

APPROVED MINUTES

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY RETREAT

Saturday, September 9, 2006

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session for retreat on Saturday, September 9, 2006, at 10:02 a.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent of Business Services; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Dr. Donald A. Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., Legal Counsel to the Superintendent; Mr. Michael Goodhues, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations, Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director, Physical Facilities; Mr. Ghassan Shah, Planning Administrator, Strategic Planning; Ms. Thea Jones, Supervisor, Instructional Technology; Mr. Christopher Brocato, Data Analyst, Strategic Planning; Mr. Brice Freeman, Director, Office of Communications; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Winopa Mbakop-Young, Administrative Assistant were present.

Mr. Arnold opened the meeting with a welcome and announced that the agenda would be slightly changed. Mr. Arnold discussed an upcoming school board event and Board protocol.

Dr. Hayman entered the room at 10:10 a.m.

FACILITIES CAPACITIES AND SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Sines reported on the sustainability of BCPS facilities based upon affordability, community acceptance, and attention to critical life safety issues. Baltimore County Public Schools has one of the largest and oldest inventories of facilities in the state. The Department of Physical Facilities has established a Facilities Management Plan based upon history, the current physical condition of each building, and affordability. Mr. Sines also discussed the Vincent Farms site and noted that the building has been placed on the fast-track.

Mr. Sines also reviewed:

- Inventory of facilities and schools
- Capital programs
- Maintenance
- Closure

Mr. Hayden commented on the validity of the data since the presentation refers to September 2005 statistics. Mr. Sines stated that projects remain the same; however, targets may shift from year to year.

Mr. Janssen inquired about the design of the school at the Vincent Farms site.

Dr. Hayman asked about the risk of fast-track and whether the Department of Physical Facilities could meet the targeted opening date. Mr. Sines stated that in order to complete the Vincent Farms site project within the allotted time frame, the project has to be fast-tracked. Mr. Sines expressed his confidence in the school system's ability to work within the parameters given on fast-track projects.

Dr. Hayman suggested the school system quantify the resources needed so that the Board can make the appropriate decisions.

Mr. Hayden asked the Board President to work with the Office of Communications over the next week or so to develop letters to editors and local officials addressing the issues, keeping them up-to-date with construction and renovation needs.

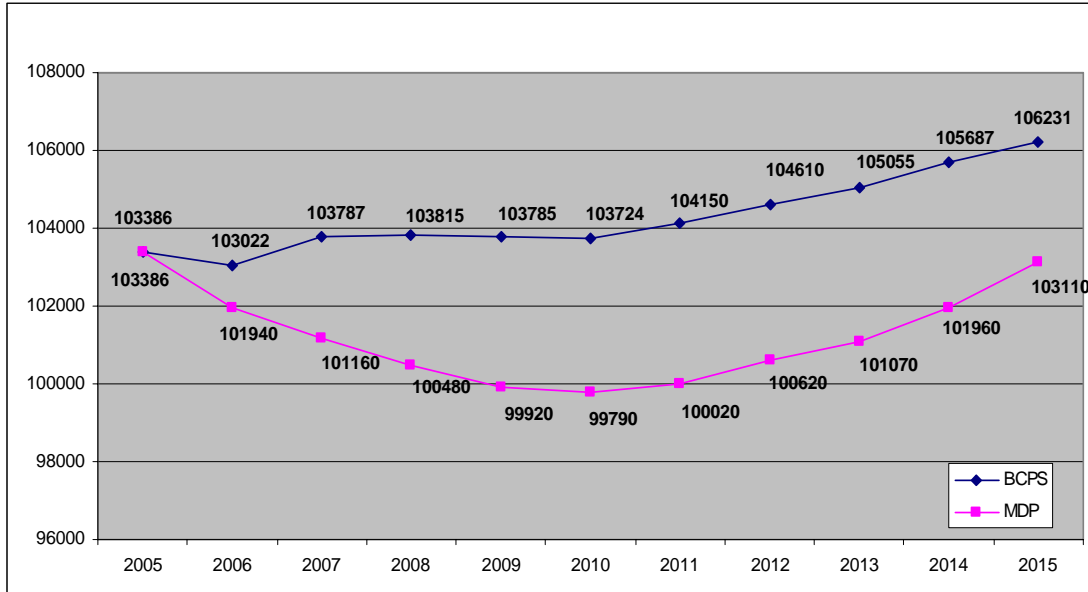
PLANNING FOR NOW AND THE FUTURE

Mr. Arnold introduced Mr. Dunbar Brooks, President of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. Through a PowerPoint™ presentation, Mr. Brooks, along with Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, Mr. Ghassan Shah, Planning Administrator, and Mr. Christopher Brocato, Data Analyst, presented the following information:

- Enrollment Data
- Demographic and Population Trends
 - Population growth by jurisdiction
 - Population growth by ethnicity
 - Median age
- Economic and Workforce Trends
 - Median household income
 - Employment growth and occupation projections
 - Maryland teacher vacancies vs. instate candidates
- Housing Development Trends
 - Housing units in Baltimore region
 - Baltimore County home sales
 - Household development patterns
 - New housing construction in the Baltimore region
- BCPS Enrollment Data
 - Enrollment history (peak of 134,042; low of 80,630)
 - Enrollment trends by kindergarten and grade groups
- BCPS Capacity Issues

- Changing capacity
- Strategies for providing relief
- BCPS Planning Priorities
- Issues That Impact The Future

BCPS Current Enrollment Projections and State Validation



BCPS – Baltimore County Public Schools
MDP – Maryland Department of Planning

Kindly note these projections reflect adjustments to our 10-year projections required to accurately compare our projections to state projections. State projections do not include Pre-K students or non-graded special education students.

Mr. Hayden stressed the need to share this information with the members of the Maryland State Board of Education.

Mr. Arnold thanked Mr. Brooks on behalf of the Board for taking the time to present this information.

Mr. Arnold announced a working lunch break at 12:59 p.m.

Dr. Hayman exited the room at 1:00 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

With regards to Board exhibits, Mr. Arnold noted the following practice will now be in effect:

- Documents of 25 pages or more will be available on the website and a hard copy will not be mailed
- For color charts/documents of 25 pages, a hard copy will be mailed

- Color documents will be sent out upon request to Ms. Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board

Mr. Michael Goodhues, Chief Information Officer, and Ms. Thea Jones, Supervisor of Instructional Technology, presented information on the Department of Technology and technology in the schools. Mr. Goodhues provided an overview on the fiber optic project, Verizon switch deployment, and the disaster recovery plan.

Ms. Shillman exited the room at 2:18 p.m.

Dr. Hairston spoke briefly about the State Superintendent's meeting that he attended. Information from that meeting was distributed to Board members.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Governmental Relations, provided an update on the legislative process and priorities including Thornton funding, capital budget, pension reform, and briefly explained Green Street where legislators and educational lobbyist meet to discuss legislative issues.

Mr. Arnold asked Dr. Peccia to return to the Board with a list of recommended items for legislative focus.

Ms. Johnson exited the room at 2:28 p.m.

BUDGET PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the capital and operating budget process. She noted that the proposed capital budget request will be presented to the Board at its September 19th meeting with a work session scheduled for September 20th. Ms. Burnopp stated the budget schedules are published on the BCPS website and was included in the Board's Friday Letter.

The retreat concluded at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer