

## **APPROVED MINUTES (7/8/08)**

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 4:08 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., and Ms. Joy Shillman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

The Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #08-14. The matter was heard in closed session.

In addition to the above listed Board members, the following persons were present for oral argument: the Appellant; J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Anjanette Dixon, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Mike Molinaro, Esquire, Reese & Carney, LLP; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

The proceedings of the hearing were recorded by a court reporter.

Board members deliberated on the case.

The hearing was concluded at 5:04 p.m.

### OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:07 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: 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, 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 June and July.

Mr. Pallozzi moved that the student member be permitted to participate in closed session collective bargaining discussions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris 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 5:12 p.m.

### CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:12 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Audrey Dittman. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Dr. Robert Tomback, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Mr. Stephen Bender, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Mr. Daniel Capozzi, Staff Relations Manager; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., General Counsel; Edward Novak, Esq., Assistant General Counsel; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Capozzi discussed with Board members the status of collective bargaining negotiations.

Mr. Capozzi exited the room at 5:16 p.m.

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

Ms. Howie reviewed with Board members hearing examiner appointments to be considered on the evening's agenda.

Ms. Howie provided legal advice to the Board regarding the transfer of property.

At 5:26 p.m., Mr. Pallozzi moved the Board adjourn closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shillman and approved by the Board.

### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Ms. Murphy informed the Board of the resignation of a Board member.

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

At 5:31 p.m., the Board adjourned from administrative function session for a brief dinner recess.

### 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. 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 Ben Jones, a student at Loch Raven High School, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Minutes of May 6, 2008, and the Report on the Public Hearing of the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Budget of May 21, 2008, Ms. Murphy declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

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

Miss Rebecca Palardy, Baltimore County Student Council (BCSC) President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve this past year. Miss Palardy introduced Mr. Daniel Breidenbaugh, BCSC president for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ms. Vicky Ciulla, a representative of the Advisory Committee for Alternative Programs, introduced former student, Terrence Rent, who spoke highly of the GED program at Kenwood High School. Mr. Nicholas Piechocki, one of the first graduates from the Maryland's Tomorrow Program at Chesapeake High School, talked about his positive experiences in the program.

Mr. Boyd Crouse, Coordinator of the Area Education Advisory Councils, thanked all of the members of the area education advisory councils for their hard work this past year. Mr. Crouse also thanked Dr. Ella White-Campbell for her dedication and commitment to education.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Daniel Breidenbaugh, a representative of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, stated that the council believes that a new high school is needed in the northeast area of the county.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a representative of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, believes that every Baltimore County school should have air conditioning. Miss Haley Mullen, a student at Ridgely Middle School, asked the Board to fund air conditioning in all Baltimore County schools.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, noted that on June 5, Glenmar Elementary and Chapel Hill Elementary Schools had organized and established the PTA at Vincent Farm Elementary School. She commented that Baltimore County now has 160 PTA/PTSA's and nearly 44,000 members. Ms. Katz stated that it has been an honor to serve the parents and students of Baltimore County. Ms. Nancy Ostrow will be the new PTA president for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO), stated that the school system needs to look into air conditioning all schools. She noted that the State Board has proposed the repeal of several regulations requiring speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and audiologists to be licensed. TABCO will be working on this issue over the summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board adopted a Resolution honoring Mr. Joseph Kaminski, a Baltimore County Public School's employee with 28 years of service who is celebrating his 100th birthday.

*WHEREAS, Joseph W. Kaminski, Technician I, Copy and Print Services, has served the administrators of the Baltimore County Public Schools and the citizens of Baltimore County with distinction since 1980; and*

*WHEREAS, He has served in exemplary fashion as the most senior Baltimore County Public Schools employee at the age of one hundred; and*

*WHEREAS, He has further served with distinction through consistently maintaining high performance standards while earning annual awards for Perfect and Outstanding Attendance; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, herewith assembled in regular session on the tenth of June, in the year two thousand eight, recognizes the outstanding and considerable contributions of Joseph W. Kaminski; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Board expresses to Joseph W. Kaminski deep and sincere appreciation for his twenty-eight years of valuable service; and be it further;*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont)

*RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith extend its deepest appreciation and gratitude for his dedication, loyalty, and service and further extends its best wishes for his good health, happiness, and continued success in his future.*

Dr. Hairston recognized Dr. Ella White-Campbell for contributing her time, knowledge, and talent to Baltimore County Public Schools. He noted that she is a key stakeholder as an individual who supports the school system in maintaining and expanding its connections to the community. Her strength and enthusiasm inspire other community members to become involved. Dr. Hairston presented a plaque to Dr. Campbell.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Ms. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board adopted a resolution honoring Audrey Dittman for her service as student member of the Board for 2007-2008. She was also presented with the resolution and a gift from her Board colleagues.

*WHEREAS, Audrey Dittman has served as a student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County with honor and distinction for the school year 2007-2008, including participation on the Board's Curriculum Committee; and*

*WHEREAS, She extends her countywide and statewide leadership by serving as a member of the Maryland Association of Student Councils Executive Board, the Baltimore County Student Councils Executive Board, and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, and by serving as the president of Future Leaders of Maryland; and*

*WHEREAS, Audrey has also shown an interest in school leadership activities by serving as the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology's Student Government Association president for the 2007-2008 school year, after holding the offices of treasurer and vice president in earlier years; and*

*WHEREAS, Her many leadership activities complement her scholastic and athletic achievements, which include being recognized as a Maryland Distinguished Scholar with Honorable Mention, participating as an "All Academic Team" member for eight seasons, and receiving distinction as a member of the All-Division 2<sup>nd</sup> team in lacrosse; and*

*WHEREAS, Audrey has graduated from Baltimore County Public Schools well prepared to begin the next phase of her education at the University of Delaware; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the tenth of June, in the year two thousand eight, expresses to Audrey Dittman, its fondest regards and gratitude for her 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.*

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

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, Catonsville High School has demonstrated continuous progress in expanding all students' access to highly rigorous courses; and*

*WHEREAS, This effort is evident in the strong participation by students at Catonsville High School in Advanced Placement courses and Advanced Placement exams; and*

*WHEREAS, Because of its consistent and continuous effort to support highly rigorous courses, Catonsville High School has been named by Newsweek Magazine and the Washington Post as among the top five percent of public high schools in the nation for 2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Catonsville High School joins nine other Baltimore County high schools in this distinction; and*

*WHEREAS, The ten schools recognized with this distinction in 2008 represent 40 percent of all Baltimore County public high schools; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the tenth day of June, in the year two thousand eight, expresses to Principal Deborah Bittner its congratulations and gratitude for her services and the services of the entire staff at Catonsville High School; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith extend its support and encouragement in all endeavors to advance student achievement at Catonsville High School, 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, Eastern Technical, Franklin, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Hereford, Loch Raven, Owings Mills, Pikesville, and Towson; identical resolutions were issued to these schools.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments made at the May 20, 2008 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>NASHAE M. BENNETT</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal Woodholme Elementary School	Principal Campfield Early Childhood Center

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CHERYL R. BROOKS</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Specialist Office of Equity and Assurance	Assistant Principal Halstead Academy
<u>VICKY L. CIULLA</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Coordinator of Alternative Programs, Dropout Prevention and Summer School Office of Alternative Programs, Dropout Prevention and Summer School	Principal Berkshire Elementary School
<u>KRISTIL L. ENRIQUEZ</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Technology Integration Deep Creek Elementary School	Assistant Principal Deep Creek Elementary School (.5) Hawthorne Elementary School (.5)
<u>APRIL N. FRANKLIN</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/English Loch Raven Technical Academy	Assistant Principal Loch Raven Technical Academy
<u>RONALD J. KOZICH</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Social Studies Kenwood High School	Assistant Principal Dundalk Middle School
<u>DEBORAH W. MAGNESS</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal Cockeysville Middle School	Principal Cockeysville Middle School
<u>JENIFER B. NOLL</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Mentor Owings Mills Elementary School	Assistant Principal Owings Mills Elementary School
<u>ANTOINETTE H. ROBERSON</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Science Patapsco High School	Assistant Principal Randallstown High School
<u>LOIS P. STOKES</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal Owings Mills Elementary School	Principal Randallstown Elementary School
<u>TERESA A. YOUNG</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Classroom Owings Mills Elementary School	Assistant Principal Woodholme Elementary School
<u>NANCY CASALENA</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal Essex Elementary School	Principal Chatsworth School

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b><u>SHARON L. HARRIS</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal Windsor Mill Middle School	Principal Imagine Discovery Public Charter School
<b><u>DEBRA P. MILLER</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Classroom Wellwood International School	Assistant Principal Essex Elementary School
<b><u>TAMELA H. HAWLEY</u></b> (Effective May 21, 2008)	Dean of Planning and Institutional Research Prince George's Community College	Director Research, Accountability, and Assessment

OLD BUSINESS

**Board of Education Policies**

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. Harris, recommended approval of ten policies. This is the third reading.

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

- Proposed Re-adoption of Policy 3113 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Budget-Transfers and Supplements
- Proposed Re-adoption of Policy 3122 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services-Classification of Expenditures
- Proposed Re-adoption of Policy 3123 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services-Reporting
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 3124 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services-Other Source Funds
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 3131 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Auditing-External Audit
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6111 – INSTRUCTION: School Calendar
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 6161.2 – INSTRUCTION: Equipment and Supplies
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6163.1 – INSTRUCTION: School Libraries (renumbered a 6163)

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

- Proposed Changes to Policy 6174 – INSTRUCTION: Summer School
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6500 – INSTRUCTION: Research and Testing Assessment

**Proposed 2009-2010 Calendar**

Mr. Pallozzi moved to approve the proposed 2009-2010 school calendar as presented in Exhibit L. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. The Board approved the proposed 2009-2010 school calendar (favor-11).

**Proposed Special Education Staffing Plan for 2008-2009**

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board approved the proposed Special Education Staffing Plan for 2008-2009, as presented in Exhibit M (favor-11).

**Consideration of the Loch Raven High School Addition**

Mr. Janssen moved that the Board's FY2009 State and Capital budget request with respect to the Loch Raven High School addition, adopted by the Board on February 14, 2008, be rescinded and that the Board's FY2009 State and Capital Budget be amended to remove the request for an addition. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris.

Ms. Murphy quoted Supreme Court Justice, Felix Frankfurter, "Wisdom comes so seldom; we shouldn't reject it because it comes late." Ms. Murphy stated that the Board may be coming to this decision late; she believes the Board is heading in the right direction.

Ms. O'Hare stated that the Board did not put the addition "out there" and that the addition came from county government. She stated that the DeJong report shows that a new high school is needed in the central/northeast area of the county. Ms. O'Hare noted that the reason there is no funding for air conditioning is because no allowance has been made in the development process to provide any type of relief for school infrastructure.

Mr. Hayden stated that the Board and school system need to look at redistricting schools and evaluate the use of current school facilities. There are schools not at total capacity.

Mr. Janssen stated that he does not support an addition because enlarging any school would turn that school into a "warehouse" of students instead of a learning environment.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

The Board approved the removal of the Loch Raven High School addition from its FY2009 State and Capital budget request (favor-10). Student Board member, Miss Audrey Dittman, did not vote.

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 to consider the policies presented this evening, and that the committee is recommending approval of these policies. This is the first reading.
- Proposed Changes to Policy 3215 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:  
Purchasing-Contracts
  - Proposed Changes to Policy 3230 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:  
Purchasing-Qualification of Bidders
  - Proposed Changes to Policy 3240 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:  
Purchasing-Modification of Award of Contract – Mr. Hayden recommended that this item be pulled to get a distinct, clear legal opinion on the proposed changes.
  - Proposed Changes to Policy 3250 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:  
Purchasing-Selection of Construction Consultants
  - Proposed Changes to Policy 3260 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:  
Purchasing-On-Call Consultant – Ms. Shillman asked whether the \$2 million was for construction management. Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, responded that this policy relates to on-call, smaller construction projects that would not exceed \$2 million.
  - Proposed Changes to Policy 8311 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES:  
Operations-Meetings – Mr. Hayden suggested that the definition of “work session” be added to include the authority to conduct business.  
  
Mr. Parker asked whether counsel has reviewed the policy to ensure that the Board has the flexibility to reformat its meetings, with Ms. Harris responding in the affirmative.
  - Proposed Changes to Policy 8315 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES:  
Operations-Participation by the Public

## REPORTS

- B. **Report on *SpringBoard*** – Ms. Yvonne Barhight, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Department of Humanities, and Ms. Heather Miller, Coordinator of Secondary Language Arts, provided an update to the Board on the *SpringBoard* initiative. Ms. Miller outlined the plans to integrate *SpringBoard* into the Grade 8 language arts curriculum.

Ms. Miller stated that the goal of *SpringBoard* is to provide students with the higher-level thinking skills necessary for success in rigorous high school courses, college, and beyond. The curricular supports provided by *SpringBoard* reflect College Board standards and are aligned to national and state standards. *SpringBoard* is designed to increase academic rigor for students, close the achievement gaps among Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) subgroups, increase diversity in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and empower teachers to improve and/or enhance instruction.

Ms. O'Hare asked whether this initiative was being piloted and whether standard students would be taking this curriculum. Ms. Miller responded that *SpringBoard* will be implemented in Grade 8 language arts curriculum in all middle schools. Additionally BCPS is piloting *SpringBoard* in Grades 6 and 7 in five middle schools: Arbutus, General John Stricker, Loch Raven Technical Academy, Old Court, and Stemmers Run.

Mr. Janssen asked if the school system was looking at the algebra program. Dr. Hairston stated that the mathematics department is working with *Algebraic Thinking* and Project SEED.

Ms. Johnson asked about how to ensure consistency throughout the school system. Ms. Miller responded that the school system needs to start with clear expectations of what the instruction and monitoring would look like from school administrators' roles and responsibilities to department chairpersons to the systematic professional development for teachers, which will occur between July and August.

Mr. Parker asked if there had been any feedback from principals. Ms. Miller responded that principals have been pleased. She also noted that teachers working with the integration are excited about how well *SpringBoard* aligns with the curriculum. Mr. Parker asked what, if any, extra time and effort is needed for teachers to implement *SpringBoard* in the classrooms. Ms. Miller responded it would take the same amount of time and effort to implement *SpringBoard* as it would to revise any curriculum.

## PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, and BB (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

### NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the negotiated supplement with the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees (CASE) as presented in exhibit CC.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-18 (exhibit DD). Ms. Janssen separated items 4 and 18, and Mr. Hayden separated items 11, 16, and 17.

The Board approved items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Ms. Shillman abstained from voting on items 1 and 2.

1. RGA-165-06 Contract Modification: Amendment #3 to the BCPS Pulaski Lease
2. RGA-134-05 Contract Modification: Amendment #8 to the BCPS Timonium Lease
3. RGA-176-08 Biology Curriculum Textbooks and Support Materials
5. RGA-174-08 Explore Colleges
6. JMI-643-08 Microsoft Premier Support Services
7. MBU-584-08 Produce
8. RGA-175-08 Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities Online Training Course
9. RGA-172-08 Sixth Grade Mathematics Curriculum Textbooks and Support Materials
10. PCR-218-08 Metal Storage Building – Dundalk Grounds
12. MWE-819-08 Parking Lot and Drop Loop Addition – Harford Hills Elementary School
13. MBU-583-08 Moving Relocatable Classrooms – Hillcrest Elementary and Catonsville Middle Schools
14. PCR-210-08 Boiler Replacement – Lutherville Elementary School
15. JNI-799-08 Playgrounds – Vincent Farm Elementary School

#### **Item #4**

The Board approved item 4 (favor-10; opposed-1). Mr. Janssen opposed this item.

4. RGA-178-08 Board of Education Hearing Examiners

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

**Item #11**

Mr. Hayden asked whether the cost could be shared with Baltimore County Recreation and Parks. Ms. Sines responded that the main portion of the building can be secured without any supervision through mechanical means. Mr. Hayden suggested that future costs be shared with Recreation and Parks. Mr. Janssen stated that other community organizations use the buildings. Mr. Hayden asked what percentage of the contingencies is spent annually; Mr. Sines responded less than five percent across the board.

Ms. Johnson asked whether the schools that have been identified have any type of security doors. Mr. Sines responded these schools do not have security doors for the sections of the building. Mr. Sines noted that these doors will be installed in as many schools as the budget will allow. Ms. Johnson asked how schools are identified. Mr. Sines responded that BCPS security office tracks the alarms and that the information would reflect which schools have the greatest need first.

The Board approved item 11 (favor-11).

11. MBU-570-08 Off Hour Corridor Separation – Various Elementary Schools

**Item #16 and #17**

Mr. Hayden asked why these contracts were awarded to two separate vendors identified as the best qualified. Mr. Sines responded that the school system believes it was in its best interest to separate the projects and look at them independently of each another.

The Board approved items 16 and 17 (favor-11).

16. JMI-633-08 Request to Negotiate: Design Consultant Services for the Chesapeake High School HVAC Renovations
17. JMI-633-08 Request to Negotiate: Design Consultant Services for the Loch Raven High School HVAC Renovations

**Item 18**

The Board approved item 18 (favor-10; opposed-1). Mr. Janssen opposed this item.

18. JMI-630-08 Fee Acceptance: Consultant Services – Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for a New Elementary School

### PROPOSED STUDENT MEAL INCREASE

Mr. Janssen moved to approve the student meal price increase of 40 cents for school year 2008-2009, as presented exhibit EE. Mr. Pallozzi seconded the motion.

Ms. Shillman stated that there should be a greater difference between elementary and secondary school lunch prices. Ms. Karen Levenstein, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, stated that the basic differences between elementary and secondary meals is in the number of calories. BCPS offers additional fruits, vegetables, and grain at the secondary level. Ms. Shillman stated that she would like to see an elementary student pay \$2.50 for lunch and the secondary student pay \$3.00.

Mr. Hayden stated that dropping the meal cost would be a significant dollar figure each year. There is a rising cost across the country with school lunches because of increased prices in fuel and other food products. The school system needs to be fiscally responsible.

Ms. Johnson asked how many students pay full price for lunch. Ms. Levenstein responded approximately 20%. Ms. Johnson asked whether the increase would cause a significant hardship for the 20% of students purchasing lunch. Ms. Levenstein responded that if a family had hardship then the school system would provide that family with the Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) application. Ms. Johnson expressed concern that this increase would cause hardship on some families.

The Board approved this item (favor-10; abstained-1). Ms. Shillman abstained from voting.

### INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 1210 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-Relationship with Parent-Teacher Association
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3122 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Classification of Expenditures
- C. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6174 – INSTRUCTION: Curriculum Extensions-Summer School
- E. Financial Report for the periods ending April 30, 2007 and 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 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.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4212

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 6212

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 7130

Mr. Stuart Stainman urged the Board to promote community input and communicate with affected communities when planning a capital project in that community's neighborhood.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 7130 (cont)

Mr. Andy Bolton believes that it is critical for the Board to work with communities on capital projects; communities are entitled to have input into the process. Mr. Bolton believes that this policy should remain in tact and be followed in respect to other construction projects.

Ms. Peggy Ward stated that the deletion of this rule and policy are a mistake. She commented that the reasons to delete the policy and rule, as stated in the policy analysis, are unfounded. Ms. Ward stated that the Board must continue to make the process open to public comment.

Mr. Foster Nichols asked the Board not to delete the one policy it has for public participation. He believes that there are three flaws with the policy analysis: 1) analysis only addresses capital improvement program and not the relationship with the public; 2) analysis states that this policy is redundant. Two other policies reference school planning, policies 7110 and 7120; however, these policies do not address public participation; and 3) other school systems have similar policies. The Montgomery County Board of Education has approximately 13 policies and rules that address the relationship with the public in the school planning process.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 7140

Mr. Foster Nichols asked the Board not to delete this policy. He believes that this policy is not redundant as noted in the policy analysis; it is all about planning new school construction. Mr. Nichols submits that there is a practical need to use the experts to come to the right decisions of where schools should be, how they should be developed and how the process should be move forward. Regarding rule 7140, Mr. Foster stated that the Public Site Planning Committee did not convene on the Ridge Ruxton project. Mr. Foster stated that deleting the policy and rule is not the appropriate course of action.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Bonnie Wesselhoff thanked the Board for its support of the Baltimore County Virtual Instruction Program (BCVIP).

Miss Sarah Sparks thanked the Board for the BCVIP this past year and urged the Board to continue this program.

Miss Carol-Anne Sparks enjoyed the BCVIP and asked the Board to continue the program in 2008-2009.

Ms. Claire Ricci asked the Board to consider opening Cromwell Valley Elementary School as a "regular" school or include the enrollment catchments at Hampton Elementary School similar to the four of the seven non-magnet schools in that area. She also asked the Board to include air conditioning in the capital budget for Hampton Elementary School.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Miss Natalie Miller thanked the Board for the BCVIP this past school year.

Ms. Victoria Airey thanked the Board for offering the BCVIP to her son. She asked the Board to continue to support the BCVIP.

Ms. Barbara Cox asked the Board to identify another site for a school for special needs students and to convert Ridge Ruxton School to a regular elementary school.

Ms. Peggy Ward asked the Board to consider building a new special education school at the Mays Chapel site. She believes that the new elementary school on the Ridge Ruxton property would be too close to resident's property lines.

Ms. Kris Culp asked the Board to consider not placing a new elementary school on the Ridge Ruxton School property.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to remove all holidays from the school calendar that are not identified in COMAR.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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