, 2006, and the Board of Public Works appeal on January 18, 2006, in Annapolis.

Mr. Walter Hayes, Chair of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, expressed concern about AN interrupted week for students, which affects at-risk children at the most. He congratulated the PTA Council of Baltimore County for receiving the Council of Excellence award. Mr. Hayes reported on the Booster Club meeting at Kenwood High School.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, announced the advisory committee's meeting on January 9, 2006 and invited Board members to attend. The meeting will focus on access to the general education curriculum and the definition of a highly qualified teacher.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston asked student Board member, Miss Gabrielle Wyatt, to comment on their joint school visits. The two visited Dundalk, Chesapeake, Overlea, and Kenwood High Schools. Students at these schools stressed the need for more guidance counselors, extending AVID to all grade levels, and asked that a greater variety of courses be offered.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Grzyski announced that the BCPS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is published annually after completion of the annual audit of the Board's financial statements. The fiscal year 2005 CAFR includes the artwork of students from Woodlawn High School from the 2004-2005 school year. Mr. Grzyski recognized and thanked the students by presenting each student with a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. The students were Walter Stewart, III, Devrin Bowling, Jordan Carter, and Shinera Mitchell.

## REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **FY2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit Report** – Mr. Hayden presented the fiscal year 2005 financial and single audit report and the management letter to the Board. He noted that the auditing firm of KPMG reviewed all the reports and findings in detail with the Budget and Audit Committee members and staff. Mr. Hayden stated that the Board received an “unqualified opinion” on the CAFR, which is the greatest level of assurance that an auditor can give to indicate that the financial statements of an organization are not materially misstated.

Although the Single Audit Report contained findings, Mr. Hayden stated that staff has already developed and/or implemented corrective action to address the findings. The staff will continue to provide updates at future Budget and Audit Committee meetings to report progress made in addressing the findings, and any concerns will be reported to the Board.

- B. **Report on Proposed FY2007-2012 State and County Capital Budget Request** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, provided a summary of the budget request and pointed out some changes. On December 13, the state added funding for Holabird Middle School, funding for roof replacement at Hebbville Elementary School, and partial funding for roof replacement at Pine Grove Elementary School. Other changes were aligning BCPS funding with state funding, Bear Creek Elementary School windows, and redirect resources to fund Woodlawn High School grounds building. Ms. Burnopp noted the priorities have not changed since the Board approved the budget in October. This is the first reading.

Mr. Hayden asked if the Kenwood High School locker renovation has been approved. Ms. Burnopp responded in the negative. Mr. Sines stated that the Department of Physical Facilities toured the area and has identified some immediate actions that can take place that will positively impact students’ health and well-being. Mr. Sines noted that as funds become available, the school system can identify by component what can be achieved within the parameters of the schematic.

Mr. Grzyski announced the formation of a Board ad hoc committee that will work to provide direction to the Superintendent regarding the calendar and a process to establish future calendars. Mr. Grzyski the ad hoc committee’s findings in terms of providing specific direction to the Superintendent would be discussed in an open meeting. The four Board members on the committee are Mr. Borunda, who will chair the committee, Ms. Harris, Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Pallozzi.

### PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.)

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-9 (Exhibit L).

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. 3-347-00 Contract Extension: Nuts, Bolts, and Associated Supplies
2. 3-317-02 Custodial Supplies Modification
3. PCR-222-06 Document Printing System
4. JMI-615-06 Plumbing Supplies and Associated Materials
5. JCO-447-04 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel – Contract Termination
6. JCO-447-04 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
7. MWE-815-06 Fee Acceptance: Design Services – Vincent Farms Elementary School
8. JMI-602-06 Systemic Renovation – Arbutus Middle School
9. MBU-557-06 Systemic Renovation – Ridgely Middle School

### BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Murphy, the Board approved the FY 2007 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$675,960 to re-appropriate the fund balance as of June 30, 2005, for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators for schools and central offices, as presented in Exhibit M. The funds will also provide for a maintenance contract, security cabinets, and staff training.

### INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council Legislative Forum Minutes of November 17, 2005

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grzyski made the following announcements:

- Schools will be closed for Winter Break from December 24, 2005 through January 2, 2006. Schools will reopen for students and teachers on Tuesday, January 3, 2006.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:00 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 PTA Council of Baltimore County for dinner on January 10, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- On Wednesday, January 25, 2006, the Baltimore County Board of Education will meet for a public hearing to seek the public's input on the operating budget for FY2007. The meeting will take place at the Ridge Ruxton School at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Ridge Ruxton School on the day of the hearing.

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 ON PROPOSED POLICY 8400 AND DELETION OF POLICY 3132

No one from the public signed up to speak.

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board to put the word "Christmas" back onto the school calendar. He stated the school system must separate religion from school or must give equal treatment to others.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to provide fair and equal treatment by giving the Muslims their holidays on the school calendar.

Mr. Dick Walters stated that the Christian days of Christmas and Easter were excluded from the calendar. He asked that three pages in the calendar be changed, reprinted, and redistributed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 p.m., Ms. Harris moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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