

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:34 p.m. at Greenwood. Vice President Rodger C. Janssen and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, and Ms. Joy Shillman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Janssen reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in October and November.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and upon motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:40 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:40 p.m. at Greenwood. Vice President Rodger C. Janssen and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, and Ms. Joy Shillman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; J. Stephen Cowles, Esq., Staff Attorney; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations; Mr. Michael Thorne, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. H. Scott Gehring, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Ms. Jean E. Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Ms. Lisa Sampson, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Personnel Staffing; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

At 5:42 p.m., Ms. Murphy 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. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., 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 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 Open and Closed Session Minutes of September 6, 2006, and the Work Session Minutes of September 20, 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 workshop held at Camp Ramblewood September 29 and 30 where topics included "leadership development" and "meeting your dreams."

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Central Area Education Advisory Council, reported on its last meeting discussing homework and grading practices. Ms. Thomas announced the Council's pre-budget meeting will be held on October 12 at Dumbarton Middle School.

Mr. David Marks, Chair of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, stated the council supports the proposed naming of White Marsh Elementary School. Mr. Ron Zimmerman, Vice-Chair of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, summarized its pre-operating budget meeting of September 27.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Stephen Crum, a Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council representative, announced that the Council's pre-budget meeting would be held on Monday, October 9, at Sollers Point Technical High School.

Ms. Maggie Kennedy, Chair of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, announced the coalition's meeting with the County Executive on October 10 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the capital and operating budget. Ms. Kennedy also reported on its August meeting where topics discussed included reauthorization of NCLB, communicating with county delegation about school construction funding, and alignment of the voluntary state curriculum (VSC).

Mr. Stephen Crum, Chair of the Career & Technology Education Advisory Council, requested full funding of the career and technology fiscal year 2008 budget. Mr. Crum reviewed the requested budget priorities with Board members.

Ms. Karen Yarn, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education, reported on its activities for September, which included discussion on student assessment activities, the Naglieri Ability Test, and developments in reading/language arts and mathematics. Ms. Yarn announced the committee's general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a representative of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, announced the joint meeting with the County Executive on October 10, 2006 to discuss capital and operating budget issues.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, introduced Ms. Nancy Ostrow, First Vice-President, who announced the council's fall reception and workshop to be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at New Town High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on the special education community forums held September 25. She stated that while the discussion was excellent, there needs to be a commitment to change the perception of special education.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, saddened over recent events regarding school violence, stated that BCPS could tighten and re-enforce safety standards in its schools. She encouraged the school system to perform checks on school entrances.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported on several projects taking place:

- Memorandum of Understanding between MSDE and the Italian Embassy for the Advanced Placement Italian program at Patapsco High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont)

- Partnership with the Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, for an international art exhibit that will involve students from the Carver Center for Arts and technology.
- Working on establishing relationships with Germany, Switzerland, and Israel.

Dr. Hairston also reported on his trip to the Scholastic Superintendents' Leadership Summit in New York, and the Baltimore County Student Council's Leadership Workshop at Camp Ramblewood.

OLD BUSINESS

**FY08 Proposed Capital State/County Budget**

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, stated that based on the discussion at the Board's work session, the Old Court Middle School renovation project has been combined with the planned gymnasium renovation project. In addition, that project and the Cockeysville Middle School renovation, roof and window project have been placed at the end of the middle school renovation priority list. This movement increases the eligibility of state funding for the middle school projects by allowing for a planning cycle for the additions to the combined projects. Ms. Burnopp noted that the change in priorities does not compromise the completion of these projects since the projects were forward-funded by the county.

Mr. Hayden moved to adopt the FY08 Capital State/County budget, as presented in Exhibit B. Mr. Palozzi seconded the motion. The Board approved the budget. Mr. Bacon, student Board member, did not vote (favor – 10; opposed – 0; abstain – 0).

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on Interagency Disaster Management** – Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director of Student Support Services, shared with Board members the coordinated efforts of emergency and disaster readiness through interagency planning that have been jointly developed and implemented by the Baltimore County Emergency Planning Department, the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Baltimore County Police Department, the Homeland Security Offices, and the Baltimore County School System. Mr. Rauenzahn reviewed the three phases (preparedness, response, and recovery) of disaster management and how these phases are part of the school system's daily routine. Mr. Rauenzahn introduced Lt. Mark Demsky from the Baltimore County Fire Department, and Capt. Thomas Busch from the Baltimore County Police Department.

REPORTS (cont)

Lt. Demsky explained the fire department's role and responsibility with the school system regarding disaster management. He also reviewed the process for opening a shelter and the collaboration that occurs between the American Red Cross and the Department of Social Services.

Capt. Busch explained his primary role as the liaison with the school system and supervisor of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

- B. **Report on Chapel Hill Elementary School** – Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, provided an update to the Board on overcrowding concerns at Chapel Hill Elementary School. Mr. Dent reviewed actions taken to date, staffing and enrollment at the school, relief plan, and relief process timeline.

Ms. Harris asked for clarification on enrollment figures. Mr. Dent responded that Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent of the Northeast area, and himself walked through every class at Chapel Hill and noted that full-day kindergarten class size ranged from 25-28 per class while grades one through five ranged from 19-27 students per class.

Ms. Harris expressed concern that the Chapel Hill Elementary School community is requesting redistricting now. Mr. Dent responded that the boundary process for a new school begins the year prior to the school opening and after the September 30 enrollment data.

Ms. O'Hare stated she did not see the need for redistricting at this time. Ms. O'Hare inquired about the boundary committee members. Mr. Ghassan Shah, Planning Administrator for Strategic Planning, responded the boundary process is defined in Board Policy 1280.

- C. **Report on Woodlawn Middle School (WMS)** – Mr. Brian Scriven, Principal of Woodlawn Middle School, and Ms. Lisa Sampson, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for the Southwest Area, provided a status report on the Alternative Governance Plan at WMS. Mr. Scriven reviewed staffing, the instructional process to improve student achievement, pre-planning for the short cycle assessments, and extended time, professional development, and governance.

In response to a question from Ms. Harris regarding professional development, Mr. Scriven responded that WMS has a targeted professional development focus that is aligned with the alternative governance plan.

Mr. Janssen expressed concern that a long-term substitute for mathematics has been in place for approximately two years rather than a permanent mathematics teacher.

REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Janssen asked whether plans existed to reach out to the fifth graders in the feeder schools. Mr. Scriven responded he visited every feeder elementary school prior to the end of last school year. In regard to the Principal's cabinet, Mr. Janssen was pleased to see students involved in this initiative and stated he would like to see this model implemented in other middle schools.

Dr. Hayman noted the importance of describing what the action team is accomplishing and what impact it has on the success of the school. He also stated the Board needs to see where the school is in terms of the governance plan and how it can be replicated in other places.

- D. **Report on Woodlawn High School (WHS)** – Mr. Don Weglein, Principal of Woodlawn High School, and Ms. Lisa Sampson, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for the Southwest Area, reviewed with Board members staffing, administrative team approach, instructional efforts, approaches to a safe and orderly environment, SAT/HSA Results and Approaches to Improve Student Achievement, and AP/GT Increased Rigor.

Ms. Murphy asked whether the school anticipates getting additional advanced placement (AP) teachers. Mr. Weglein responded that assigning teachers to AP classes has not been difficult at all. Mr. Weglein stated the on-line AP courses are working well.

Mr. Janssen noted that the increases in the HSA results are impressive. He stated that while AP/GT courses have been added, sixteen classes is not enough. Mr. Janssen would like a report, possibly in the spring, on the success of the on-line AP classes.

Dr. Hayman identified the following concerns:

- Mathematics teaching position still open
- Resources not necessarily appropriately placed
- Student safety
- Students need to take the SAT in their freshman year
- Excellent robotics summer camp; however positive events are not being communicated.

Mr. Hayden stated that the statistics provided showed that WHS saw an improvement of 84% over last year in Algebra, which is remarkable. He also commented that the Board is behind WHS and is proud of the progress made to date. Mr. Hayden noted the importance of Woodlawn Middle and High Schools having an opportunity to re-present in the spring and providing an update on the progress and achievements being made at each school.

REPORT (cont)

Ms. O'Hare expressed concern with the number of average students at WHS. Ms. O'Hare stated she would like an update on the average student as part of the future report.

Mr. Parker stated more principals should make presentations to the Board on other topics.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits H, I, and J. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.). Exhibit G was rescinded.

NEGOTIATION TEAM MEMBERS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the proposed negotiation team members for 2006-2007, as presented on Exhibit K.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-6 (Exhibit L). Mr. Hayden abstained from voting on item 6.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. MWE-838-07 CISCO Networking Hardware and Software
2. RGA-104-07 Office and School Supplies – School Specialty
3. MWE-817-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services – Kenwood High School Addition and Technology Wing Renovation
4. MWE-815-06 Contract Modification: Design Services – Vincent Farms School Site
5. MWE-842-07 Parking Lot Addition – Pikesville Middle School
6. JNI-714-06 Renovations – Pikesville Middle School

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006, at Sollers Point Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006, at Dumbarton Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at Woodlawn 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 24, 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 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council for dinner on October 24, 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 ON NAMING OF NEW SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST AREA

Mr. Adam Paul, President of the White Marsh Civic Association, requested the Board consider naming the new elementary school Vincent Farm Elementary School. Mr. Paul also provided to Board members a petition of those individuals, who support this request.

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Davis expressed concern over the proposed school bus depot on Paper Mill Road. Mr. Davis noted there are traffic and safety issues with this site along with the MTB fuel spill that occurred over a year ago.

Mr. Rick Huether expressed his frustration regarding the overcrowding issue at Chapel Hill Elementary School. He asked the Board to start the redistricting process and boundary process now and to support a building moratorium.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Trisha Bisaha expressed disappointment regarding overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Mr. Glen Thomas expressed concern over the proposed bus depot on Paper Mill Road. Mr. Thomas noted several traffic, safety, and environmental issues with this property.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to include two Muslim holidays on the school calendar.

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked that the Board to remove the Jewish holidays from, or to add the Muslim holidays to, the school calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 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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