

**NORTHEAST EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PRE-BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 6, 2005**

The following citizens signed the attendance sheet:

- Richard Magnani, Advisory Council for Career and Technology Education;
- Kent Smith, Chapel Hill Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association;
- Cheryl Bost, Teachers Association for Baltimore County;
- Fran Harris, Baltimore County Board of Education;
- Scott Reise, parent of a Chapel Hill Elementary School student;
- Angie Lankford, president of the Parkville High School Parent-Teacher Student Association;
- Melissa Lemko, Office of Special Education;
- Jackie Nickel, *The Avenue News*;
- Erin O'Connor, the office of the Baltimore County Executive;
- Rachel Bass, student;

The following members of the Northeast Educational Advisory Council were present: Walter Hayes, Chair; David Marks, Secretary; and Anita Bass and Justin Wandres, members.

Members of the Parkville High School Junior-ROTC program, assisted by Senator Katherine Klausmeier, opened the hearing with a flag ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walter Hayes thanked the public for its interest in the school system's budget and invited speakers to the podium.

Richard Magnani requested support for the Career and Technology Education (CTE) program. He noted that 37,000 students in 25 high schools and 11,500 students in 26 middle schools are enrolled in the CTE program.

Kent Smith requested that the Board of Education prioritize land acquisition for the new Vincent Farm Elementary School and a new high school in northeastern Baltimore County. He noted that many schools in the northeast are more than 40 years old. Three of the four high schools in the northeast will have at least 1,900 students upon build-out.

Cheryl Bost urged the school system to adopt more competitive salaries, noting that Baltimore County's salaries are ninth in a statewide ranking. She urged the school system to ensure that there are fans in classrooms without air conditioning, and that employees receive better pensions.

Angie Lankford urged that the school system prioritize technology and building conditions to improve the learning environment. She expressed concern that teachers do not have enough planning time.

Jackie Nickel noted that air conditioning needs to be fully implemented and windows should be repaired in many buildings. She also predicted more overcrowding after White Marsh Boulevard is extended in 2006.

Rachel Bass urged that more guidance counselors be hired.

Anita Bass noted that if more guidance counselors are employed, the learning environment at many schools will improve.

David Marks urged that the school system accelerate its search for land for a new high school, and that Baltimore County identify ways for developers to help contribute to the construction of a new school.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David Marks, Secretary
Northeast Educational Advisory Council