

APPROVED MINUTES – 11/3/09

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 4:27 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Mr. James E. Coleman, 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, Esquire, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and staff members were present.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in October and November.

Board member, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, entered the room at 4:29 p.m.

Ms. O'Hare commented that the Safe Schools Conference, held September 30 and October 1, was excellent.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 4:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

Mr. Capozzi and Ms. Burnopp exited the room at 4:57 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

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 the hearing officers' opinions in two cases to be considered that evening.

The Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #10-10. The matter was heard in closed session.

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At the opening of the hearing, the Appellant was not present. Ms. Dixon requested the matter be dismissed.

The Board granted Ms. Dixon's motion, and dismissed the case.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:00 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, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Jacqueline Camp. In addition, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and staff members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Miss Olivia Keithley, Baltimore County Student Council President, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served in The Baltimore County Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Meeting Minutes of September 8, 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.

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

Miss. Olivia Keithley, Baltimore County Student Council President and member of the Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on its annual leadership workshop held on October 2 at Camp Ramblewood. Workshops addressed communication, leadership, and team building.

Ms. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Education Advisory Council, reported on the Council's September 24 meeting held at Dulaney High School. Topics included social networking, cyber bullying, blogging, Facebook, and changes to the Web site.

Mr. Stephen Crum, Chair of the Career & Technology Education (CTE) Advisory Council, reviewed with Board members the purpose of the council, which is to ensure that the CTE programs in the curriculum are current and relevant to private industry.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reported that the Governor had proclaimed October as "Parent Involvement Month." She announced that the PTA Reception and Fall Workshop would be held on October 22, 2009 at New Town High School.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers' Association of Baltimore County, distributed to Board members 25 Grade 5 progress reports. She noted that teachers' workload is overflowing and that the Board needs to be aware of the workload that the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM) is creating for teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no report by the Superintendent.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments from the September 8, 2009 Board meeting.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CHRISTOPHER J. BARNES</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	NCATE Coordinator, Education Department Loyola College	Assistant Principal Towson High School
<u>SHARON D. DAVIS</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Teacher/Mathematics Windsor Mill Middle School	Assistant Principal George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
<u>KAREN A. EDMUNDS</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Behavior Specialist Carroll County Public Schools	Pupil Personnel Worker
<u>ALICIA D. FALES</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Teacher/Cooperative Office Program Towson High School	Supervisor Office of Career and Technology
<u>MARIA L. HAMPTON</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Owner and Founder Curriculum Builders, Inc.	Area Specialist, School Support Office of Special Education
<u>GABRIELLE A. LAWRENCE</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Resource Teacher/ESOL Office of World Languages	Specialist Office of World Languages
<u>KATRINA D. STEVENS</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Deputy Director Center for Talented Youth Bermuda	Supervisor, Secondary Language Arts Office of Language Arts
<u>MATTHEW J. SULLIVAN</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Teacher/Social Studies New Town High School	Assistant Principal Golden Ring Middle School
<u>PETER W. TAYLOR</u> (Effective September 9, 2009)	Teacher/English Dulaney High School	Supervisor, Secondary Language Arts Office of Language Arts

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. Murphy presented to Mr. Janssen, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Schmidt, and Miss Camp their Commissions from Governor Martin O'Malley.

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. O'Hare, recommended approval of three (3) policies. This is the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board approved the following proposed policies:

- Proposed Deletion of Policy 5170 (replaced by Policy 6402) – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance-Assignment to Special Education Program
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 5171 (replaced by Policy 6402) – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance-Impartial Due Process Hearing Procedures
- Proposed New Policy 6402 – INSTRUCTION: Special Education Program and Services

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Pallozzi, recommended approval of items 1-23 (exhibit I). Ms. O'Hare separated item 5 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1 through 4, and 6 through 23.

1. MBU-550-07 Contract Modification: Preventative Maintenance and Repair of Refrigeration Equipment
2. MBU-549-07 Contract Modification: Repair of Food Services Mechanical Equipment

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

3. PCR-237-09 Contract Modification: Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies, Audiology, and Education of the Deaf/Hard-of - Hearing Using Sign Language
4. RGA-118-10 Administrator Technology Symposium for Non-Public School Principals
6. RGA-913-10 Cohort – Administrator I Certification
7. RGA-914-10 Cohort – BCPS/Towson University Advanced Program in Gifted Education, Grades 3-8
8. RGA-917-10 Cohort – BCPS Urban Education Leadership Program (Ed.D.)
9. RGA-915-10 Cohort – Master of Science
10. RGA-916-10 Cohort – School Library Media
11. PCR-260-10 Microscopes
12. MBU-507-10 Shelf Stable Prepackaged Meals
13. PCR-256-10 Special Education – Early Intervention Services
14. RGA-120-10 Technology Integration Academy for Non-public School Teachers
15. RGA-119-10 Technology Integration Academy for Non-public School Principals and Teachers
16. JMI-609-10 Wireless Access Equipment
17. MWE-803-10 Roof Replacement – Bear Creek Elementary School
18. MWE-805-10 Roof Replacement – Pot Spring Elementary School
19. PCR-250-10 Roof Replacement – Prettyboy Elementary School
20. JNI-722-10 Request to Negotiate: On-Call Architectural Services – Various Schools
21. JNI-770-10 Request to Negotiate: On-Call Civil/Structural Engineering Services – Various Schools
22. JNI-769-10 Request to Negotiate: On-Call Mechanical/Electrical Engineering Services – Various Schools
23. MBU-531-09 Fee Acceptance: Mechanical/Engineering Consultant Services for HVAC Renovation – Randallstown High School

Item #5

Ms. O’Hare asked what the purpose of the Boardmaker Plus was. Mr. Richard Gay, Purchasing Manager, responded that this software is used for special needs students.

The Board unanimously approved item 5.

5. JNI-778-10 Boardmaker Plus

HEARING EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the adoption of the hearing examiner's opinion in case #09-24 and that the Superintendent's decision be affirmed (favor-11). Student Board member, Miss Camp, did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the adoption of the hearing examiner's opinion in case #09-36 and that the Superintendent's decision be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Camp did not vote.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 5170 – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance-Assignment to Special Education Program
- B. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 5171 – STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance-Impartial Due Process Hearing Procedures
- C. New Superintendent's Rule 6402 – INSTRUCTION: Special Education Program and Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its hearing on the upcoming operating budget on Monday, October 12, 2009, at Sollers Point Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Northwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its hearing on the upcoming operating and capital budget on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at Randallstown High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will hold its hearing on the upcoming operating budget on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at Cockeysville Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at Greenwood. The work session 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 1301

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 1320

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4263

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nancy Ostrow stated that discussion at the Board's previous work session left her with the impression that the revised elementary report card is now being viewed as a project that should not have been undertaken. Parents volunteered their time to participate on the two-year revision of the elementary report card. Ms. Ostrow commented that some parents may be a bit hesitant to thoroughly embrace the new AIM tool.

Dr. Pharoan stated that the Board of Education has shown no data for closing on one minority holiday over another. Dr. Pharoan stated that the Board needs to recognize non-COMAR holidays equally.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel stated that the Board minutes do not reflect many negative comments. Mr. Jameel expressed concern that Board members do not discuss items during first, second, and third readings.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer