

APPROVED MINUTES – 06/09/09

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:10 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. H. Edward Parker, 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 May and June.

Student representative, Miss Annette Karanja, entered the room at 5:13 p.m.

Mr. Janssen reviewed with Board members the proposed changes and new *Continuing Resolutions* and *Beliefs and Policies* published by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE).

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1), and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:20 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:20 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. H. Edward Parker, 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; 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. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Winopa Mbakop, Administrative Assistant.

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

Board member, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, entered the room at 5:25 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:30 p.m. All staff members exited the room.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Board members discussed the Superintendent's evaluation.

At 6:20 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 6:41 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. 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 Mr. Thomas Bosley, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Under item VII, New Business, Dr. Hairston pulled exhibit G, Consideration of the Proposed Restructuring of the C & I Organization, from the evening's agenda.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Minutes of April 21, 2009, 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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board adopted a resolution honoring Annette Karanja for her service as student member of the Board for 2008-2009. She was also presented with the resolution and a gift from her Board colleagues.

WHEREAS, Annette Karanja has served as a student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County with honor and distinction for the school year 2008-2009, including participation on the Board's Curriculum Committee; and

WHEREAS, She extends her countywide leadership by serving as a member of the Baltimore County Student Councils Executive Board and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board; and

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

- WHEREAS, Annette has also shown an interest in school leadership activities by serving as the Kenwood High School's president for class of 2009; and
- WHEREAS, Her many leadership activities complement her scholastic and athletic achievements, which include The Literary Magazine, Model United Nations, and the Student Government Association, and participation in volleyball and lacrosse; and
- WHEREAS, Annette will graduate from Baltimore County Public Schools well prepared to begin the next phase of her education at the George Washington University; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the nineteenth of May, in the year two thousand nine, expresses to Annette, 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Harris, recommended approval of items 1-2 (exhibit H).

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. MBU-539-09 4A Masonry – West Towson Elementary School
2. MBU-539-09 6A Carpentry, Casework, and Miscellaneous – West Towson Elementary School

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on the Proposed Carpet for Towson High School (first reading)** – In accordance with Board Policy 7330, Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area, shared with Board members that the auditorium carpet project is being donated by Floors Etc. This is the first reading.

REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Janssen moved to waive the three-reading process on this item. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The Board approved waiving the three reading on exhibit I (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved the proposed installation of new carpet in the auditorium of Towson High School (favor-11).

B. **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 1220 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-Citizens Advisory Committees
- Proposed Changes to Policy 1500 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Zoning Information
- Proposed Changes to Policy 1600 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Public Charter Schools

Ms. Roddy asked whether the application process will remain. Ms. Sonja Karwacki, Executive Director of Special Programs, PreK-12, responded that that the handbook is undergoing revisions and that the application process and necessary documentation will be included in the handbook.

- Proposed Changes to Policy 4001 – PERSONNEL: General-Drug-Free Workplace
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5550 – STUDENTS: Conduct-Disruptive Behavior
- Proposed New Policy 5580 – STUDENTS: Conduct-Bullying

Ms. Murphy asked whether cyber-bullying would be part of the training. Ms. Harris stated that the new rule would address this issue and that excerpts from the bullying policy will be placed in the student handbook.

Ms. O’Hare asked if an incident occurred in the school building after the dismissal bell whether staff would handle immediately. Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director of Student Support Services, responded that staff would be sensitive to the needs of the student. He also stated that this would be addressed in training.

REPORTS (cont)

Miss Karanja stated her support of the new policy 5580.

- Proposed Changes to Policy 6501 – INSTRUCTION: Evaluation of the Instructional Program

Ms. Johnson asked if there was a timeline for the evaluation of the policy. Ms. Harris responded that this would be addressed in the revised rule.

Mr. Hines stressed that, once rules are in place and added to the Web site, the message of the new and/or revised policies be communicated to parents. Dr. Hairston stated that the school system has multiple means to communicate with parents. Ms. O'Hare suggested placing a paragraph in the student handbook informing parents of any additions or changes related to policies and/or rules.

- C. **Governing Regulations and BCPS Investment Procedures** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, shared with Board members that the school system's goal for surplus cash is safety first. In turbulent times, BCPS is closely monitoring funds and invests when extra cash is available. Last year, BCPS earned \$1.5 million; this year the school system has earned approximately \$400,000.

- D. **Analysis on TELL Maryland Survey** – Dr. Thomas Rhoades, Executive Director, Research, Accountability, and Assessment, shared with Board members the results of the Maryland TELL Survey. This survey was an anonymous Web-based survey requested by the Governor's office. The purpose of the survey was to obtain the perceptions of school-based certificated employees about how they view teaching and learning conditions. Dr. Rhoades noted that:

- Over 80% of the certificated employees participated in the survey.
- Baltimore County teachers share the perceptions of teachers across the state of Maryland.
- Performance Goal 1 and 4 in the *Blueprint for Progress* are reflected positively in the factor.
- Perceptions of time, resources, and professional development were somewhat lower than over teachers across the state of Maryland.

Dr. Rhoades also reviewed some selected findings for the factors such as time, preparation, grading, discipline in the classroom, and community engagement.

REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Parker asked what may have prompted the Governor to conduct this survey. Dr. Rhoades responded that, it is his understanding, that the Governor made a commitment during his campaign to solicit the perceptions of the working conditions of teachers in the state of Maryland. Mr. Parker asked whether the governor has made any comments on the results of the survey. Dr. Hairston responded that the governor commented on the data at the TABCO/BACE retirement ceremony earlier this month.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. MSDE Bi-annual Financial Report
- B. Financial Report for months ending March 31, 2008 and 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Baltimore County Board of Education will hold a public hearing to seek input about BCPS' FY2011 Capital Budget needs tomorrow evening, 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.
- Schools and offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2009. Schools and offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 6:00 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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