

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION MEETING

Upon motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Ms. O'Hare the Board went into administrative function meeting at 4:30 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, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., and Ms. Joy Shillman.

Board members discussed the Superintendent's evaluation.

At 6:07 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved to adjourn the administrative function meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayden and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session on June 12, 2007 at 5:00 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., 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 June and July.

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

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:02 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman, and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present:

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Dr. H. Scott Gehring, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Ms. Jean Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Mr. Michael Thorne, Assistant to the Area Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., Legal Counsel to the Superintendent; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Governmental Relations; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Personnel Staffing; Mr. Daniel Capozzi, Staff Relations Manager; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Daniel Capozzi, Staff Relations Manager, discussed with Board members the bargaining groups request for renegotiations.

Mr. Capozzi exited the room at 5:06 p.m.

Dr. Peccia reviewed with Board members personnel matters to be considered on the evening's agenda, including an addendum to the Appointment/Transfer exhibit.

Mr. Bennett provided legal advice to the Board regarding the Hearing Officer's Opinion in a case to be considered this evening.

Mr. Bennett provided an update to Board members on pending federal litigation regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001.

At 6:06 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved that the Board go into open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Hare and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Arnold gave Board members the opportunity to express their interest in running for the offices of President and Vice-President. Mr. Arnold stated that the elections would be held at the July Board meeting.

At 6:08 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayden and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:27 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., 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 Jonathan Kennedy, Park Chin, and Kyle Chin, of Boy Scout Troop 355, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

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

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Board of Education Open and Closed Minutes of April 24, 2007; Report on the Board of Education Work Session of May 1, 2007; the Open and Closed Minutes of May 8, 2007; and the Report on the Board of Education Public Hearing of May 23, 2007; Mr. Arnold declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

Dr. Hairston noted one adjustment to the agenda for this evening's meeting – addition of item G, under XI, Old Business, Consideration of Negotiated Master Agreements. Mr. Arnold noted the correction to tonight's agenda.

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

SELECTION OF SPEAKERS

After collecting completed sign-up cards, Mr. Arnold announced the names of persons who would be speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting as well as the order in which the persons would be called.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Baltimore County Student Council President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, thanked the Board and Ms. Barbara Fuller for their support during this school year. Ms. Oswald also introduced Ms. Rebecca Palardy, who would be the new BCSC President for the 2007-08 school year.

Mr. Boyd Crouse, Coordinator of the Area Educational Advisory Councils, reflected on the school year. He stated that the advisory council will work next school year on providing insight to the curriculum audit and better ways to reach out into the communities.

Mr. Ron Zimmerman, a representative of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on its June 8 meeting. The council's next meeting will be held on September 26, 2007 at Eastern Technical High School for its operating pre-budget hearing. Mr. Zimmerman announced that the annual "Meet and Greet" with elected officials will be held on November 14, 2007.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a representative of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, announced that the coalition will be meeting with Dr. Diaz on June 20 to discuss the curriculum management audit plan.

Ms. Gloria Collins, President of the Baltimore County Instructional Assistants & Clerical Employees (BACE), and Ms. Mary Coke, offered the Association's sincere appreciation to the Board and the Superintendent for accomplishing the contract goals for the upcoming year.

Dr. Ella White-Campbell, Chair of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, thanked Dr. Hayman and Mr. Arnold for their years of service to the school system.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, expressed thanks to Mr. Arnold and Dr. Hayman for their outstanding service to the school system. Ms. Katz also noted that the PTA resolution on sound enhancement will be presented at the Maryland PTA meeting in July.

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on the committee's meeting in June, which covered the new state IEP and the progress report.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, thanked Dr. Hairston and Dr. Diaz for establishing focus groups with teachers to discuss the curriculum audit, new teacher induction, and *assessTrax*. She also thanked Dr. Hayman, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Bacon for their outstanding service to the Board and to its communities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston acknowledged Dr. Hayman and Mr. Arnold, who were a part of the original Board when he came to BCPS in 2000. Dr. Hairston thanked them for their leadership, guidance, and service to this school system.

Mr. Arnold stated that it has been a privilege to serve on this Board. He stated the school system has accomplished much over the last eleven years and asked everyone to continue to stay focused on educating all students in Baltimore County. Mr. Arnold commented everyone must pull together in the same direction to continue to be successful.

Dr. Hayman stated the question to be asked is "where do we go from here?" He commented that everyone needs to join together as a community along with the Board and Superintendent to make this the best possible school system for all students. Dr. Hayman stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve this school system.

Mr. Bacon thanked the Board members and Superintendent for the opportunity to serve the students of this county.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On a motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board adopted a resolution honoring Peter Bacon for his service as student member of the Board for 2006-2007. He was presented with the resolution and a gift from his Board colleagues.

WHEREAS, *Peter Bacon has served as a student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County with honor and distinction for the school year 2006-2007; and*

WHEREAS, *He has served as a member of this Board's Curriculum Committee; and*

WHEREAS, *Peter has shown an interest in student government, serving as a member of the executive boards of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, the Baltimore County Student Councils, and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, and;*

WHEREAS, *He has been a member of the National Honor Society since 2005; and*

WHEREAS, *Peter has also shown an interest in school leadership activities by serving as Dulaney High School's SGO President for the 2006-2007 school year and student representative on Dulaney's School Improvement Team for the past four years; and*

WHEREAS, *He has participated on the It's Academic Team for three years and served as Captain for the 2006-2007 school year; and*

WHEREAS, *Peter will begin the next phase of his education at Harvard University; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the twelfth of June, in the year two thousand seven, expresses to Peter Bacon, its fondest regards and gratitude for his services; and be it further*

RESOLVED, *That the Board does herewith extend its best wishes for happiness, good health, and continued success in future endeavors, and that it directs a copy of this resolution to be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.*

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the ten Baltimore County high schools named among the nation's top 5% by *Newsweek* magazine.

WHEREAS, *Consistent with the Baltimore County Public Schools Blueprint for Progress, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology has demonstrated continuous progress to expand access to highly rigorous courses for all students,*

WHEREAS, *This effort is evident in the strong participation by students at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology in Advanced Placement courses and Advanced Placement exams,*

WHEREAS, *Because of its consistent and continuous effort to support highly rigorous courses, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology has been named by Newsweek Magazine and the Washington Post as among the top five percent of public high schools in the nation for 2007,*

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

- WHEREAS, *George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology joins nine other Baltimore County high schools in this distinction,*
- WHEREAS, *The ten schools recognized with this distinction in 2007 represent forty percent of all Baltimore County public high schools, an increase from thirty percent in 2006.*
- RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the twelfth day of June, in the year two thousand seven, expresses to Principal Karen Steele its congratulations and gratitude for her services and the services of the entire staff at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology; and be it further*
- RESOLVED, *That the Board does herewith extend its support and encouragement in all endeavors to advance student achievement at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, and that it directs a copy of this resolution to be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.*

The remaining nine high schools included Dulaney, Pikesville, Towson, Hereford, Catonsville, Eastern Technical, Loch Raven, Franklin, and Parkville; identical resolutions were issued to these schools.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations, recognized the administrative appointments made at the May 22, 2007 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>ABBEY E. CAMPBELL</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/English Stemmers Run Middle School	Assistant Principal Eastern Technical High School
<u>LISA M. DINGLE</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Assistant Principal Sandalwood Elementary School	Principal Winfield Elementary School
<u>STEFANIE E. FOGLEMAN</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Art Oakleigh Elementary School	Assistant Principal Red House Run Elementary School
<u>AMY L. HANSEN</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Guidance Winand Elementary School	Assistant Principal Joppa View Elementary School
<u>APRIL C. JONES</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Mathematics Woodlawn Middle School	Assistant Principal Southwest Academy
<u>EMERALD G. JONES</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Special Education Featherbed Lane Elementary School	Assistant Principal Hillcrest Elementary School

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>SYLVIA D. LEMONS</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Assistant Principal Hampton Elementary School	Principal Oakleigh Elementary School
<u>JANET M. MAHONEY</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Reading Specialist Featherbed Lane Elementary School	Assistant Principal Middlesex Elementary School
<u>HEIDI H. MILLER</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Assistant Principal Middlesex Elementary School	Principal Relay Elementary School
<u>WALTER R. MILLS, III</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Assistant Principal Middle River Middle School	Principal Middle River Middle School
<u>ARLENE N. MOORE</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Resource Featherbed Lane Elementary School	Assistant Principal Catonsville Elementary School
<u>GEORGE A. NEWBERRY</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Coordinator, Secondary Science Department of Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics	Director Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
<u>MARGARET M. ROBERTS</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Classroom Sandalwood Elementary School	Assistant Principal Sandalwood Elementary School
<u>DAWN E. RUTTER-HOFFMASTER</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Vocal Music Victory Villa Elementary School	Assistant Principal Shady Spring Elementary School
<u>DARIUS A. SMITH</u> (Effective July 1, 2007)	Teacher/Special Education, Inclusion Woodlawn Middle School	Assistant Principal Woodbridge Elementary School

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Changes to Policy 3150

On a motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the proposed changes to Policy 3150 – FISCAL SERVICES: Board Insurance, as presented in Exhibit B.

Proposed Changes to Policy 3220

On a motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the proposed changes to Policy 3220 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Inventories, as presented in Exhibit C.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

Proposed Changes to Policy 5140

On a motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the proposed changes to Policy 5140 – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance, as presented in Exhibit D.

Proposed Special Education Staffing Plan for 2007-2008

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the proposed Special Education Staffing Plan for 2007-2008, as presented in Exhibit E.

Proposed Educational Facilities Master Plan and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the proposed Educational Facilities Master Plan and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, as presented in Exhibit F.

Proposed 2008-2009 Calendar

Mr. Parker moved to approve the proposed 2008-2009 school calendar as presented in Exhibit G. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2008-2009 school calendar.

Negotiated Master Agreements

Based upon information provided to the Board concerning the scope of benefits to be offered to qualified domestic partners of eligible employees, Ms. Murphy moved that the Board include the qualified domestic partner benefit in its negotiated benefit package with the following bargaining groups:

1. AFSCME
2. BACE
3. CASE
4. SEIU
5. TABCO

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi. The Board unanimously approved including the qualified domestic partner benefit.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on Proposed Naming of the Secondary Academic Intervention Model Facility** – Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area, proposed the naming of the Secondary Academic Intervention Model (SAIM) school to be named “Crossroads Center.” Mr. Lawrence noted that the owner, St. John Properties, will provide the appropriate signs for the school once the name is approved by the Board.

Mr. Hayden moved to suspend the three reading requirement and approve the naming of the SAIM facility this evening. Mr. Palozzi seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved suspending three readings.

Mr. Hayden moved to accept “Crossroads Center” as the SAIM center name. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. Ms. Johnson suggested “Higher Heights Crossroads Center” to further clarify the academic connection.

The Board unanimously approved the naming of the SAIM facility to “Crossroads Center.”

- B. **Report on Curriculum Management Plan** – Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer, presented the curriculum management plan (CMP) for BCPS. The purpose of the plan is to provide directional focus for the instructional process; to serve as the framework for the design, delivery, and assessment of the curriculum; to provide internal coherence and concurrency; as well as clear connection with the audit, connectivity, and quality assurances. Dr. Diaz stated the plan addresses the development of scope and alignment of all curricula in the district; establishes a clear vision and solid expectations for the work of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, and Research, Accountability, and Assessment; and outlines the processes and timelines for the review and revision of all curricular work.

Ms. Jean Wilson, Principal of Johnnycake Elementary School, reviewed the connection between the *Blueprint for Progress* and the CMP, which unites schools and the precepts and beliefs that guide all efforts to educate every child in BCPS.

Ms. Kathleen McMahon, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Humanities, reviewed the curriculum development work group focusing on the development and revision of the school system’s curriculum.

1. *Blueprint for Progress*
2. Curriculum Standards for Each Discipline
3. Content Specific, Research-Based Best Practices
4. Content Specific Scope and Sequence of PreK-12
5. Year-Long Instructional Pathway
6. Grade Level/Course Assessments
7. Curriculum Guides

REPORTS (cont)

Ms. Verletta White, Director of Professional Development, reviewed the professional development work group, as well as the framework, and the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Professional Development. The Professional Development Work Group will serve as a clearinghouse and will provide direction to the Curriculum Management Committee concerning professional development plans related to curriculum implementation and support.

Ms. Mandi Dietrich, Acting Executive Director for Research, Accountability, and Assessment, reviewed the assessment, monitoring, and evaluation components of the CMP. These components include:

- Requirements for implementing a comprehensive assessment plan,
- Requirements for curriculum implementation monitoring,
- Expectations for curriculum evaluation, and
- Standards for analysis and use of assessment, monitoring, and evaluation data.

Dr. Diaz stated that the next steps are to develop a matrix that will identify roles and responsibilities, timelines, and budgetary implications.

Mr. Hayden stated that Board policy recommendations have been omitted from the plan. Dr. Diaz stated a group is currently working on those recommendations which will be forwarded to the Policy Committee.

Ms. O'Hare and Ms. Murphy appreciated the thoroughness of the presentation and the connection with the *Blueprint for Progress*. Dr. Diaz stated that, with the direction of the Superintendent, updates on the progress to the CMP would come before the Board periodically throughout the year.

With regards to the "Belief Statements" on page two of the CMP, Mr. Janssen commented that the system needs to state clearly that parents are an important part of the process.

Mr. Janssen asked if the work groups would report directly to the Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Diaz responded the work groups would report to the Curriculum Management Committee. The committee will provide checks and balances to ensure that the work is appropriate, cross-referenced, and effective.

Mr. Janssen stated that the system needs to challenge students more rigorously. He asked when the school system would have a handle on which courses need to be removed and replaced. Dr. Diaz responded that committees will be created to review the matrix, timelines, and roles and responsibilities. The precise timelines will be given to the Board in a future report.

REPORTS (cont)

Dr. Hayman recommended adding policy and budgetary implications in the next report to the Board. He stated that the Board needs to be flexible and help the Superintendent to create pathways to allow for flexibility in the budget. Dr. Hayman also commented that the larger committee is too large and may be difficult to manage.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits J, K, L, M, N, O, and P (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.).

H.E. OPINION IN CASE #07-12

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the affirming of the Hearing Officer's Opinion in case #07-12 (Favor-11; Opposed-0). Mr. Bacon did not vote on this item.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-15 and 17-42 (Exhibit Q). Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on items 24, 26, 27, and 28. Mr. Hayden separated item 16 for further discussion.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. JNI-735-06 Contract Modification: 100 Book Challenge
2. 3-369-03 Contract Modification: Asphalt Services (Sidewalks, Stairs, Curbing, and Ramps)
3. 3-346-03 Contract Modification: Burner Preventative Maintenance, Installation, and Repair Services
4. 3-351-03 Contract Modification: Concrete Services
5. JMI-631-06 Contract Modification: Design and Build Video Surveillance and Electronic Card Access Control Systems – Various Facilities
6. 3-356-03 Contract Modification: Electrician Services
7. 3-359-03 Contract Modification: Renovation Services
8. JMI-614-06 Contract Modification: Transporting Modular Classrooms and Associated Services
9. JMI-362-03 Contract Modification: Wood Floor Refinishing, Re-lining and Repair
10. JNI-756-07 2006 PSAT/NMSQT Early Participation Program
11. JNI-793-08 Accelerated English Textbooks
12. MBU-525-07 Bread Products
13. MWE-874-07 Collection Services

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

14. MBU-546-07 Dishwashing and Cleaning Agents
15. MBU-543-07 Food Products
17. MBU-554-07 Kitchen Equipment
18. JMI-644-07 Masonry Services
19. PCR-277-07 Psychological Assessments
20. JNI-785-07 School Music Instrument Rental and Repair
21. RGA-194-06 *Science Weekly* Magazine
22. MBU-540-07 Uniform Shirts – Food Services
23. PCR-212-06 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovation – Deer Park Middle Magnet
24. JMI-652-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract-Lansdowne Middle School Renovation
25. JNI-712-06 Contract Modification: Renovations – Old Court Middle School
26. JNI-713-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract-Perry Hall Middle School Renovation
27. JNI-713-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract-Perry Hall Middle School Renovation
28. JNI-713-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract-Perry Hall Middle School Renovation
29. MBU-535-07 Contract Modification: Design Services for Systemic Renovation – Sparrows Point Middle/High School
30. MBU-593-06 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovation – Sparrows Point Middle/High School
31. MBU-593-06 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovation – Sparrows Point Middle/High School
32. MBU-516-07 Contract Modification: Construction of Corridor Separations in Various Elementary Schools
33. MWE-878-07 Storm Water Management Fee-in-Lieu – Parking Lot Expansion at Carney Elementary School
34. JMI-636-07 Roof Replacement – Eastern Technical High School
35. MWE-873-07 Entrance Drive Paving – Greenwood Administrative Offices
36. MWE-875-07 Storm Water Management Fee-in-lieu – Entrance Drive Paving – Greenwood Administrative Offices
37. JMI-640-07 Exterior Door Replacement – Middlesex Elementary School
38. MWE-876-07 Storm Water Management Fee-in-Lieu – Drop Loop Modification – Norwood Elementary School
39. MWE-841-07 Boiler Replacement – Perry Hall High School
40. JMI-642-07 Electric Distribution Room Addition – Professional Development Center

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

41. MWE-877-07 Storm Water Management Fee-in-Lieu – Parking Lot and Drop Loop Expansion – Winand Elementary School
42. JMI-641-07 Gymnasium Floor Replacement – Woodlawn High School

Item 16

Mr. Hayden asked whether any capital funds remain to purchase additional school sites. Mr. Dent responded that funds for this acquisition are above and beyond the funds approved by the Board.

On a motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved item 16.

16. RGA-136-07 Hollins Ferry Road Bus Lot Acquisition

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Financial Report for the Months Ending April 30, 2006 and 2007
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3150 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Risk Management
- C. Revised Superintendent's Rule 5140 – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance – Definitions
- D. Revised Superintendent's Rule 5150 – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance
- E. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6130 – INSTRUCTION: Magnet Schools and Programs – Magnet Schools Admission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will meet to conduct a work session on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Greenwood. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 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 to all open sessions.

Mr. Arnold stated that public comment is one of the opportunities provided to hear the views and receive the advice of community members. The members of the Board appreciate hearing from interested citizens and will take their comments into consideration, even though it is not the Board's practice to take action at this time on issues which are raised. When appropriate, the Board will refer concerns to the Superintendent for follow-up by his staff.

While the Board encourages public input on policy, programs, and practices within the purview of this Board and this school system, this is not the proper avenue to address specific student or employee matters, or to comment on matters that do not relate to public education in Baltimore County. The Board encourages everyone to utilize existing avenues of redress for complaints. Inappropriate personal remarks or other behavior that disrupts or interferes with the conduct of this meeting are out of order.

Mr. Arnold also asked speakers to observe the light system, which lets the speaker know when time is up. He asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see the red light.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3520

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3530.1

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3530.2

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RE-ADOPTION OF POLICY 8311

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RE-ADOPTION OF POLICY 8312

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 8320

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 8330

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Miss Ifeatu Onyekwdy, a student at Milford Mill Academy, asked the Board to consider adding air conditioning at the school.

Ms. Emily Wolfson asked the Board to include in its guidelines the necessity to share with the public its deliberations, rationale, and decisions on all Board actions.

Ms. Hadear Abdou asked the Board to close schools on two Muslim holidays similar to the Jewish holidays.

Mr. Talal Pharoan asked the Board to either remove the Jewish holidays from the school calendar or add the two Muslim holidays.

Mr. Mohammad Jameel asked the Board to bestow equal rights by adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Dr. Bash Pharoan believes that the 2008-09 calendar is a violation of the Constitution and state law forbidding school closure on a religious holiday.

Mr. Juan Lina, a student at Milford Mill Academy, asked the Board to consider placing air conditioning at the school.

Miss Marissa Emery, a student at Milford Mill Academy, asked the Board for a temperature-controlled environment at the school and to install air conditioning.

Ms. Kunwal Rehman was disheartened that the 2008-2009 school calendar approved earlier this evening did not include the closing on two Muslim holidays.

Following public comment, Mr. Arnold noted that the Board has been told at the last several meetings that the Calendar Committee supported increasing the number of holidays during the school year. Mr. Arnold stated that he has looked into this and learned that the Calendar Committee never took a vote to add another holiday to the calendar and never went on record in any way as supporting this kind of a change.

Mr. Arnold stated that although the Board generally does not respond to individual comments made during this portion of the meeting, he thought it was important to make a statement on this topic as it has come up several times and the Board's silence could be considered as agreement with the remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Bacon moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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