

## TENTATIVE MINUTES

### BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 4:42 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Sarah D. Bormel, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Mr. James R. Sasiadek, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Arnold reminded Board members to contact Ms. Zepp regarding their transportation arrangements to the national conference in April 2003.

Ms. Ettinger moved that the student Board member be permitted to participate in discussions relative to negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sasiadek and unanimously approved by the Board.

At 4:48 p.m., Ms. Ettinger moved the Board go into closed session to consult with counsel regarding a potential settlement and to discuss matters pertaining to negotiations pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, § 10-508(a)(7) and (a)(9). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayden and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Teplitzky entered the room at 4:48 p.m.

### CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Grimsley discussed negotiation proposals for the various employee groups. After Board discussion, Mr. Grimsley and Mr. Capozzi were advised how to proceed.

Ms. Murray entered the room at 4:52 p.m.

Ms. Saffran - Brinks introduced Mr. Thomas Bostwick, Assistant County Attorney. She reviewed with Board members a potential settlement.

At 5:35 p.m., Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the closed session for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sasiadek and approved by the Board.

The Board hosted members of the Baltimore County Disabilities Commission for dinner.

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:32 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Sarah D. Bormel, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Ms. Janese Murray, Mr. James R.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES (Cont.)

Sasiadek, Mr. Sanford V. Teplitzky, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; staff members; members of various civic, employee, and community organizations were present as was the media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Ms. Jen Reebolt, a student at Towson University, and a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Mr. Arnold introduced newly elected County Executive James Smith. The County Executive reiterated that education is his top priority. He shared his commitment to work with the Board and staff and those who are committed to serve the educational interests of our students. County Executive Smith noted the fiscal realities and stated that imagination does not have to be inhibited by economics.

The County Executive introduced his new educational liaison, Matthew Joseph.

Mr. Arnold noted the extensive credentials of Mr. Joseph.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston acknowledged the talent of the students who participated in the recent Honors Chorus, Band, and Orchestra performance at the Meyerhoff. He noted that the song being performed on the monitors prior to the Board meeting was commissioned especially for Baltimore County Public Schools and copyrighted by Baltimore County Public Schools.

Dr. Hairston congratulated the Hereford High School football team and its coach, Steve Turnbaugh, for winning the State title.

Mr. Arnold informed the audience of the previous sessions in which Board members had participated earlier in the afternoon.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Grimsley recognized the administrators whose appointments were approved at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

REPORTS (Cont.)

- A. Report on the Proposed Revision to Policies 3121 – Funds Management and 3123 – Reporting — Ms. Burnop reviewed the proposed changes to the policies. Mr. Arnold announced that the public would have an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, and a vote on the proposed revisions would take place January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Report on the Proposed Revision to Policy 3131 – External Audit — Ms. Burnop reviewed the proposed changes to the policy. Mr. Arnold announced that the public would have an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, and a vote on the proposed revisions would take place January 14<sup>th</sup>.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

CONTRACT AWARDS

Mr. Kennedy pulled item 3 for further discussion.

With regard to contract extensions, Ms. Jung inquired about the process followed if the current price of a product is lower than what is stated at the contract. Mr. Gay responded that a market analysis is performed on products. In the event that a current price is lower, the contract would have to be rebid. Purchasing must weigh the time, effort, and cost of rebidding versus accepting the current stable price.

With regard to the contract extension for interior and exterior doors, Mr. Walker noted the contract expired on November 28<sup>th</sup>. He asked about purchasing items after a contract expires. Mr. Gay explained that if the cost of the item does not exceed \$15,000, it can be purchased. If the price exceeds \$15,000, an emergency request must be made to the Superintendent and Board for permission to purchase. Mr. Gay also stated that Purchasing is putting a database in place to track contracts and bids. This will help Purchasing stay ahead of the contracts approximately 3-4 months prior to their expiration.

Mr. Kennedy asked for clarification of Mr. Gay's response to Ms. Jung.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board approved items 1, 2, and 4-6.

1. Supply Contract: Interior and Exterior Replacement Doors

CONTRACT AWARDS (Cont.)

2. Supply Contract: Privacy Partition Parts for Public Lavatories
4. Supply Contract: Various Hand Tools and Equipment for the Office of Grounds
5. Supply Contract: Various Insulated Glass for Windows
6. Supply Contract: Various Repair Parts for the Office of Grounds

Item 3

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Grzymiski, the Board approved item 3.

3. Supply Contract: Various Floor Tiles

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee, represented by Mr. Kennedy, recommended approval of items 1-10. The Board approved these recommendations.

1. Boiler Replacement – Dundalk Middle School
2. Reroofing Project – Kenwood High School
3. Computer Networking and Electrical Upgrades – Catonsville and Rosedale Centers for Alternative Studies
4. Fee Acceptance – Design Service for Boiler Replacements – Dulaney, Lansdowne, Patapsco, and Woodlawn High Schools
5. Fee Acceptance – Site Feasibility Study – Proposed Northwest Area Middle School
6. Fee Acceptance – Design Services – Windsor Mill Middle School
7. Fee Acceptance – Construction Administration Services for Boiler Replacement – Dundalk Middle School
8. Change Order – Painting Contract – New Town High School
9. Driveway and Parking Lot Improvements – Hereford High School
10. Easement – Chase Elementary School

### PULASKI PARK LEASE

On motion of Ms. Ettinger, seconded by Mr. Sasiadek, the Board approved a lease for additional space at Pulaski Park in the amount of \$20,000. The additional space will house PPW's and psychologists from the Northeast Area currently using classroom space at the Rosedale Alternative School.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- On Wednesday, December 4, 2002, the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council will meet at Parkville High School at 6:30 p.m.
- On Tuesday, December 10, 2002, the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council will meet at Winand Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at 5:00 p.m. After the Board adjourns to meet in closed session, followed by a brief dinner recess, the open meeting will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jo Lynn Chadwick, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted/Talented Education, spoke about the successful Parent Information Night held November 13<sup>th</sup> and the benefits the program provides for parents. Ms. Chadwick expressed her gratitude to Ms. Panyter and her staff for their work during the year and for their work in coordinating Parent Information Night. Board members were invited to the January meeting of the group.

Ms. Kelli Nelson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Special Education, shared the group's excitement of the selection of Matthew Joseph by the County Executive. She offered her support of the proposed revision to the *Blueprint for Progress*, particularly Goal 5, as it pertains in two (2) areas to students with disabilities or with special needs. Ms. Nelson noted that in addition to her group's meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, there would also be a Town Hall meeting with Dr. Grasmick in Anne Arundel County. She expressed her hope that Baltimore County would be represented at the Town Hall meeting. Finally, Ms. Nelson introduced a new committee member, Carl Bailey.

There were no speakers to testify on the proposed revision to the *Blueprint for Progress*.

Mr. Arnold reminded speakers to refrain from discussing any matter which might come before the Board in the form of an appeal, as well as personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.)

Mr. Connie Lipscomb, PTSA President at Randallstown High School, spoke of conditions at Randallstown — frequent student fights, lack of student achievement, lack of qualified administrators and teachers, poor facility upkeep, and large administrative turnover. He asked that Randallstown be provided with experienced staff and administrators. Mr. Lipscomb also asked that a crisis intervention counselor not be placed at the school.

At 8:07 p.m., Mr. Hayden moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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