

APPROVED MINUTES – 10/20/09

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:46 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, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., and Miss Jacqueline Camp. 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.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §§10-508(a)(1) and (a)(8) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:51 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, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., and Miss Jacqueline Camp. 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; Ms. Verletta White, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Ms. Barbara Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Esquire, Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum & LaPlaca, P.A.; 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.

Board member, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare entered the room at 5:52 p.m.

Ms. Howie updated Board members on two pending pieces of litigation.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:32 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. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., and Miss Jacqueline Camp. 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. John Desmone, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served in The Baltimore County Public Schools.

Dr. Hairston pulled exhibit C, Proposed Changes to Policy 1280 – Boundary Changes, from the evening's agenda.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Report on the Board of Education Retreat of August 22, 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Board of Education Policies** – Ms. O'Hare 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 Deletion of Policy 1301 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities-Child Care
 - Proposed Changes to Policy 1320 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities-Contests

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- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4263 – PERSONNEL: Compensation Plan-Reimbursement of Transportation

- B. **Report on the Board of Education’s Three-Reader Process** – Mr. Parker stated that staff had completed research on the implementation of the three-reader process regarding Superintendent’s Rule 7330, *Capital Projects that are Funded by Private Donations*. It has been the Board’s practice to permit public comment on proposed policies following their presentation and before the Board’s vote. As is evident from the research, this process, called the “three reader” process, has been suspended for all Rule 7330 projects presented to the Board for consideration over the past two years. The Policy Review Committee has discussed the research, and believes that items related to this Rule should no longer require public comment. Items pertaining to Rule 7330 will continue to go before the Board for approval.
- C. **Update on the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM)** – Ms. Rebecca Schene, Software Engineer for Computer and Network Support, introduced Ms. Tracey Zimmerman, a teacher at Pine Grove Middle School, who was enthralled with AIM. Ms. Zimmerman stated that AIM enables teachers to get a good look at a student and understand what he/she has mastered in a given academic subject.

Mr. Parker asked what the parents’ response to AIM is. Ms. Zimmerman stated that parents were “thrilled” that they can use the module to access information on their child’s educational progress.

Ms. O’Hare asked how often information is entered into AIM. Ms. Schene responded that teachers starting placing data into the system quarterly; however it has evolved to entering information weekly. Ms. O’Hare asked whether teachers would be trained before placing information into AIM. Ms. Zimmerman responded that teachers are currently undergoing training.

Mr. Janssen asked how the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) will educate parents on AIM. Dr. Barbara Dezmon, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Assurance, stated that AIM does not define or translate curriculum for the parent. The purpose of AIM is to report to the parent what is being taught.

Mr. Parker asked whether AIM was aligned with BCPS curriculum and the voluntary state curriculum (VSC). Dr. Dezmon responded in the affirmative. She also noted that BCPS has also aligned AIM to national standards.

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Miss Camp asked whether AIM would be modified for gifted and talented and advanced placement students. Dr. Dezmon responded that AIM reflects course objectives for each individual course. A teacher can log into AIM, according to course number, and view that specific course.

Mr. Coleman asked when AIM would be implemented in all schools. Dr. Dezmon responded that BCPS is in the stages of implementation. The expectation is to have AIM implemented by the end of the second marking period of this school year.

Ms. Johnson asked whether BCPS intends to gather any data to document the benefits and value of AIM to help close the achievement gap. Dr. Dezmon responded that the Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment is developing the designs to test across all schools.

Mr. Parker asked how will data be saved, who will have access to data, and how long will it be archived. Dr. Dezmon responded that the data will be in the data warehouse. Records will be kept on the server until a student graduates. Mr. Parker asked what the security of the data is. Ms. Schene responded that only certain individuals have permission to access the data warehouse. Teachers have access only to students in their classes, and the principal can access his/her school's data. The Superintendent would be able to view the system data and track any issues in the system.

Mr. Schmidt asked for clarification on relationship of AIM to the traditional letter grade system. Dr. Dezmon stated that AIM is being used as an approach to curriculum alignment and progress reporting. AIM illustrates what a student has mastered and a student's area of need.

Mr. Coleman asked whether the information would transfer if a student transfers. Dr. Dezmon stated that the report would stay with BCPS. However, a parent could approve transferring the student's information to another school system.

Ms. Schene provided a demonstration of the AIM program to Board members.

Ms. O'Hare asked if the presentation could be made available on the Web site so parents could have the same demonstration. Dr. Dezmon stated that the school system could investigate developing a tutorial or short video for parents.

Ms. Johnson asked whether any part of the progress report could be attached to a student's college application. Dr. Dezmon responded that this program would not be appropriate for the college application; colleges employ SAT/ACT and grades.

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Mr. Schmidt asked how long it takes for data to become available. Dr. Dezmon responded the data becomes relevant immediately.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Report on School Opening
- B. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 3132.1 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services-School Activity Funds
- C. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 4007 – PERSONNEL: General
- D. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6702 – INSTRUCTION: Extracurricular Activities – Intramural, Informal, and Interscholastic Athletics

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its hearing on the upcoming operating budget on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at Eastern Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at Dulaney High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its hearing on the upcoming operating budget on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at Eastern Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 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 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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