

**APPROVED MINUTES – 06/09/09**

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 4:03 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. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and staff members were present.

The Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #09-15. 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; Harold D. Young, Esquire; Dr. Carol R. Batoff, Superintendent's Designee; Anjanette Dixon, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; 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 deliberation was concluded at 5:20 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 6:00 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. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of School, and staff members were present.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in May and June.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§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, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. 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; Dr. Jonathan Brown, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Mr. John Palmer, Assistant to the 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; Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to the Board regarding hearing officers' opinions in four cases to be considered that evening.

Ms. Howie updated Board members on potential litigation regarding the new Towson elementary school.

Ms. Howie informed Board members of a potential change with an existing bargaining unit.

On motion of Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:21 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Student representative, Miss Annette Karanja, entered the room at 6:21 p.m.

Board members discussed the following items:

- Possible change to tonight's agenda.
- Superintendent's evaluation.

The Board adjourned for a brief dinner recess at 6:51 p.m.

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:28 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. Ramona N. Johnson, 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 Ms. Laura Mullen, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Following the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hairston added "Special Order of Business – Recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sparrows Point High School and Catonsville Elementary School." The addition to the agenda was unanimously approved by those Board members present (favor-11).

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. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on the council's April 23, 2009 capital pre-budget hearing. Testimony included: renovation/upgrades at Hampton Elementary School, air conditioning at Ridgely Middle School, and environmental conditions at Dumbarton Middle School.

Mr. Clifford Collins, Chair of the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on its April 16, 2009 capital pre-budget hearing. Testimony included: requests for functional air conditioning systems in school buildings. The council also requested that all area advisory council meetings be placed in school year calendars distributed to public schools and stakeholders in the community at-large.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. David Basler, a representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), asked Board members to oppose item 8 of the building and contracts awards. He asked the Board to consider utilizing the established labor force instead of a low-bid vendor.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, announced PTSA Teacher Appreciation Week beginning May 3-9, 2009. She reported on the PTA Awards Ceremony, "A Night of Shining Stars," which was held on April 30. The PTA Council also recognized the Outstanding Primary and Secondary Educator of the Year, and honored the Board with a Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, announced that this week is National Teacher and National Nurse Appreciation Week. She also announced the TABCO/BACE Retirement/Recognition ceremony to be held on May 7, 2009. Ms. Bost also expressed concern that approval of item 8 of the building and contracts awards may jeopardize security.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston recognized Ms. Cecily Anderson, an English teacher from Catonsville Middle School, who was named the Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010.

Ms. Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer, distributed to Board members a magazine called, *Strategies*, in which an article featuring BCPS and its many accomplishments. *Strategies* is published by the Panasonic Foundation in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators and the University Council for Educational Administration.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board adopted a resolution celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Catonsville Elementary and Sparrows Point High Schools.

WHEREAS, Catonsville Elementary School and Sparrows Point High School have reached the prestigious milestone of educating children for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout these years, the school has evolved in many ways to meet the needs of the community and to adjust to the changing educational landscape, however, the school's position as a community anchor remains constant; and

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

WHEREAS, Catonsville Elementary and Sparrow Point High Schools' success exemplifies the promise of all community-based schools to offer quality instruction and nurture the connections between school and community; and

WHEREAS, Reaching this milestone brings attention to: the strength of the school's administrative and academic leadership; the quality, dedication, and creativity of its teachers; the enthusiasm and abilities of its students; and the unwavering support the school receives from involved parents, volunteers, and community partners; now, therefore, it be

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education, herewith assembled in regular session on the fifth day of May, in the year two thousand and nine, congratulates Catonsville Elementary and Sparrows Point High Schools on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and commends the entire school community for establishing an enduring legacy of academic excellence.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

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 #08-44 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #08-46 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #08-60 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #09-08 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Pallozzi, recommended approval of items 1-57 (exhibit E). Items 41, 43, 45, 47, and 48 were pulled from the agenda. Ms. O'Hare separated item 15 for further discussion.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

The Board approved items 1 through 14, 16 through 40, 42, 44, 46, and 49 through 57.

1. JMI-632-09 Financing of Various Motor Vehicles
2. MBU-526-09 Food Products
3. RGA-971-09 Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP)  
Math and Science
4. RGA-134-09 Math Teacher Professional Development Institute
5. MBU-529-09 Milk, Dairy, and Fruit Juice Products
6. MBU-527-09 Paper, Plastic, and Foam Products
7. MWE-826-09 School Intercom System Equipment and Electronics Parts
8. JMI-620-09 Security Guard Services
9. MBU-528-09 Small Wares
10. JMI-630-09 Storage Tanks and Related Systems – Install, Remove, Repair,  
Inspect, Parts, and Associated Services
11. RGA-135-09 Translating BCPS Documents into Various Languages
12. MBU-532-09 Transport of Modular Classrooms and Associated Services
13. JNI-755-09 Variquest Visual Learning Tools and Supplies
14. RGA-133-09 Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Support
16. JMI-630-08 Contract Modification: Consultant Services –  
Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services – West Towson  
Elementary School
17. PCR-235-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Arbutus  
Elementary School
18. PCR-236-09 Asphalt Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Baltimore  
Highlands Elementary School
19. JMI-636-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Campfield  
Early Childhood Center
20. JMI-637-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Chadwick  
Elementary School
21. JMI-633-09 Drop Loop Driveway and Parking Lot Overlay – Charlesmont  
Elementary School
22. JNI-750-09 Razing Old Building, Rebuild Driveway Exit, and Additional  
Parking – Chatsworth School
23. MWE-833-09 Replacement of Running Track – Chesapeake High School
24. JNI-749-09 Virtual Learning Environment – Chesapeake High School
25. MWE-837-09 Hallway Locker Replacement – Deer Park Middle School

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

26. MBU-536-09 Repaving and Rebuilding Parking Lot – Dundalk Elementary Magnet School
27. MBU-530-09 Rebuild Parking Lot and Drop Loop – Eastwood Center
28. MBU-535-09 New Parking Lot and Drop Loop – Franklin Elementary School
29. MBU-535-09 Expanded Parking Lot – Hebbville Elementary School
30. MBU-538-09 Hallway Locker Replacement – Lansdowne Middle School
31. MWE-834-09 Parking Lot and Bus Loop – Loch Raven Technical Academy
32. JNI-748-09 Replacement of Running Track – Owings Mills High School
33. MBU-524-09 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Padonia Elementary School
34. JNI-753-09 Hallway Locker Replacement – Pikesville Middle School
35. JNI-744-09 Brick Replacement – Pine Grove Middle School
36. JNI-751-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Powhatan Elementary School
37. MWE-830-09 Replacement of Septic System – Prettyboy Elementary School
38. JNI-721-09 Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Red House Run Elementary School
39. JNI-752-09 Addition – Wabash Bus Maintenance Facility
40. MBU-539-09 1D Waste Management – West Towson Elementary School
42. MBU-539-09 5A Steel – West Towson Elementary School
44. MBU-539-09 7A Roofing – West Towson Elementary School
46. MBU-539-09 9A Drywall and Acoustical – West Towson Elementary School
49. MBU-539-09 9E Painting – West Towson Elementary School
50. MBU-539-09 10C Lockers/Shelving – West Towson Elementary School
51. MBU-539-09 10D Visual Display Boards, Display Cases, and Projection Screens – West Towson Elementary School
52. MBU-539-09 11A Food Service Equipment – West Towson Elementary School
53. MBU-539-09 11B Athletic Equipment – West Towson Elementary School
54. MBU-539-09 15A Mechanical – West Towson Elementary School
55. MBU-539-09 16A Electrical – West Towson Elementary School
56. MWE-810-09 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Winand Elementary School
57. JMI-609-09 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Winfield Elementary School

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Item #15

Ms. O'Hare expressed concern that the school system is replacing George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, that is in good condition, when others schools are not in adequate condition. Mr. Sines explained to Ms. O'Hare that the inspection report in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) is an internal inspection by staff to evaluate the maintenance of the school building. The CMP focuses on the maintenance and condition of the facility. Maintenance is separate from the capital program.

The Board approved item 15.

15. RGA-132-09 Request for Approval: Educational Facilities Master Plan and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan FY 2009

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Central Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its capital pre-budget hearing on Monday, May 11, 2009, at Mars Estates Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, the Board of Education will host its Merit/Ethics Award Ceremony at Crowne Plaza in Timonium beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 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. The open session will reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.
- The Baltimore County Board of Education will hold a public hearing to seek input about BCPS' FY2011 Capital Budget needs on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. on the Greenwood campus in the ESS Building. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4122

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4123

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4125

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4133

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4162

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4216

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ms. Jasmine Shriver stated that the proposed school calendar still closes for one Jewish holiday. Jewish holidays are not state-mandated holidays; therefore, making them Board-approved holidays. She proposes that BCPS only close for COMAR-mandated holidays and Board-approved winter and spring break. Ms. Shriver stated that the AIMMS Steering Committee recommended granting two floating holidays.

Dr. Bash Pharoan stated that the Board has elected not to debate the COMAR holidays. He believes that the Board cares only about selective individuals. Dr. Pharoan stated that the school administration controls who is appointed to stakeholder groups and calendar committee; refusing to provide information as requested. He asked the Board to challenge the status quo and silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR (cont)

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to consider adding one Muslim holiday to the proposed school calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 SPECIAL EDUCATION  
STAFFING PLAN

Ms. Jasmine Shriver asked the Board to support the proposed special education staffing plan as presented at its April 21, 2009 meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis King stated that he stands in solidarity and supports the construction of a new elementary school on the Ridge Ruxton site.

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board to “fill the glass” by adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel stated that “all means all” and should include Muslim students.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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