

TENTATIVE MINUTES**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 4:03 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. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and staff members were present.

The Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #09-15. The matter was heard in closed session.

In addition to the above listed Board members, the following persons were present for oral argument: the Appellant; Harold D. Young, Esquire; Dr. Carol R. Batoff, Superintendent's Designee; Anjanette Dixon, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

The proceedings of the hearing were recorded by a court reporter.

Board members deliberated on the case.

The deliberation was concluded at 5:20 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 6:00 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. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of School, and staff members were present.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in May and June.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), (a)(8), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 6:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 6:05 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. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. 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; Dr. Jonathan Brown, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Mr. John Palmer, Assistant to the 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. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; 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.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to the Board regarding hearing officers' opinions in four cases to be considered that evening.

Ms. Howie updated Board members on potential litigation regarding the new Towson elementary school.

Ms. Howie informed Board members of a potential change with an existing bargaining unit.

On motion of Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:21 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Student representative, Miss Annette Karanja, entered the room at 6:21 p.m.

Board members discussed the following items:

- Possible change to tonight's agenda.
- Superintendent's evaluation.

The Board adjourned for a brief dinner recess at 6:51 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:28 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. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, 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 Ms. Laura Mullen, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Following the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hairston added "Special Order of Business – Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Sparrows Point High School and Catonsville Elementary School." The addition to the agenda was unanimously approved by those Board members present (favor-11).

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

Ms. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on the council's April 23, 2009 capital pre-budget hearing. Testimony included: renovation/upgrades at Hampton Elementary School, air conditioning at Ridgely Middle School, and environmental conditions at Dumbarton Middle School.

Mr. Clifford Collins, Chair of the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on its April 16, 2009 capital pre-budget hearing. Testimony included: requests for functional air conditioning systems in school buildings. The council also requested that all area advisory council meetings be placed in school year calendars distributed to public schools and stakeholders in the community at-large.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. David Basler, a representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), asked Board members to oppose item 8 of the building and contracts awards. He asked the Board to consider utilizing the established labor force instead of a low-bid vendor.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, announced PTSA Teacher Appreciation Week beginning May 3-9, 2009. She reported on the PTA Awards Ceremony, "A Night of Shining Stars," which was held on April 30. The PTA Council also recognized the Outstanding Primary and Secondary Educator of the Year, and honored the Board with a Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, announced that this week is National Teacher and National Nurse Appreciation Week. She also announced the TABCO/BACE Retirement/Recognition ceremony to be held on May 7, 2009. Ms. Bost also expressed concern that approval of item 8 of the building and contracts awards may jeopardize security.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston recognized Ms. Cecily Anderson, an English teacher from Catonsville Middle School, who was named the Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010.

Ms. Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer, distributed to Board members a magazine called, *Strategies*, in which an article featuring BCPS and its many accomplishments. *Strategies* is published by the Panasonic Foundation in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators and the University Council for Educational Administration.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board adopted a resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of Catonsville Elementary and Sparrows Point High Schools.

WHEREAS, Catonsville Elementary School and Sparrows Point High School have reached the prestigious milestone of educating children for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout these years, the school has evolved in many ways to meet the needs of the community and to adjust to the changing educational landscape, however, the school's position as a community anchor remains constant; and

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

WHEREAS, Catonsville Elementary and Sparrow Point High Schools' success exemplifies the promise of all community-based schools to offer quality instruction and nurture the connections between school and community; and

WHEREAS, Reaching this milestone brings attention to: the strength of the school's administrative and academic leadership; the quality, dedication, and creativity of its teachers; the enthusiasm and abilities of its students; and the unwavering support the school receives from involved parents, volunteers, and community partners; now, therefore, it be

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education, herewith assembled in regular session on the fifth day of May, in the year two thousand and nine, congratulates Catonsville Elementary and Sparrows Point High Schools on its 100th anniversary and commends the entire school community for establishing an enduring legacy of academic excellence.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #08-44 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #08-46 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #08-60 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #09-08 be affirmed (favor-11). Miss Karanja did not vote.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Pallozzi, recommended approval of items 1-57 (exhibit E). Items 41, 43, 45, 47, and 48 were pulled from the agenda. Ms. O'Hare separated item 15 for further discussion.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

The Board approved items 1 through 14, 16 through 40, 42, 44, 46, and 49 through 57.

1. JMI-632-09 Financing of Various Motor Vehicles
2. MBU-526-09 Food Products
3. RGA-971-09 Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP)
Math and Science
4. RGA-134-09 Math Teacher Professional Development Institute
5. MBU-529-09 Milk, Dairy, and Fruit Juice Products
6. MBU-527-09 Paper, Plastic, and Foam Products
7. MWE-826-09 School Intercom System Equipment and Electronics Parts
8. JMI-620-09 Security Guard Services
9. MBU-528-09 Small Wares
10. JMI-630-09 Storage Tanks and Related Systems – Install, Remove, Repair,
Inspect, Parts, and Associated Services
11. RGA-135-09 Translating BCPS Documents into Various Languages
12. MBU-532-09 Transport of Modular Classrooms and Associated Services
13. JNI-755-09 Variquest Visual Learning Tools and Supplies
14. RGA-133-09 Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Support
16. JMI-630-08 Contract Modification: Consultant Services –
Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services – West Towson
Elementary School
17. PCR-235-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Arbutus
Elementary School
18. PCR-236-09 Asphalt Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Baltimore
Highlands Elementary School
19. JMI-636-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Campfield
Early Childhood Center
20. JMI-637-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Chadwick
Elementary School
21. JMI-633-09 Drop Loop Driveway and Parking Lot Overlay – Charlesmont
Elementary School
22. JNI-750-09 Razing Old Building, Rebuild Driveway Exit, and Additional
Parking – Chatsworth School
23. MWE-833-09 Replacement of Running Track – Chesapeake High School
24. JNI-749-09 Virtual Learning Environment – Chesapeake High School
25. MWE-837-09 Hallway Locker Replacement – Deer Park Middle School

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

26. MBU-536-09 Repaving and Rebuilding Parking Lot – Dundalk Elementary Magnet School
27. MBU-530-09 Rebuild Parking Lot and Drop Loop – Eastwood Center
28. MBU-535-09 New Parking Lot and Drop Loop – Franklin Elementary School
29. MBU-535-09 Expanded Parking Lot – Hebbville Elementary School
30. MBU-538-09 Hallway Locker Replacement – Lansdowne Middle School
31. MWE-834-09 Parking Lot and Bus Loop – Loch Raven Technical Academy
32. JNI-748-09 Replacement of Running Track – Owings Mills High School
33. MBU-524-09 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Padonia Elementary School
34. JNI-753-09 Hallway Locker Replacement – Pikesville Middle School
35. JNI-744-09 Brick Replacement – Pine Grove Middle School
36. JNI-751-09 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Powhatan Elementary School
37. MWE-830-09 Replacement of Septic System – Prettyboy Elementary School
38. JNI-721-09 Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Red House Run Elementary School
39. JNI-752-09 Addition – Wabash Bus Maintenance Facility
40. MBU-539-09 1D Waste Management – West Towson Elementary School
42. MBU-539-09 5A Steel – West Towson Elementary School
44. MBU-539-09 7A Roofing – West Towson Elementary School
46. MBU-539-09 9A Drywall and Acoustical – West Towson Elementary School
49. MBU-539-09 9E Painting – West Towson Elementary School
50. MBU-539-09 10C Lockers/Shelving – West Towson Elementary School
51. MBU-539-09 10D Visual Display Boards, Display Cases, and Projection Screens – West Towson Elementary School
52. MBU-539-09 11A Food Service Equipment – West Towson Elementary School
53. MBU-539-09 11B Athletic Equipment – West Towson Elementary School
54. MBU-539-09 15A Mechanical – West Towson Elementary School
55. MBU-539-09 16A Electrical – West Towson Elementary School
56. MWE-810-09 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Winand Elementary School
57. JMI-609-09 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Winfield Elementary School

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Item #15

Ms. O'Hare expressed concern that the school system is replacing George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, that is in good condition, when others schools are not in adequate condition. Mr. Sines explained to Ms. O'Hare that the inspection report in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) is an internal inspection by staff to evaluate the maintenance of the school building. The CMP focuses on the maintenance and condition of the facility. Maintenance is separate from the capital program.

The Board approved item 15.

15. RGA-132-09 Request for Approval: Educational Facilities Master Plan and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan FY 2009

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Central Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its capital pre-budget hearing on Monday, May 11, 2009, at Mars Estates Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, the Board of Education will host its Merit/Ethics Award Ceremony at Crowne Plaza in Timonium beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:00 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.
- The Baltimore County Board of Education will hold a public hearing to seek input about BCPS' FY2011 Capital Budget needs on 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4122

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4123

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4125

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4133

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4162

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4216

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ms. Jasmine Shriver stated that the proposed school calendar still closes for one Jewish holiday. Jewish holidays are not state-mandated holidays; therefore, making them Board-approved holidays. She proposes that BCPS only close for COMAR-mandated holidays and Board-approved winter and spring break. Ms. Shriver stated that the AIMMS Steering Committee recommended granting two floating holidays.

Dr. Bash Pharoan stated that the Board has elected not to debate the COMAR holidays. He believes that the Board cares only about selective individuals. Dr. Pharoan stated that the school administration controls who is appointed to stakeholder groups and calendar committee; refusing to provide information as requested. He asked the Board to challenge the status quo and silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR (cont)

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to consider adding one Muslim holiday to the proposed school calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 SPECIAL EDUCATION
STAFFING PLAN

Ms. Jasmine Shriver asked the Board to support the proposed special education staffing plan as presented at its April 21, 2009 meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis King stated that he stands in solidarity and supports the construction of a new elementary school on the Ridge Ruxton site.

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board to “fill the glass” by adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel stated that “all means all” and should include Muslim students.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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TENTATIVE MINUTES

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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TENTATIVE REPORT

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Greenwood

Board Vice President, Mr. H. Edward Parker, called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. In addition to Mr. Parker, the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A.S. Harris, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, and Ms. Valerie Roddy. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent, staff members, as well as media were present.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

1. Ms. Martha Montgomery, Parent, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to add a new heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system to Westowne Elementary School. She stated that teachers were already recording temperatures for April and May in the high 80's and 90's. Winter classroom temperatures are also unacceptable. Ms. Montgomery stated that a Superintendent's bulletin item provided suggestions on how to decrease exposure to pollen and other allergens by keeping windows closed. However, Westowne Elementary needs to keep the windows open because of no air conditioning.
2. Ms. Naseem Skaarenborg, Parent, Westowne Elementary School – Advocated for a proper HVAC system at Westowne Elementary School. She stated that air conditioning is not a luxury, but an essential element in providing the right environment for a child's education. Ms. Skaarenborg also stated that in the winter the archaic heating system kicks into overdrive in some classrooms and not in others. Therefore, windows are open in the really warm classrooms and are wasting energy. The county is proud of its new schools; surely it can provide proper conditions in order buildings as well.
3. Ms. Yara Cheikh, Parent, Hampton Elementary School – Asked the Board to fully fund the proposed addition for Hampton Elementary in the 2011 capital budget. She commented that Hampton Elementary is currently 130% over capacity. Ms. Cheikh's request included, but was not limited to, adding a bathroom in the library; separate computer room, music, and band room; expand gymnasium and cafeteria; air conditioning; increased staff parking; renovated staff lounge; and additional bathrooms throughout the school. Currently, three grades share one bathroom per floor. The traffic loop must also be expanded. She also asked that LEED standards be followed.
4. Ms. Cathi Forbes, Chairperson, Towson Families United – Asked the Board to fund the proposed additions to Hampton and Stoneleigh Elementary Schools in the 2011 capital budget. She stated that the new Towson elementary school was the first part of a three-part solution to Towson's overcrowding problem. Ms. Forbes noted that the entire fourth grade at Rodgers Forge Elementary School would be annexed to

- Dumbarton Middle School and that the additions are desperately needed. She hopes that BCPS can avoid delays and the need for annexation at Stoneleigh Elementary that was built in 1930. Ms. Forbes would also like improvements to the common areas at that school.
5. Ms. Vivian Montgomery-Walsh, Student, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to place fans or air conditioners at Westowne Elementary. She stated that one day it was 94 degrees in classroom with the windows open. She got red and sweaty, and it was hard to concentrate.
 6. Mr. Daryl Walsh, Parent, Westowne Elementary School, and Teacher, Arbutus Elementary School – Asked the Board to add in the budget air conditioning for Westowne Elementary. His daughter was flushed and sweating while in the music room with the doors and windows closed.
 7. Ms. Carolyn Cook, Parent, Ridgely Middle School – Asked the Board to solve the health problem at Ridgely Middle School. As a member of the climate control committee, she stated that the new windows severely impede airflow trapping the heat inside the classroom. Students are experiencing headaches, heat exhaustion, and aggravated asthma. Ms. Cook stated that 103 degrees in a classroom is not a good learning environment. It took over a year to obtain permission for children to carry water bottles. State tests are administered in the air conditioned library; however, regular student testing occurs in the classrooms.
 8. Dr. Laurie Mitchell, Climate Control Committee, Ridgely Middle School – Asked the Board to address the heat problem at Ridgely Middle School. She stated that the bid alternate to install a chiller was not included in the final bid package approved by the Board in 2005. Dr. Mitchell believes that the Board was not informed of the non-funding of the chillers. She commented that the school is ineligible for state funding for the next 15 years because the state provided funds for the original renovation and air conditioning was not included. Dr. Mitchell stated that she would like the Board to provide leadership to the county executive on air conditioning.
 9. Ms. Laura Mullen, Chairperson, Central Area Education Advisory Council – Asked the Board to fund chillers for Ridgely Middle School. She stated that, because of the lack of proper ventilation, there is evidence that a high temperature in the school is a health issue that must be addressed. Ms. Mullen stated that parents have entrusted their children to BCPS and that trust has been breached.
 10. Ms. Ronnie Wheeler, Parent, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to replace the HVAC system at Westowne Elementary School. Ms. Wheeler stated that during the winter, some classrooms are like a sauna. Some teachers have fans in the classrooms to circulate the air to make it cooler. She commented that is it uncomfortable for children and difficult to stay focused. Ms. Wheeler provided a petition with approximately 100 signatures requesting the HVAC system be replaced.

11. Mr. Mike Wheeler, Parent, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to replace the HVAC system at Westowne Elementary School. Mr. Wheeler echoed the comments from the previous speaker. He also reports hearing complaints about the heat from children in his scout troop.
12. Ms. Laura Cunningham, Instructional Assistant, Westowne Elementary School – Advocated for a new HVAC system at Westowne Elementary School. She stated that part of her job is to travel with students to the special classrooms, such as music and art. These rooms are extremely hot despite the teachers' best efforts to open the windows and provide fans. Ms. Cunningham stated it is difficult for students to learn in a hot environment.
13. Ms. Catherine Fu, PTA Secretary, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to update the HVAC systems for the older schools in the county. She stated that there is a growing disparity between conditions at the county's newest schools and those at the older schools. Westowne Elementary School has no air conditioning and rooms are like a sauna. At Johnnycake Elementary School, a number of students suffering from asthma, and windows cannot be opened; therefore, poor indoor air quality exists.
14. Ms. Tracy Horch, PTA President, Westowne Elementary School – Urged the Board to provide funding for a new HVAC system at Westowne Elementary School. She stated that Westowne Elementary lacks central air conditioning and little cross ventilation. During the winter, there are places within the school where the heat is so high that teachers are forced to open windows. Classroom temperatures could range from 88 degrees to 94 degrees on any given day. There are other rooms where students are forced to wear coats during instruction. Ms. Horch commented that students cannot reach their highest potential when exposed to extreme temperatures in the classroom. She adds that the state of New Jersey has adopted regulations on acceptable classroom temperatures.
15. Dr. Kent Steven, Parent, Hampton Elementary School – Asked the Board to fully fund and prioritize the necessary additions and improvements to Hampton Elementary School, which include, but are not limited to, the following upgrades: bathrooms for kindergarten and first grade students; additional bathrooms throughout school; air conditioning; separate rooms for music, art, and a computer lab; upgrade/expand library; enlarge the cafeteria; and widen the traffic loop. Dr. Steven explained that he moved from Mt. Washington so that his children could attend BCPS, and that the teachers and administration are outstanding although the facilities need improvements.

The hearing was concluded at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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