

## **APPROVED MINUTES – 02/10/09**

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

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:35 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. 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 December, January, and February.

Board member, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, and Mr. James E. Coleman, entered the room at 5:37 p.m.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §10-508(a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:40 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:40 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. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, 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; Dr. Patricia Abernethy, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Jonathan Brown, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; 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; Anjanette Dixon, Esq., Associate General Counsel; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Capozzi updated Board members on negotiations with collective bargaining units.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board adjourned closed session at 5:44 p.m.

Staff exited the room at 5:44 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION

Board members discussed the potential time changes to its meeting schedule for 2009-2010.

Board members, Mr. Earnest E. Hines and Miss Annette Karanja, entered the room at 5:45 p.m.

At 6:08 p.m., the Board adjourned from its administrative function session for a brief dinner recess.

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:35 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, 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 Mr. Jacob Williams, Boys Scout Troop 433, 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.

### REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Superintendent's Report on Upcoming FY10 Budget Issues** – In preparation for the upcoming budget presentation in January 2009, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, shared with Board members the parameters with which the budget is being prepared and the possible fiscal constraints for FY 2010. Some highlights included:

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- State education aid is projected to increase slightly by 1%.
- Teacher pension costs may shift to county governments, thereby reducing the county's capacity to fund education.
- Possible increase in Maintenance of Effort (MOE).
- Slowing economy will likely result in a lower growth calculation.
- Possible decline of Third Party Billing (TPB) program funds.
- Very little growth for new programs.

In attachment III, Mr. Haines reviewed the side-by-side enrollments for FY 2006, 2007, and 2008. While slight declines in enrollment existed, BCPS worked in partnership with county government to maintain the same level of staffing. Because of increased enrollment this year, BCPS will have to request additional teachers to accommodate growth. Mr. Haines also reviewed the Superintendent's priorities for FY2010, and Ms. Burnopp explained the Spending Affordability Law to Board members.

- B. **Report on Proposed Grandstand Seating Project for Milford Mill Academy** – In accordance with Board Policy 7330, Mr. William Lawrence, Northwest Area Assistant Superintendent, shared with Board members that the grandstand seating project is being constructed with donations from the County Council. The installation will be done by Southern Bleacher. This is the first reading.

Mr. Pallozzi moved to waive the three-reading process on exhibits B, C, and D. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The Board approved waiving the three readings on exhibits B, C, and D (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board approved the following projects (favor-11):

- Proposed Grandstand Seating Project at Milford Mill Academy (exhibit B)
- Proposed Grandstand Seating Project at Randallstown High School (exhibit C)
- Proposed Marquee Sign Project at Franklin Elementary School (exhibit D)

- C. **Report on Proposed Grandstand Seating Project for Randallstown High School** (exhibit C)

- D. **Report on Proposed Marquee Sign Project at Franklin Elementary School** (exhibit D)

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- E. **Report on Proposed Installation of New Basketball System at Prettyboy Elementary School** – In accordance with Board Policy 7330, Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Central Area Assistant Superintendent, requested approval of a basketball system at Prettyboy Elementary School. This basketball system is being funded by the Department of Recreation and Parks. The installation will be done by ALL GYMS, Incorporated. This is the first reading.

Mr. Pallozzi moved that the three readings for exhibit E be waived and to approve the document this evening. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. The Board approved waiving the three readings for exhibit E (favor-11).

On motion of Ms. O’Hare, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the proposed installation of a new basketball system at Franklin Elementary School (favor-11).

Mr. Janssen asked whether the Department of Recreation and Parks would be handling the installation and maintenance of the system with Mr. Patzkowsky responding in the affirmative.

- F. **Board of Education Policies** – Ms. Frances Harris 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 1200 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement
- Proposed Changes to Policy 1220 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-Citizens Advisory Committee
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 7130 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Planning-Relationships with the Public
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 7140 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Planning-Relations with Other Governmental and Education Units
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 7320 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Financing-Payments to Contractors
- Proposed Changes to Policy 8132 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization-Formulation of Policies: Control and Communications

In regards to Policy 1220, Ms. Roddy stated she was unclear about the intent of the changes and asked what is driving the changes to the policy. Since no response was presented from the Office of Communications, Ms. Murphy stated that a response would need to be provided to the Board.

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G. **Report on Physical Facilities** – Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, provided Board members an assessment of the current condition of physical facilities and identified proposals to achieve program objectives. BCPS has over 15 million square feet of building space and approximately 4,000 acres of grounds to maintain. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Historical enrollment trends
- Age of school buildings
- Fiscal expenditures to date now exceed \$1 billion
- Various physical facilities' programs and initiatives
- High school limited renovations
- Feasibility studies at seven high schools
- Critical infrastructure components
  - Structural systems
  - Mechanical systems (including air conditioning)
  - Plumbing systems
  - Electrical systems

Mr. Sines stated that the Department of Physical Facilities is poised to maintaining appropriate vigilance on the critical infrastructural and safety components of each facility while working towards practical application of shared system goals. The Board's current FY09 and FY10 capital improvement plan (CIP) identifies 13 schools; 12 will receive air conditioning once funding is approved, and one school is on the CIP that has air conditioning; however, it is not functioning properly. Mr. Sines stated that time and money are the two large components needed to place air conditioning in every school.

Dr. Hairston stated that over the past nine years, BCPS has made significant gains in improving school facilities.

Ms. O'Hare asked about a timeline for completing an air conditioning assessment and how schools will be prioritized. Mr. Sines responded that the high schools would be addressed as renovation plans are developed. Additionally, annual surveys will be conducted and a database will be developed to prioritize schools based on data. A base evaluation on all schools should be completed by the end of this school year. He noted that, if funding were to remain the same as in the past three years, it will take approximately seven to ten years to air condition all schools. Mr. Sines also stated that if the Board chooses to make air conditioning retrofits a priority, it would be choosing between limiting high school renovation programs and refurbishing infrastructure, and site-specific issues would be "off the map." The current cost of retrofitting schools for air conditioning would be \$400 to \$450 million. Ms. O'Hare would like a policy established to address classrooms that are above 90 degrees.

### REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Hines and Ms. Roddy asked that the Board receive feedback and periodic updates on the assessment results relating to air conditioning.

Mr. Janssen asked whether any plans existed to “bridge the gap.” Mr. Sines responded that a long-term issue is obtaining skilled mechanics as individuals retire. The Department of Physical Facilities is working with Human Resources and technical schools to create an in-house training program. Mr. Sines stated that BCPS is filling facility vacancies rapidly.

Ms. Roddy asked how the school system is addressing the air conditioning issue in schools that are not undergoing renovations. Mr. Sines responded that, in addition to the feasibility studies, BCPS is conducting internal assessments and prioritizing by condition. Once studies are received, the school system will shift priorities to “need-based” and present recommendations in the CIP. Ms. Roddy asked how disruptive would the air conditioning/renovation be to the instructional program. Mr. Sines responded that an evaluation would need to be completed for each school building.

- H. **Report on FY2010-2015 County Capital Budget** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, summarized the county capital funding request. Ms. Burnopp noted that BCPS has received additional revenues from the state, which now total \$21.5 million. BCPS has also received: partial funding for the Towson West Elementary School and George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology; full funding for Catonsville High School roof; and repair of the exterior walls at Pine Grove Middle School. Ms. Burnopp stated that the Board is scheduled to approve the capital budget at its January 13, 2009 meeting. This is the first reading.

### INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Bridge to Excellence Master Plan
- B. Financial Report for months ending October 31, 2007 and 2008
- C. Third Party Billing Annual Report – 2007-2008
- D. Minority and Small Business Enterprises (MBE/SBE) 2008 Annual Report
- E. Deletion of Superintendent’s Rule 4117 – Permanent: Administrative and Supervisory Personnel
- F. Central Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2008

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at Catonsville Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Schools will be closed for Christmas/Winter Break from December 24, 2008 through January 2, 2009. Schools will reopen for students and teachers on Monday, January 5, 2009.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 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 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.
- On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, the Baltimore County Board of Education will meet for a public hearing to seek the community's input on the operating budget for FY2010. The meeting will take place at the Ridge Ruxton School at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Ridge Ruxton School on the day of the hearing. Snow date for the public hearing is Thursday, January 15, 2009.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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