

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **POLICY AND RULE 7330 - NEW CONSTRUCTION: CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS**

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INFORMATION

Policies 7330 and 7530 were added to address additional concerns related to the naming and funding of capital projects. All policies were reviewed by the Board Policy Review Committee on November 10, 2004, and the requested changes were made. This is the first reading of Policy 7330.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis for 7330, 7520 and 7530
Attachment II - Draft revision of Board Policy 7330

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Policy Analysis

Proposed Revision:

Policy 7520 - New Construction: Occupying – Naming of the Building and Dedication

Proposed New Policies:

Policy 7530 - New Construction: Occupying – Naming of a Capital Project or Area of a School

Policy 7330 - New Construction: Financing – Capital Projects that are Funded by Private
Donations

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Revision

Policy 7520 was last updated in 1969, and merely addresses naming of school facilities. A Committee of principals, chaired by Robert Kemmery, former Executive Director of Schools, Southeast Area, initiated a review of Policy 7520 during the 2002-2003 school year to address the naming of school facilities. Subsequent reviews by law office and the Business Services Division determined that additional issues, including funding sources, review of documentation, and administrative process, required additional policies. Thus, Policy 7520 has been updated to specifically state that the Board of Education of Baltimore County has the sole control and authority over the naming of any building. The new policy also includes criteria for naming a building. Policy 7530 was developed for naming of a capital project or area within a school and the rule outlines the administrative process related to the proposed policy. Policy 7330 was developed for capital projects that are funded by private donations and the rule outlines the administrative process related to the proposed policy.

Cost Analysis

There is no specific new fiscal impact on the system as a result of the proposed revisions. If private funds are donated for a specific project, then revenues and expenditures would increase accordingly.

Legal Requirement

None.

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

Similar policies from other jurisdictions (Montgomery County, Charles County, and Prince George's Public Schools and School Board of the City of Virginia Beach) were reviewed in the development of these three proposed policies.

Draft of Proposed Policies and Rules

Policy 7330 (Exhibit D) attached

Policy 7530 (Exhibit E) and Policy 7520 (Exhibit F)

Rules 7330, 7520, and 7530 (Exhibit O, P, and Q)

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

Less guidance was considered and rejected.

NEW CONSTRUCTION: FINANCING

CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY RECOGNIZES THAT INDIVIDUALS, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, OR BUSINESSES MAY WISH TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE BOARD HEREBY DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTING PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

FUNDS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF ACCEPTANCE WOULD CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR PROVIDE BENEFIT TO AN INDIVIDUAL, IN VIOLATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ETHICS CODE POLICIES.

ANY REQUESTS FOR NAMING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECT MUST COMPLY WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7530 ON NAMING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS OR AREAS.

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8362, GIFTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOLS, AND OFFICES WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8363, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7530, NAMING OF A CAPITAL PROJECT OR AREA OF A SCHOOL

POLICY
ADOPTED: _____

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