

## APPROVED MINUTES

### BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:01 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Ms. Donna Flynn, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Audrey Dittman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in September and October.

With respect to the recent article in *The Baltimore Sun*, Ms. Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer, shared with Board members that the reporters who interviewed the superintendent did not assign headlines, sub-headlines, or photos. Dr. Hairston noted that the recent article delivered by *The Baltimore Sun* merited an apology to the school system by the editor.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(7) and upon motion of Ms. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:25 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.

Dr. Peccia and Dr. Arrington exited the room at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Mr. Bennett provided legal advice to the Board regarding hearing officers' opinions in two cases to be considered this evening.

Staff members exited the room at 5:36 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION MEETING

Board members discussed a performance evaluation instrument.

At 6:29 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker 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 JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Ms. Donna Flynn, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Audrey Dittman. 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 Miss Rebecca Palardy, Baltimore County Student Council President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Ms. Murphy 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, Ms. Murphy 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. Rebecca Palardy, Baltimore County Student Council President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the council's executive Board retreat, which included setting goals for this school year, planning for the middle school conference, and its annual legislative day. Ms. Palardy announced the BCSC Fall Workshop to be held on September 28, 2007, at Camp Ramblewood in Darlington.

Mr. Clifford Collins, Chair of the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council, shared with Board members the council's efforts in prompting parent conference nights and identifying new members for the upcoming school year. Mr. Collins announced the northwest area council's pre-budget meeting will be held on October 9, 2007, at Deer Park Middle Magnet School.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, shared concerns that CASE had with the recent article in *The Baltimore Sun*.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, shared with the Board the PTA's accomplishments for 2006-2007 and its purpose and goals for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, was pleased to see that policy 4008 was pulled from tonight's agenda. Ms. Bost stated that it is her hope that all educators will continue to advocate for the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston commented on the September 13, 2007 article in *The Baltimore Sun* stating that there are misperceptions and misinformation, and he has great confidence and trust in principals.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations, recognized the administrative appointments made at the September 5, 2007 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b><u>RENARD A. ADAMS</u></b> (Effective September 6, 2007)	Project Manager Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology In Education	Coordinator School Support and Compliance Department of Humanities
<b><u>YVONNE BARHIGHT</u></b> (Effective September 6, 2007)	Supervisor, Elementary Programs Department of Humanities	Director Language Arts, PreK-12 Department of Humanities

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b><u>GEOFFREY BOND</u></b> (Effective September 6, 2007)	Classification Specialist Department of Human Resources	Personnel Officer Department of Human Resources
<b><u>J. KURT BUCKLER</u></b> (Effective September 6, 2007)	Head of Engineering Renovations Department of Physical Facilities	Assistant Administrator, Engineering Department of Physical Facilities
<b><u>MICHELLE L. PROSER</u></b> (Effective September 6, 2007)	Teacher Red House Run Elementary School	Supervisor of Physical Education Department of Humanities

OLD BUSINESS

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. Harris, recommended approval of Board of Education policies, exhibits B and C. This is the third reading for all policies.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the following policies:

- Proposed Changes to Policy 7120 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Planning-Patterns of Participation (exhibit B).
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 7450 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Constructing-Supervision of Work in Progress (exhibit C).

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on Proposed FY09 State/County Capital Budget Request** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief overview of the proposed FY2009 capital budget request and the state budget process. The budget will be discussed in detail at the work session on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.
- B. **Report on Proposed Concession Stand at Sparrows Point High** – Ms. Jean Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area, stated that in accordance with Rule 7330, Sparrows Point High School is proposing the installation of a concession stand. This concession stand is being constructed with a private donation from Gail Parr, in memory of her son. The installation will be done by Free-State General Contractors, Inc.

REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Pallozzi moved that the second and third readings be suspended and that the Board approve the concession stand. Mr. Hayden seconded the motion. The Board approved the suspension of the second and third reading.

On a motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board unanimously approved the proposed concession stand at Sparrows Point High School.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits F, G, H, I, and J. (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 1-13 (Exhibit K). Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on items 10, 11, and 12. Ms. Flynn separated item 6 for further discussion.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. PCR-279-05 Contract Modification: Special Education Therapy Services
2. JMI-605-05 Contract Modification and Extension: Lamps and Bulbs
3. RGA-146-08 Contract Modification and Extension: Lease Renewal for Meadowood Education Center
4. RGA-147-08 Business Services Platform
5. PCR-281-08 Early Intervention Services
7. JMI-602-07 Contract Modification: Window Replacement – Bear Creek Elementary School
8. RGA-101-07 Contract Modification: Architect/Engineer (A/E) Services for the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design Phase – Catonsville Middle School
9. RGA-101-07 Contract Modification: Architect/Engineer (A/E) Services for the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design Phase – Hillcrest Elementary School
10. MWE-817-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract – Kenwood High School Addition and Technology Wing Renovation
11. MWE-817-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract – Kenwood High School Addition and Technology Wing Renovation

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

12. MBU-599-06 Contract Modification: Renovations – Loch Raven Technical Academy
13. MBU-555-08 Off Hour Corridor Separations – Various Elementary Schools

Item 6

Ms. Flynn inquired about the nature of the pilot program and terms of success. Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director of Student Support Services, responded that this is a one-year pilot program with no commitment in the second or third year. Ms. Flynn asked about the population for the Connections Academy. Mr. Rauenzahn responded that the academy would deliver curriculum for grades K-11 and would target the home school and home and hospital populations. Ms. Flynn asked what type of data would be collected for the pilot program. Mr. Rauenzahn responded that this population would be closely monitored for student achievement and standardized tests given by BCPS. Data to be collected would include attendance, achievement on grades, alignment with state standards, and BCPS curriculum.

The Board unanimously approved item 6.

6. RGA-150-08 Memorandum of Understanding between Connections Academy and Baltimore County Public Schools

HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #07-03 be affirmed. Hearing Examiner's case #07-29 was pulled at the request of Mr. Bennett.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Board of Education Focus Areas for 2007-2008
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3125 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services: Accounting and Cash Management-School Activity Funds
- C. New Superintendent's Rule 3231 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing-Vendor Performance Evaluation
- D. New Superintendent's Rule 5510 – STUDENTS: Conduct-Positive Behavior
- E. Revised Superintendent's Rule 7120 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Planning-Patterns of Participation

INFORMATION (cont)

- F. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 7450 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Constructing-Supervision of Work in Progress

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- On Wednesday, September 19, 2007, the Baltimore County Board of Education will hold a work session on the Proposed FY09 Capital State 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 19, 2007, at Lansdowne Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at Fifth District Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Five community forums will be held on Monday, September 24, to gather public input regarding the preparation of the BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2008-2009. These meetings will also serve as a forum for parents to share information about other special education topics. The meetings will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Charlesmont Elementary, Church Lane Elementary, Dogwood Elementary, Joppa View Elementary, and Ridge Ruxton Schools.
- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, September 26, at Eastern Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 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. The Board will host the Career & Technology Education Advisory Group for dinner on October 2, 2007, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Murphy 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.

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

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Miss Abdou asked the Board to remove all religious holidays from the school calendar or treat all religions equally.

Mr. Mohammad Jameel stated he supports the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM) and would like to see it become mandatory. He commented that the Board must set aside prejudice and listen to the comments from the public.

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board to address the issue of discrimination and defend minorities.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Janssen 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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