# **BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** April 22, 2008

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4140 –

PERSONNEL: PROFESSIONAL-COMPENSATION AND

**RELATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** 

**ORIGINIATOR:** J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE

**PERSONS:** Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and

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# RECOMMENDATION

That Board of Education review the proposed deletion of Policy 4140. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis Attachment II – Policy 4140

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Policy Analysis for Board of Education Policy 4140 PERSONNEL: Professional Compensation and Related Employee Benefits

#### **Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

The deletion of Policy 4140 is proposed because the policy is obsolete due to the changes in payroll procedures, employee benefits, and the agreements with the professional employee unions.

# Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

There will be no fiscal impact on the system as a result of the proposed deletion of policy 4140.

# **Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies**

Policy 4260, Compensation Plan adopted on July 12, 1979, addresses the compensation plan for classified employees. This policy appears to be relevant, although it requires minor changes to update it.

#### **Requirements**

Section 4-103 of the Education Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* allows the local boards of education, upon the recommendation of the county superintendent, to set the salaries of "...principals, teachers, and other certificated and noncertificated personnel." Section 5-101 of the Education Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* requires that the local board of education prepare a budget that includes salaries of employees.

COMAR 13.A.07.02.01 (*Contracts*) requires local boards of education to "fix the salary of certificated employees at a level no less than the minimum provided by law."

# Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

- 1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education Policy 800.26, Pay Schedules
  - Policy 801.19, Salaries Teachers
- 2. Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
  - Article 4, Personnel Policies, Section 403, Salaries
- 3. Prince George's County Board of Education
  - Policy 4111, Professional and Classified, Employment Recruitment
- 4. Montgomery County Board of Education
  - Policy GHC, Salaries and Other Benefits of Professional Personnel

# **Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

# **Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

Consideration was given to updating the language of this policy. After consulting with the Board's attorney, Mr. Bennett, it was determined that this policy is obsolete and serves no useful purpose.

# Time Line for Adoption First Reading Apr

First Reading April 22, 2008
Second Reading May 6, 2008
Third Reading May 20, 2008

PERSONNEL: Professional

# Compensation and Related Employee Benefits

The Board of Education shall review and adopt salary schedules and regulations annually for certificated and classified personnel. The adopted salary schedules and regulations shall include the following items:

- 1. Job classification titles
- 2. Basic salary schedule
- 3. Regulations which apply to the basic salary schedule
- 4. Credit for experience upon entering the school system
- 5. Transportation reimbursement for use of personal car on school business
- 6. Number of working days, holidays
- 7. Years of employment
- 8. Years of service
- 9. Vacation
- 10. Allotment of personnel
- 11. Regulations governing absences from duty.

Each teacher shall be placed on the salary schedule according to the regulations in effect at the time he/she is employed. Once an employee's training and experience have been evaluated for placement and approved, and the employee has been placed on the schedule according to that evaluation, the employee's relative placement on the schedule shall not be changed as a result of reevaluation except as provided in these regulations. Should there be an error in the initial placement, the evaluation and placement on the schedule will be adjusted as necessary.

POLICY 4140

No payment of any kind shall be made to personnel until employment is authorized by action of the Board.

Also see the rules in this article on "Absences, Leaves, Vacations, and Holidays" and "Salary Regulations," and Master Agreement with Teachers Association of Baltimore County, Maryland, Inc.

Policy

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Board of Education of Baltimore County