

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:15 p.m. at Greenwood. Vice President H. Edward Parker, Jr. and the following Board members were present: Ms. Donna Flynn, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Audrey Dittman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

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

Ms. Johnson entered the room at 5:17 p.m.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1), (a)(3), and (a)(8) and upon motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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Mr. Ghassan Shah, Strategic Planning Administrator, and Mr. Chris Brocato, Data Analyst, entered the room at 5:18 p.m.

Mr. Dent discussed with Board members the potential acquisition of property.

Mr. Dent, Mr. Shah, and Mr. Brocato exited the room at 5:32 p.m.

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 5:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

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

Mr. Hines entered the room at 5:38 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Board members discussed a performance evaluation instrument.

At 5:49 p.m., Mr. Hayden 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. Vice President H. Edward Parker, Jr. 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, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, 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 Ms. Erin Roberts, 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 Board of Education Open and Closed Minutes of September 5, 2007, and the Report of the Board of Education Work Session of September 19, 2007, Mr. Parker declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Mr. Parker 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. Parker 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. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, announced that the council's pre-budget hearing would be held on October 11, 2007, at Sparks Elementary School. Three main topics are: changes in field trip policy, planned expansion of Loch Raven High School, and the proposed changing of Ridge Ruxton School. Ms. Lauren Mullen, PTA President of Ridge Ruxton School, stated that parents of Ridge Ruxton School students want to keep this school's environment in tact.

Mr. Kent Smith, a representative of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, reported on the council's operating pre-budget topics, which included: staffing for information technology, special education pay, speech pathology, and career and technology baseline funding. Mr. Smith announced that the council's next meeting would be held on November 14, 2007, at Perry Hall Middle School.

Ms. Maggie Kennedy, Chair of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, announced that on October 29, Dr. Diaz would provide an update on the curriculum management plan. Ms. Kennedy also commented that the Board should move public comment to the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Stephen Crum, Chair of the Career & Technology Education Advisory Council, thanked the Board for dinner earlier this evening.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a representative of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, reported on its meeting where focus points for the upcoming school year were developed. Focus points include: curriculum and instruction and networking in the community to provide support for the school system.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, a representative of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, announced that the annual fall reception and workshop will be held on October 25, 2007, at New Town High School beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, thanked those Board members who attended the five special education community forums held last month. With respect to the Board's focus areas for this year, Ms. Thomas commented she did not care for the term "average student," and that gifted and talented and special education students appear to be left out.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, reported on the September 19 community conversation meeting with elected officials. Ms. Bost stated that approving policy 8130 tonight as proposed would suggest that the Board would have no authority to implement or discontinue curriculum courses and teaching practices.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hairston stated that today, the U.S. Department of Education announced that two Baltimore County schools are included among the six Maryland public schools named 2007 National *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon Schools. Red House Run Elementary School in Rosedale and Hereford Middle School in Hereford now join the other eight Baltimore County schools that have received this prestigious designation.

Dr. Hairston yielded his time to Ms. Jean Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent for the Southeast Area, who spoke about the Marine Trade Association and future job opportunities for students. Board members viewed the DVD entitled “Catch the Wave.”

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations, recognized the administrative appointments made at the September 18, 2007 Board meeting:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>MARIA A. ANTOINE</u> (Effective September 19, 2007) | Resource Teacher Office of Math Department of STEM | Specialist Secondary Math Department of STEM |
| <u>MERRIL E. PLAIT</u> (Effective September 19, 2007) | Chief Environmental Engineering/Parks Department of Public Works Anne Arundel County | Head of Engineering Department of Physical Facilities |

RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia recognized Mr. Daniel Breidenbaugh as a new student member of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council. Mr. Breidenbaugh’s appointment was approved at the September 18, 2007 Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FY09 Proposed Capital State Budget

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, noted that the proposal has been revised based on eligibility of projects for state funding: two window projects that will be completed using county funds and fine-tuning window money with actual cost estimates.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

Ms. Shillman commented that the window projects for Chadwick and Pinewood Elementary Schools were replaced with Winand and Winfield Elementary Schools. Ms. Burnopp stated that windows projects removed from the state capital request will be completed with county funds.

Mr. Pallozzi moved to adopt the FY09 Capital State budget, as presented in Exhibit B. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The Board approved the budget (favor – 9; opposed – 0; abstain – 0). Miss Dittman, student Board member, did not vote.

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. Harris, recommended approval of Board of Education policies, exhibits D through F. This is the third reading for all policies.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the proposed changes to Policy 3210 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing Services-Purchasing Guides (exhibit D).

With respect to proposed changes to Policy 5560, STUDENTS: Conduct-Suspension, Assignment to Alternative Programs, or Expulsion, Mr. Janssen motioned to amend the proposed changes by leaving in the words “or designee” in paragraphs B and D. Mr. Hayden seconded the motion. The Board approved the amended policy. Ms. Shillman and Ms. Johnson were in opposition of Policy 5560 (favor–8; opposed–2).

In regards to proposed changes to Policy 8130, INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Formulation, Mr. Janssen motioned to amend the proposed changes by leaving in the words, “Course of study, revised courses, required methods of teaching, and any significant program to be tested in one or more schools for the purpose of being considered for use systemwide shall be approved by the Board of Education prior to implementation or discontinuance.” Mr. Hayden seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the amended policy (favor–10; opposed–0).

With respect to the proposed changes to Policy 2361, Mr. Hayden stated that the policy as proposed is extraordinarily restrictive, and he would not be supportive of it in its current form. This policy (exhibit C) is being presented to the Board as an information item and is scheduled for a second reading later this evening. Ms. Harris recommended this policy be returned to the policy review committee for further review.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Board of Education Policies** – Ms. Frances Harris, Chairperson of the Board Policy Committee, stated that the Board of Education’s Policy Committee met on September 17, 2007, to consider the policies presented this evening, and the committee is recommending approval of these policies. This is the first reading.
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 7440 – **NEW CONSTRUCTION: Constructing-Protection and Guarantees** – no comments from Board members.
 - Proposed Changes to Policy 8314 – **INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Operations-Meetings: Agenda** – Mr. Hayden suggested changing the first sentence of paragraph two to read, "The [Superintendent] SECRETARY-TREASURER, ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE..."
- B. **Curriculum Management Plan (CMP) Update** – Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer, provided Board members with an update on the CMP:
- Reviewed feedback from principals on CMP.
 - Tasked Curriculum and Instruction staff with developing standard process for selection of curriculum writers.
 - Tasked the Curriculum Development Work Group with developing standard templates for scope and sequence and for curriculum guides.
 - Tasked Professional Development Work Group with developing scope of work for the Comprehensive Professional Development Plan.
 - Tasked the Assessment Work Group with scope of work for Comprehensive Assessment Plan.

Mr. Janssen asked how many curriculum writer positions there are and if the school system would be redirecting jobs or creating a new organization chart. Dr. Diaz responded the school system is not creating a new organization chart; however, the curriculum writers’ job will be redefined, making sure that the job description is fair and equitable and meets the standards as defined in the PDK audit.

With respect to the work groups, Mr. Janssen requested the names of the committee members.

Mr. Janssen asked if the work chart includes target dates and benchmarks. Dr. Diaz stated that there will be a three- to five-year detailed matrix which outlines all content areas, core and non-core. This chart will be shared with the Board at a future date.

REPORTS (cont)

Ms. Flynn asked how many curriculum writer positions will be posted. Dr. Diaz responded that the number of positions has not yet been determined and will be one of the pieces in the work chart to be provided to the Board.

Ms. Flynn asked how feedback was collected from principals. Dr. Diaz responded that there is a focus group of principals as part of the curriculum management committees. Feedback has been provided in terms of curriculum management, professional development, communication, and assessment.

Ms. Johnson asked how the CMP addresses the system's most challenging schools. Dr. Diaz responded that the plan does not address specific schools; it addresses rigor. Staff is meeting with the area assistant superintendents and looking at incorporating intervention teams to address gaps in content areas.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits J, K, L, and M. (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 1-9 (Exhibit N).

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. JMI-628-07 Contract Modification: Ethernet Switches/LAN Equipment
2. JMI-605-08 Computer and Peripherals Memory Modules
3. JMI-602-08 Digital Video School Bus Surveillance System and Associated Equipment
4. JMI-701-08 Inspiration Software License
5. JMI-609-08 Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC)
6. JMI-776-07 Contract Modification: Construction Contract – Cockeysville Training/Dispatch Building
7. PCR-213-06 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovation – General John Stricker Middle School
8. JMI-641-07 Contract Modification: Gymnasium Floor Replacement – Woodlawn
9. PCR-286-08 Roof Replacement – Educational Support Services (ESS) Building

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3210 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing Services-Purchasing Guides
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6130 – INSTRUCTION: Magnet Schools and Programs-Magnet Schools Admission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Parker made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget meeting on Monday, October 8, 2007, at Sollers Point Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Northwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at Deer Park Middle Magnet School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2007, at Sparks Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at Western School of Technology beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 23 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 Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education for dinner on October 23, 2007, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Parker 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. Parker 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 2361

Mr. Barry Williams expressed concern that Policy 2361 will negatively impact many non-profit youth organizations. These non-profit organizations depending on the ability to send after-school program information home with students. He stated that eliminating this opportunity would drastically lower the number of participants.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis King applauded the Board for moving quickly on the proposed Mays Chapel Special Education site. He stated that Rodgers Forge Elementary School is overcrowded and security issues exist with relocatables.

Ms. Gail Purnell asked the Board to reconsider building a school in the Mays Chapel Park area and to find another suitable site.

Ms. Connie Wynd stated she would be interested in where the proposed new school would be located since there are two parcels in the Mays Chapel Park.

Ms. Carol Mills asked the Board to find another location for a school other than the Mays Chapel Park.

Dr. George Lowe, on behalf of Mr. C. C. Parra, asked the Board to consider alternative ways to serve the needs of special education students than using Mays Chapel Park.

Ms. Jayne Lee thanked the Board and staff for finding another location for Sudbrook Middle Magnet School's adaption of "The Nutcracker."

Ms. Kanwal Rehman stated it was unjust to have a narrow view in the curriculum on Muslims. She also asked the Board to move public comment to the beginning of the meeting.

Ms. Cristy Parra stated that Mays Chapel Park is not a safe environment for a school with students with disabilities.

Ms. Peggy Miller asked the Board to keep Mays Chapel Park a park and not build a school.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Betty Crovo expressed concern over traffic congestion on Roundwood Road if a school is built at Mays Chapel Park.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:26 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayden and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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