

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 5:32 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, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., Mr. David Uhlfelder, 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.

Board member, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, entered the room at 5:35 p.m.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(8), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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Miss Camp exited the room at 5:37 p.m.

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Mr. Capozzi and Ms. Burnopp exited the room at 6:03 p.m. Miss Camp re-entered the room at 6:03 p.m.

Dr. Peccia reviewed with Board members personnel matters to be considered on the evening's agenda.

Ms. Howie discussed with Board members one pending and one potential litigation matter.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:19 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, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., Mr. David Uhlfelder, 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 Ms. Laura Mullen, 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 Minutes of August 11, 2009; and the Report on the Board of Education Work Session of August 25, 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 (BCSC) President and member of the Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the Council's August 27 annual executive board meeting. Miss Keithley announced that the annual BCSC workshop would be held on October 2, 2009, at Camp Ramblewood.

Ms. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, announced that its first meeting of the school year would be held on September 24, 2009, at Dulaney High School.

Ms. Gloria Collins, President of the Baltimore County Instructional Assistants & Clerical Employees (BACE), expressed concern over the school system paying BACE employees in the arrears. Ms. Collins asked that BACE representatives be included in the decision-making process in the future.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, announced that the PTA has named September as "PTA Membership Month."

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO), noted that the state teachers' union has changed its name to "Maryland State Education Association." Ms. Bost stated that TABCO is ready to work with the school system on various issues, such as: data demands, H1N1 virus, and air conditioning in all schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston stated that the school system is looking forward to working together with stakeholder groups this school year. He also noted that President's Obama's education address is a teachable moment for all students.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments from the August 11, 2009 Board meeting.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>DAVID E. KONKLE</u> (Effective August 12, 2009)	Pupil Personnel Worker Pupil Personnel Services	Superintendent's Designee Department of Student Support Services

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>JOHN R. QUINN</u> (Effective August 12, 2009)	STEM Project Director Howard County Public School System	Executive Director of STEM Division of Curriculum & Instruction Services
<u>CHRISTINE M. SCHUMACKER</u> (Effective August 12, 2009)	Supervisor, Secondary Science Office of Science, PreK-12	Coordinator, Secondary Office of Science, PreK-12
<u>DONNA M. SOCHUREK</u> (Effective August 12, 2009)	Teacher/Resource Office of Alternative Education, Dropout Prevention, and Summer School	Specialist, Home Schooling Office of Alternative Education, Dropout Prevention, and Summer School

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Mr. Coleman, recommended approval of fourteen (14) policies. This is the third reading.

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

- Proposed Changes to Policy 1270 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement
- Proposed Changes to Policy 2352 – ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations-Accidents/Medical Emergencies
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 3430 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Transportation Services-Procedures for Emergencies
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4007 – PERSONNEL: General-Health and Safety
- Proposed Changes to Policy 4131 – PERSONNEL: Activities-Professional Growth
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4132 – PERSONNEL: Activities-Support for Professional Activities
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4147 – PERSONNEL: Compensation and Related Employee Benefits-Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems
- Proposed Changes to Policy 4250 – PERSONNEL: Compensation and Related Employee Benefits-Retirement (renumbered to 4010)

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

- Proposed Deletion of Policy 5421 – STUDENTS: Services to Students-Life-Threatening Medical Emergencies
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 6001 – INSTRUCTION: Grouping
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 6305 – INSTRUCTION: Released Time – Religious Instruction
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6306 – INSTRUCTION: Prayer and Bible Reading
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6401 – INSTRUCTION: Gifted and Talented Education Program
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6702 – INSTRUCTION: Extracurricular Activities – Intramural, Informal, and Interscholastic Athletics

FY11 Proposed Capital State Budget

Mr. Pallozzi moved to adopt the FY11 Capital State budget, as presented in Exhibit P. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. The Board approved the budget (favor – 10). Miss Camp, student Board member, did not vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits Q, R, S, T, U, and V (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 1-11, and 14-17 (exhibit W). Items 12 and 13 were pulled from the agenda. Ms. Johnson separated item 8 for further discussion. Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on item 10, and Mr. Uhlfelder abstained from voting on item 17.

The Board approved items 1-7, 9-11, and 14-17.

1. RGA-134-09 Contract Modification: Math Teacher Professional Development Institute
2. JMI-614-08 Contract Extension: Network-enabled Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems
3. PCR-258-10 Assistive Technology

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

4. RGA-113-10 Baltimore County Public Schools' Principals' Academy
5. PCR-257-10 Personal Protective Equipment
6. JNI-777-10 Principal Leadership for the Whole Child
7. JMI-605-10 Safety Shoes
9. PCR-261-07 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovations – Sudbrook Magnet Middle School
10. JMI-630-08 Contract Modification: Consultant Services – Architectural/ Engineering (A/E) Services-West Towson Elementary School
11. MWE-829-06 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovations – Woodlawn Middle School
14. MBU-502-10 Replacing Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Timber Grove Elementary School
15. MBU-539-09 Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) – West Towson Elementary School
16. MBU-539-09 Baltimore County Permits and Development Fees – West Towson Elementary School
17. JNI-767-10 Request to Negotiate: Design Consultant Services for the Hampton Elementary School Renovation and Addition Project

Item 8

Ms. Johnson asked how the school system will integrate the active learning into teaching. Mr. Rex Shepard, Coordinator of Social Studies, responded that this grant permits teachers to develop historical questions and have students assume the role of a historian. During the process, the student will expand his/her critical thinking, make decisions, and solve problems. This program works on the indicator levels so students can look at historical topics instead of specific events. Ms. Johnson asked whether staff would report back on the progress of this program. Mr. Shepard responded that the school system is required to submit an annual report to the U.S. Department of Education. BCPS also has an external evaluator who will be measuring student progress through standardized tests and observation. Ms. Johnson asked how the 60 teachers would be selected. Mr. Shepard responded that the teachers would be selected from the list of schools submitted with the grant proposal.

Ms. Murphy stated that a report on this topic can be presented at a future work session once that data becomes available.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

The Board approved item 8.

8. JN1-774-10 Teaching American History

BOARD NORMS

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the Board of Education's Norms, as presented in exhibit X.

FOCUS AREAS FOR 2009-2010

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board approved its focus areas for 2009-2010, as presented in exhibit Y.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 1270 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement
- B. New Superintendent's Rule 2352 – ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations-Health and Safety
- C. New Superintendent's Rule 4010 – PERSONNEL: General
- D. Revised Superintendent's Rule 4131 – PERSONNEL: Professional-Professional Growth
- E. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 4250 – CLASSIFIED: Permanent: Retirement
- F. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 6001 – INSTRUCTION – Grouping
- G. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 6306 – INSTRUCTION – Prayer and Bible Reading
- H. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6401 – INSTRUCTION: Special Programs-Gifted and Talented Education Program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009, at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at Hillcrest Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its operating pre-budget hearing 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, September 22, 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.

Mr. Murphy stated that public comment is one of the opportunities provided so that the Board can hear the views and receive the advice of community members. The members of the Board appreciate hearing from interested citizens and will take their comments into consideration, even though it is not the Board's practice to take action immediately. When appropriate, the Board will refer concerns to the superintendent for follow-up by his staff.

While the Board encourages public input on policy, programs, and practices within the purview of this Board and this school system, this is not the proper avenue to address specific student or employee matters, or to comment on matters that do not relate to public education in Baltimore County. The Board encourages everyone to utilize existing avenues of redress for complaints. Inappropriate personal remarks or other behavior that disrupts or interferes with the conduct of this meeting are out of order.

Ms. Murphy also asked speakers to observe the light system, which lets the speaker know when their allotted time has ended. She asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see the red light.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 5170

One person signed up to speak; however, no one was present to speak on the policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 5171

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEW POLICY 6402

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked that the Arabic language be added to the curriculum.

Mr. Tim Chase asked for a collaborative effort of all citizens to “own” the air conditioning problem at Ridgely Middle School, and to come up solutions and solve the problem.

Ms. Laura Mullen asked why the capital budget includes chillers at Old Court Middle School and not Ridgely Middle School. She noted that a rally for Ridgely would be held on September 15, 2009, at the courthouse square.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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