

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:32 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Arnold reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in September and October.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:37 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

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

Ms. Ramona Johnson, Board member, entered the room at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Capozzi began his remarks concerning the negotiation process and the proposed negotiating team members for the 2006-2007 season.

As a result of a Board member's concern about the substance of the discussion, Mr. Janssen moved that the Board go into open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

At 5:52 p.m., Mr. Janssen 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 7:30 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: 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, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Mr. Peter Bacon. 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 Naomi Bryant, 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 Minutes of August 22, 2006, Mr. Arnold declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

Mr. Arnold 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, reported on the council's meeting held September 13. She stated that the PSAT should be available to all high school students free of cost. Ms. Oswald noted that the SAT registration method should be reviewed since there appears to be a waiting list for SAT registration at particular schools.

Ms. Kathleen Metro, a representative of the Advisory Committee for Alternative Programs, introduced Ms. Betina Reyes, who spoke about the Even Start program and how her family has benefited from this program.

Mr. Craig Goodwin, a representative of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, expressed concern about the overcrowding of Chapel Hill Elementary School. He stated the Chapel Hill Elementary School PTA and the northeast advisory council are calling for the area to be immediately redistricted or for the school system, at a minimum, start the redistricting process.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Tom Dolina, a representative of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, reported that a representative from CASE would be attending all Board meetings. He also informed the Board of the diversity of CASE.

Dr. Ella White-Campbell, Chair of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, reported on its September 14 meeting regarding the AIMM project and believes it should be implemented system wide as quickly as possible. Dr. Campbell also stated that a representative from the Baltimore County Health Department addressed maintaining good hygiene.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reviewed one of the council's goals to develop local PTAs' and stakeholders' knowledge and understanding of the operation of the PTA. She also announced the PTA council's training and fall workshop will be held on October 26 at New Town High School.

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on its first meeting held September 11. The informative dialogue consisted of clarification of IEP meetings and team, responsibility, and what are the actual needs.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, stated that TABCO is available to work with the school system to make sure that students receive the proper tools and instructions to be successful.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no report provided this evening.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Arnold presented to Ms. O'Hare her Commission from Governor Robert Ehrlich, Jr.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations, recognized the administrative appointments made at the September 6, 2006 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MICHELLE R. EVANS</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Teacher/Mathematics Woodlawn High School	Assistant Principal Catonsville High School
<u>CAROL JP JOHNSON</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Education Program Specialist Maryland State Department of Education	Testing Specialist Office of Accountability, Research and Testing

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MOLLY C. O'BRIEN</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Case Manager Office of Non-Public Placements	Assistant Principal Wellwood International School
<u>ANDREW C. PRUSKI</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Testing Specialist Office of Accountability, Research and Testing	Supervisor of Testing Office of Accountability, Research and Testing

RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia recognized the Education Advisory Council appointments made at the September 6, 2006 Board meeting:

- Mr. Ian Cohen                      New Member – Northwest Area

OLD BUSINESS

**Proposed Naming of Track**

On motion of Dr. Hayman, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the naming of Sollers Point Technical High School's track to the "J. Bruce Turner Track," as presented in Exhibit B.

**Proposed Changes to Policy 1230**

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the revisions to Policy 1230, Area Education Advisory Councils, as presented in Exhibit C.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- Recognition of Student at Sudbrook Middle Magnet School** – Ms. Angela Heffner, Government and Public Affairs Manager at Comcast, recognized Chris Magorian, eighth grader from Sudbrook Magnet Middle School as Baltimore County's winner in the "Bravo, On The Set." Sudbrook Magnet Middle School will receive \$1,000 towards funding its arts program. Ms. Heffner presented a citation to Chris on behalf of the County Executive.

REPORTS (cont)

- B. **Naming of New Northeast Area Elementary School** – Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent for the Northeast Area, stated that the proposed naming of the new elementary school at the Vincent Farms site is “White Marsh Elementary School.” Mr. Lawrence noted that naming of a facility is required by MSDE so that funding can continue for a new construction project. This is the first reading.
- C. **Report on Proposed FY2008 State/County Capital Budget Request** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief overview of the proposed FY2008 capital budget request and the State/County budget process. The budget will be discussed in detail at the work session on Wednesday, September 20, 2006.
- D. **Report on China** – Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Principal, Dulaney High School, and Ms. Kelly Smith, English Department Chair at Dulaney High School, provided Board members an understanding of the cultural exchange program with China. Mr. Patzkowsky and Ms. Smith shared their experiences while participating in the Fulbright-Hays Study Abroad Program; explained why a partnership with the school system is critical, and proposed plans to develop a Dulaney-based exchange program with Chinese educational institutions.

Mr. Bacon praised this amazing opportunity for the school system and students. Students need to understand future global challenges.

Dr. Hairston alerted the Board that this is not a typical exchange program and that staff will have to review Board policy 6104. Any resulting recommendations will receive MSDE approval.

Ms. Johnson asked how this program could be extended to include additional schools. Mr. Patzkowsky responded the school system needs to offer more Chinese programs in other schools.

Ms. O’Hare commented that this is a very selective program. The school system needs to address being successful system wide in educating the average student.

Mr. Hayden disagreed; remarking that this is an incredible incentive for the students currently in the language program.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits 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, 2, 4, and 5 (Exhibit L). Mr. Hayden separated items 3 and 6 for further discussion.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. JN1-760-07      EduTrax, Incorporated
2. PCR-279-05      Special Education Therapy Services
4. MBU-588-06      Additional Design Services – Food and Nutrition Services Warehouse Expansion and Renovation
5. MWE-826-06      Design Services – Vincent Farms School Site

#### Item 3

Mr. Hayden asked which schools are being considered for this contract. Mr. Gay responded this is a general contract so that the school system can inspect and repair all bleachers where necessary.

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved item 3.

3. MBU-518-07      Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Bleachers

#### Item 6

Mr. Hayden expressed concern over the various project costs. Mr. Sines stated the Department of Physical Facilities has attempted to forecast an estimate for each project. There have been fourteen design teams that have visited specific sights, conducted analyses, and generated a project cost within the scope of services.

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved item 6.

6. JN1-713-06      Renovations – Perry Hall Middle School

### BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENT

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the FY 2007 capital budget appropriation transfer of \$1,338,881 for the renovation project budget at Lansdowne Middle School, and the supplemental appropriation of \$1,292,000 for the window replacement projects at Lansdowne Elementary School, as presented in Exhibit M.

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the memorandum of understanding between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Department of Social Services in providing clinical social workers in six schools as part of a mental health partnership, as presented in Exhibit N.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- On Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Baltimore County Board of Education will conduct a work session on the Proposed FY08 Capital State/County Budget. The meeting will take place in room 114 of the ESS Building at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at Maiden Choice School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at Padonia Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Three community forums will be held on Monday, September 25, to gather public input regarding the preparation of the BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2007-2008. These meetings will also serve as a forum for parents to share information about other special education topics. Each meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Dogwood Elementary, Essex Elementary, and Ridge Ruxton Schools.
- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at Eastern Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, 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 Professional School Nurses Association for dinner on October 3, 2006 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Arnold reminded speakers that the Board of Education welcomes and enjoys the input of the public on those matters discussed on the evening's agenda, or issues related to the school system. However, speakers should refrain from discussing any pending or potential appeal matters, as well as any personnel matters. Persons may provide written comments to the Board if they so desire.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kathy Fox expressed disappointment regarding overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Ms. Trish Bisaha expressed concern over the lack of cafeteria and library space at Chapel Hill Elementary School. She asked the Board to support early redistricting and a building moratorium.

Mr. Rick Huether expressed concern about the overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School. Mr. Huether asked the Board to start the redistricting process now.

Ms. Connie Divelbliss-Ashcraft stated she was shocked about the overcrowding of Chapel Hill Elementary School. As a kindergarten parent, she asked the Board to find immediate solutions for this problem.

Rev. Vaughn Samuels shared his concern about the use of facilities requirements for school buildings.

Ms. Theresa Davis asked how the Board is involved in the planning of new and developing communities. She asked which plans are underway to ease overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Ms. Kendra Angione shared her frustration regarding overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School. She stated that an enrollment cap should be considered.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel expressed concern about the conduct of two Board members at a previous meeting. He asked the Board to acknowledge equal rights for Muslim children.

Dr. Bash Pharoan stated that the 2006-07 calendar did not have the Muslim's second holiday on the front of the calendar. He asked that the Board treat Muslim holidays equal to other holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 p.m., Dr. Hayman 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