

## **APPROVED MINUTES – 10/7/08**

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

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:59 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Annette Karanja. 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.

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

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), (a)(8), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 6:05 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 6:05 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Annette Karanja. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Dr. Robert Tomback, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Ms. Jean Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Daniel Capozzi, Staff Relations Manager; Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer; 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 supplement agreement to be considered on the evening's agenda.

Kenneth Hoffman, Esq., Venable LLP, entered the room at 6:09 p.m.

### CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Capozzi explained to the Board federal regulatory changes affecting Baltimore County Public School's (BCPS) 403(b) program.

Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Capozzi exited the room at 6:34 p.m.

Ms. Howie provided legal advice to the Board regarding the transfer of property. Ms. Howie updated the Board on the impasse proceedings with a collective bargaining unit.

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

At 6:51 p.m., Ms. O'Hare moved the Board adjourn closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

Mr. Haines, Ms. Fromm, Dr. Tomback, Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Satterfield, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Patzkowsky, and Ms. Howie exited the room at 6:51 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Board members discussed the format of Board work sessions.

At 6:55 p.m., the Board adjourned for a brief dinner recess.

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:33 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Mr. James E. Coleman, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Annette Karanja. 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 Ames, a student at Hillcrest Elementary 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 Report on the Board of Education Retreat of August 9, 2008, and the Open and Closed Minutes of August 12, 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

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Coordinator of the Area Education Advisory Councils, reiterated the council's mission statement, which is, "To improve the quality of education in Baltimore County and to strengthen the relationship between the school and community by serving as informed advisors to the Board of Education on issues that affect students, families, communities, and schools." Ms. Shriver announced that there would be a joint advisory council meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in room 114 of the ESS building.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, commended the Board on its focus areas and the renewed commitment in maintaining confidentiality as noted in the Board's proposed norms.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, announced its PTA Fall Reception and Workshop to be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008, at New Town High School.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers' Association of Baltimore County, thanked the Board for allocating funding for a new parking lot at White Oak School. She requested that a study be conducted to place air conditioning in all schools. On behalf of TABCO, Ms. Bost asked the Board not to go to a single vendor for the 403(b) program.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported that as of Monday, September 8, BCPS enrollment reached 104,028 students, which is slightly over the projection. The official enrollment count will be recorded on September 30, 2008.

Dr. Hairston stated that earlier this evening, the Board's Building and Contracts Committee reviewed plans for the new Towson West elementary school. The schematic design, as presented to the Building and Contracts Committee, is available on BCPS' Web site.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments made at the August 12, 2008 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CHARLES CHRISTIAN, JR.</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Behavior Interventionist/Special Education Woodlawn High School	Pupil Personnel Worker Department of Student Support Services
<u>WILMA L. DEYAMPERT</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Reading Specialist Loch Raven Technical Academy	Assistant Principal Imagine Discovery Public Charter School
<u>PATRICK A. HANCOCK</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Risk Management Specialist Office of Risk Management	Manager, Risk Management Office of Risk Management
<u>BONNIE K. LAMBERT</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Assistant Principal Loch Raven High School	Principal Loch Raven High School
<u>ANDREA H. PARRISH</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Teacher/Special Education–Inclusion Office of Special Education	Specialist, Area Support Special Education
<u>MICHELE R. STANSBURY</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Mentor Powhatan Elementary School	Specialist, Instructional Coach Elementary
<u>JOHARI TOE</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Teacher Specialist Professional Growth and Development Anne Arundel County Public Schools	Specialist, Instructional Coach Elementary
<u>MATTHEW N. AMES</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Teacher/Art Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts	Assistant Principal Franklin High School
<u>MARK E. MATTHEWS</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Director of Education/Principal Board of Child Care – Strawbridge School	Assistant Principal Loch Raven High School
<u>MARY V. WOJNOWSKI</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Specialist of Research Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment	Supervisor Department of Research, Accountability and Assessment
<u>LINDA A. MARCHINECK</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Specialist in Research Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment	Coordinator Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment
<u>T. NICOLE TUCKER-SMITH</u> (Effective August 13, 2008)	Supervisor, Parent Support Services Department of Professional Development	Coordinator Department of Professional Development

### REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on Proposed FY10 State/County Capital Budget Request** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief overview of the proposed FY2010 capital budget request and the state budget process. The budget will be discussed in detail at the work session on Tuesday, September 16, 2008.

Ms. O'Hare asked for clarification on "additional 200 seats Dogwood Elementary School cluster." Ms. Burnopp responded that a description of each cluster would be available to the Board at its work session.

### PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits D, E, F, G, and H (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE BACE MASTER AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board approved the Supplement to the BACE Master Agreement, as presented in exhibit I. Miss Karanja, student representative, did not vote on this item.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Pallozzi, recommended approval of items 1-9 (exhibit J).

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. RGA-111-09 Contract Modification: Charter School Agreement
2. JNI-717-09 Augmentative Communication Devices
3. JNI-722-09 College Preparatory Support Program
4. JNI-716-09 English Textbooks and Related Materials for Non-Title I Elementary Schools
5. JNI-718-09 Optical Mark Reader/Scanner
6. RGA-113-09 Resident Teacher Coach Program
7. JNI-719-09 Scheduler's Trainer (Contractual)

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

8. RGA-116-09 Request to Move Forward for Conveyance of Property:  
Overlea High School
9. JMI-645-08 Request to Negotiate: Construction Management (CM)  
Services – Towson West Elementary School – New  
Construction

BOARD NORMS

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the Board of Education's Norms, as presented in exhibit K.

FOCUS AREAS FOR 2008-2009

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved its focus areas for 2008-2009, as presented in exhibit L.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Opening of Schools
- B. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 6200 – INSTRUCTION: School Libraries-Relationship of Media Specialists or Librarians to the School Faculty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- On Tuesday, September 16, 2008, the Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold a work session on the Proposed FY10 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 17, 2008, at Lansdowne High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be a joint Area Education Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008, at Greenwood in the ESS Building, room 114, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its operating pre-budget hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at Eastern Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, September 25, 2008, at Dumbarton Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session. The open session will reconvene at approximately 6:30 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Laura Mullen expressed concern over the stifling classrooms at Ridgely Middle School. She asked that a policy be enacted to govern closing of non-air conditioned schools on hot days.

Ms. Kathleen Palencar was disheartened that the community was not given the opportunity to ask questions related to the schematic design presented to the Board's Building and Contracts Committee earlier this evening.

Ms. Kris Culp reiterated what the previous speaker had stated. She asked the Board to "go back to the drawing board" regarding the new Towson West elementary school.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Mohammed Jameel believes that limiting public comment is a violation of free speech. He stated that public comment should be increased rather than decreased.

Ms. Janet Morton asked the Board for a uniform policy that allows teachers to head early morning gym programs.

Mr. Tommy Wesselhoff, a student, asked the Board to consider bringing the Baltimore County Virtual Instruction Program (BCVIP) back.

Ms. Amy Sparks asked the Board to bring back the BCVIP for students.

Ms. Victoria Airey asked the Board to consider funding for the BCVIP.

Ms. Margaret Fonshell Ward believes that the Board is not receiving complete and accurate information with respect to the new Towson West elementary school. She stated that her association had asked to be placed on the September 23, 2008 Board agenda.

Ms. Kathryn Kuwabara asked the Board to permit the early morning gym program at Pot Springs Elementary School to continue as it has been run in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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