

## TENTATIVE MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

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Mr. Capozzi provided Board members an update on the negotiations with specific collective bargaining units.

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

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

Dr. Manuel B. Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of the Southwest Area, entered the room at 6:10 p.m.

Dr. Peccia exited the room at 6:12 p.m.

Mr. Haines and Mr. Dent reviewed with Board members negotiation strategies related to a specific proposal.

At 6:20 p.m., Mr. Janssen moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

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ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Baltimore County Student Council President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the election of its officers for the 2006-2007 school year. Ms. Oswald also noted that BCSC officers will be traveling to Philadelphia in June to attend the National Association of Student Councils' convention.

Ms. Meg O'Hare, Coordinator of the Area Educational Advisory Councils, reported on its May 18 meeting with the topic being the *Language!* program for the next school year.

Mr. David Marks, a representative of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, reiterated that the council's top priority is a new high school in the northeast area. He asked the Board to consider redistricting for Perry Hall High School and Chapel Hill Elementary School. Mr. Marks urged the Board to come up with an alternative site for the northeast bus lot.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Ms. Kaye Leonard, Baltimore County Instructional Assistants & Clerical Employees (BACE) representative, thanked the Board for its work over the last year.

Ms. Karen Yarn, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education, expressed disappointment that the *Gifted and Talented Results Report* cannot be reviewed by the committee until after the June 13 Board meeting. Ms. Yarn reviewed the tentative G/T calendar for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ms. Linda Boteaih, a representative of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reported on the PTA partnership with the Office of Gifted and Talented that focuses on elementary school students.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, reported that the leaders of TABCO had recommended ratification of the proposed contracts, and thanked the Board for recognizing National Teacher's Day at the last Board meeting.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Government Relations, recognized the administrative appointments made at the May 9, 2006 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>ANGELA R. BERRY</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Mentor Lansdowne High School	Assistant Principal Lansdowne High School
<u>DONNA M. BERGIN</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Elmwood Elementary School	Principal Milbrook Elementary School
<u>CHANTA' M. BOOKER</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Baltimore City Public Schools	Assistant Principal Randallstown High School
<u>LATASHA BRANTLEY</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Specialist ESS-Teaching and Learning	Assistant Principal Woodlawn High School
<u>MARGUERITE DECRISPINO</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Catonsville Elementary School	Principal Dogwood Elementary School
<u>CAROL J. DEPASQUALE</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Resource Edgemere Elementary School	Assistant Principal Pleasant Plains Elementary School
<u>SHARON L. HARRIS</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Director/Administrator of Alternative Education East Ramapo Central School District	Assistant Principal Windsor Mill Middle School

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
<b><u>SHELLEY A. HARRIS</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006) School	Teacher/Mentor Southwest Academy	Assistant Principal Edmondson Heights Elementary
<b><u>TIFFANY M. HARRIS</u></b> (Effective May 10, 2006)	Teacher/Resource Office of Special Education	Assistant Principal Lansdowne Middle School
<b><u>RICHARD P. JESTER</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Parkville High School	Principal Western School of Technology
<b><u>KENDRA V. JOHNSON</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant to the Area Assistant Superintendent, Central Area Office of the Superintendent	Principal Arbutus Middle School
<b><u>TIFFANY P. LIVINGSTONE</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Johnnycake Elementary School	Principal Featherbed Lane Elementary School
<b><u>ONTERIA M. LUCKIE</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Social Studies New Town High School	Investigations and Records Management Officer, Department of Human Resources
<b><u>MARY L. MADDOX</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Resource Battle Grove Elementary/ Colgate Elementary School	Assistant Principal Johnnycake Elementary School
<b><u>MELISSA M. O'BRIEN</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Special Education Halstead Academy	Assistant Principal Stoneleigh Elementary School
<b><u>JOY R. O'BRIEN-KRACK</u></b> (Effective May 10, 2006)	Teacher/Spanish Kenwood High School	Assistant Principal Pikesville High School
<b><u>DAVID L. PARKER</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Catonsville Middle School	Principal Edmondson Heights Elementary School
<b><u>ELIZABETH C. PARKER</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Randallstown High School	Principal Overlea High School
<b><u>ARICKA R. PORTER</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Outreach Coordinator/ Consultant University of California	Assistant Principal Featherbed Lane Elementary School
<b><u>LAURIE L. PHILLIPS</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Mathematics Hereford Middle School	Assistant Principal Ridgely Middle School
<b><u>MONICA C. SAMPLE</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Modern Language Milford Mill Academy	Assistant Principal Milford Mill Academy
<b><u>PATRICIA D. VOGEL</u></b> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Westowne Elementary School	Principal Westowne Elementary School

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<u>LEILA W. WALKER</u> (Effective May 10, 2006)	Acting Coordinator Office of Career and Technology Education	Coordinator Office of Career and Technology Education
<u>LYNDA M. WHITLOCK</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Lansdowne High School	Principal Lansdowne High School
<u>MARICIA J. WOLF</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Assistant Principal Featherbed Lane Elementary School	Principal Orems Elementary School

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Dr. Hairston yielded his time to Brigadier General Michael Hayes.

Brigadier General (Retired) Michael Hayes, head of the Office of Military and Federal Affairs, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, specifically its impact on Baltimore County, and the State of Maryland.

BRAC 2005 was initiated to reduce overhead, close military installations, reorganize the Department of Defense, and find efficiencies relative to organization. General Hayes highlighted several facts regarding the BRAC process:

- Potential for 40,000 to 60,000 total new jobs (not people)
- Most immediate impact is building trades
- Base positions gained:
  - Ft. Meade (5,200)
  - Aberdeen Proving Grounds (8,200) – this will create a minimum of 20,000 highly skilled, highly paid jobs
- Majority of jobs are coming from Ft. Monument area in New Jersey
  - Approximately 30% will relocate to Baltimore County/Baltimore City
- Department of Defense
  - \$1.2 million initial study grant issued by the U.S. Department of Labor includes measuring the jobs themselves, macro look at infrastructure (roads, schools, and water systems), higher education needs, and security clearance initiatives.
- Families currently based in New Jersey are already asking about school performance, such as SAT scores in Maryland.
- Inevitable next BRAC round in 2010 or 2011

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

Mr. Hayden asked whether the Office of Military and Federal Affairs would provide additional information to BCPS as it becomes available.

Mr. Arnold requested a breakdown of ages of children that could possibly be moving into Baltimore County. Mr. Arnold also suggested that Mr. David Lever from the IAC of the Maryland State Department of Education be included in the BRAC information process. General Hayes promised to include Mr. Lever.

Dr. Hayman inquired about the formal communication process. General Hayes stated BCPS will be part of the two public forums to be held on June 9 and June 22.

Mr. Janssen stated that BCPS may need to refine its curriculum to target for the various positions coming to Baltimore County.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Vincent J. Gardina, Fifth District, spoke about school overcrowding, specifically at Perry Hall (High School) and Chapel Hill Elementary School. He noted the demographic changes and projected growth over the next seven or eight years. Councilman Gardina stated it is imperative that the Board work with Baltimore County government to develop a strategy to address this issue.

Councilman Gardina suggested the Board take the following two actions:

- Develop a comprehensive policy that would consider redistricting any student when capacity is limited or when a school is overcrowded.
- Redistrict the Chapel Hill Elementary School for all new developments that are in the development review process; have already been approved but not yet vested; or for those developments that have been approved, but have not received building permits.

Councilman Gardina has introduced legislation that would eliminate the exception that a neighboring school district that has capacity would be considered in the adequate facilities legislation for the Honeygo area. The bill will be considered by the council in approximately three weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

**Proposed Special Education Staffing Plan for 2006-2007**

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the proposed Special Education Staffing Plan for 2006-2007, as presented in Exhibit A.

**Policy 3000**

On motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved the proposed changes to Policy 3000—Non-Instructional Services, as presented in Exhibit B.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

**Policy 5340**

On motion of Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the proposed changes to Policy 5340—Management of Funds, as presented in Exhibit C.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on Proposed Changes to Policy 4118—Tenure and Non-Tenure** – Dr. Peccia stated that recent changes in Maryland law allows local Boards of Education to extend the probationary period for new teachers for a third year. Since some teachers will not receive tenure after two years, Board of Education policy should reflect this change. This is the first reading.
- Mr. Hayden urged that the language “a minimum of two years” be reconsidered.
- B. **Report on Proposed Changes to Policy 4266—Salary Error** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the policy is being eliminated and a new rule is being proposed to reflect current payroll practices. The proposed rule reflects Department of Labor regulations; eliminates the one year limit on correcting salary errors; and addresses over and underpayments. This is the first reading.
- C. **Report on Proposed Changes to Policy 5470—Elementary and Secondary Wellness** – Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, reported that the reauthorized Child Nutrition Act mandates that each school system in the country develop a wellness policy which emphasizes nutrition and physical education prior to the start of the 2006-2007 school year. Additionally, the State Superintendent has requested that each school system’s wellness policy incorporate all eight components of a comprehensive school health program. This is the first reading.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.) Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on all personnel exhibits (10-favor; 0-opposed, 1-abstention).

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-19 (Exhibit O). Dr. Hayman separated items 1, 10, and 13 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 2 through 9, 11 through 12, and 14 through 19.

2. PCR-243-06 Bus Routes
3. JNI-752-06 Career and Technology Software Conversion
4. MBU-503-06 Food Products
5. MBU-501-06 Milk, Dairy, and Fruit Juice Products
6. PCR-225-06 NETA Electrical Testing
7. MWE-818-06 On-Call Microbial Remediation and Cleaning Air Conveyance
8. MBU-502-06 Paper, Plastic, and Foam Products
9. MBU-598-06 Produce
11. MBU-503-06 Small Wares
12. MBU-597-06 USDE Commodity Processing
14. PCR-275-05 Contract Modification: Above-Ground Mechanical Construction Package (15-B) – Windsor Mill Middle School
15. MWE-821-06 Parking Lot and Driveway Addition –Cedarmere Elementary School
16. MWE-822-06 Parking Lot and Driveway Addition—Fort Garrison Elementary School
17. JNI-742-06 Boiler Replacement—Lansdowne Middle School
18. MWE-828-06 ADA Walkway Improvements—Pine Grove Middle School
19. MWE-825-06 Fee Acceptance—Construction Management Services—Vincent Farms Elementary School

Item #1 and #10

Dr. Hayman asked about the process for selecting the institutions. Dr. Peccia responded that BCPS looked at all colleges and universities in the area to ensure delivery of these specific programs. Dr. Hayman asked how the school system ascertained it would select Goucher and Towson. In regards to item 1, Ms. Elaine Berry, Coordinator of English and Reading, Secondary Programs, responded that Goucher is the only college in the area that offers this program in conjunction with the College Board. Dr. Hayman expressed concern that the school system focuses most of its monies on Goucher and Towson as opposed to other institutions.



BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

The Board approved items 1 and 10.

1. RGA-192-06 Advanced Placement Summer Institute
10. RGA-191-06 Resident Teacher Coaches' Program

Item #13

Dr. Hayman inquired about the education program since this renovation will be a major disruption for students and administration. Mr. Sines responded that the Department of Physical Facilities will meet with the administration of each middle school undergoing renovations and go through the plans to address any education issues. Mr. Sines noted that the instructional program is paramount to the sequencing and phasing of each middle school. Dr. Hayman stated it would be helpful, in future write-ups, to include the educational and instructional impact.

The Board approved item 13.

13. JMI-651-06 Contract Modification: Systemic Renovations—Catonsville Middle School

MASTER AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved the Master Agreement between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO), as presented in Exhibit P.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 5340—Management of Funds
- B. Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2006
- C. Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council Capital Pre-budget Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grzyski made the following announcements:

- The Baltimore County Board of Education will conduct a public hearing to seek public input about FY2008 Capital Budget needs in Baltimore County Public Schools on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. on the Greenwood campus in the ESS Building. Sign-up will begin at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

- Schools and offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2006, in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council will host its next meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at the Southwest central area office beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be a joint Area Education Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. on the Greenwood campus in the ESS Building.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session, which will be followed by a brief dinner recess. The open session will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions.

Mr. Grzynski reminded speakers to refrain from discussing any matters that might come before the Board in the form of an appeal, as well as any personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ms. Hadear Abdou asked the Board to amend the 2007-2008 proposed school calendar and add the two Muslim holidays.

Ms. Dimah Mahmoud asked the Board to treat Muslim children equally by adding the two Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Mr. Mohamed Mansour asked the Board to place the two Muslim holidays on the school calendar.

Ms. Cherry Abdou requested the Board to amend the proposed 2007-08 proposed school calendar for the two Muslim holidays, similar to the Jewish holidays.

Mr. Muneer Kirmani asked the Board to amend the proposed school calendar to include Jewish and other ethnic religions.

Ms. Naima Shoukat requested the Board to amend the 2007-08 school calendar to include the two Muslim holidays equal to the Jewish holidays.

Mr. Nabell Kirmani urged the Board to approve the two Islamic holidays on the proposed school calendar.

Ms. Ayah Mahmoud asked the Board to amend the proposed school calendar to include school closing in recognition of the Muslim holidays as it does for the Jewish holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR (cont)

Mr. Jamahl Rahmaaw requested the Board amend the school calendar to include closing schools on the two Muslim holidays.

Ms. Kamal Rehman asked the Board to consider amending the school calendar to include closing schools in recognition of the Muslim holidays.

Mr. Talaal Pharoan requested that Muslim holidays be placed in the school calendar.

Ms. Sadeef Alaim urged the Board to be fair and equal by including the two Muslim holidays on the proposed school calendar.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel urged the Board to amend the 2007-08 proposed school calendar and include the two Muslim holidays.

Dr. Bash Pharoan believes the 2007-08 school calendar is discriminatory. He asked that if the Board does not amend the calendar then remove any holiday that is not a federal or COMAR holiday.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Suzy Filbert expressed concern that guidance counselor(s) were pulling students from classrooms to see military recruiters. She believes this is being done without parental consent and without checking in the students' folder to see if there are any opt out forms.

Ms. Ellen Barfield asked the Board to pass a policy permitting access to students about joining the military.

Mr. John Oliver stated the military recruiters are "sales persons."

Ms. Elsie Davis asked the Board to adopt a resolution concerning access to students.

Ms. Stephannie Wilson expressed concern over the lack of parental involvement in decisions made at schools.

Ms. Kimberly Stanley expressed dismay over the lack of parent involvement in selecting school-based administrators.

Ms. Karen Yarn thanked BCPS and the Board for its continued support and the opportunities that have been extended to her child.

Mr. Ori Shabazz thanked BCPS for the AVID program and offered his services to help with the Muslim holiday solution.

Mr. Craig Goodwin asked the Board to consider redistricting for temporary annexation for Chapel Hill Elementary School instead of installing temporary trailers.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Trish Bisaha urged the Board to consider redistricting for Chapel Hill Elementary School instead of waiting two years for the completion of Vincent Farm Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:03 p.m., Ms. Murphy moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Hearing no additions or corrections to the Board of Education Open and Closed Minutes of April 25, 2006; Open and Closed Session Minutes of May 9, 2006; and the Report of the Public Hearing for May 24, 2006, Mr. Grzymiski declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

Mr. Grzymiski informed the audience of the sessions in which Board members had participated earlier in the afternoon.

### ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Meg O'Hare, Coordinator of the Area Educational Advisory Councils, reported on the council's membership in each of the five areas of the county. Ms. O'Hare noted that revisions to Board Policy 1230 are being review by the council chairpersons.

Mr. Stephen Crum, a Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council representative, reported that Ms. Sandra Skordalos will be the chairperson for the 2006-07 school year. As a member of the calendar committee, Mr. Crum expressed concern about closing schools on Rosh Hashanah.

Mr. Stephen Crum, as Chair of the Career & Technology Education Advisory Council, stated that although career and technology education is mandated by COMAR at the elementary and high school levels, it is not required at the middle school level.

Ms. Maggie Kennedy, Chair of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, announced its next meeting on June 29 with guest speaker, Dr. Hairston. Points of discussion will include Title I reductions, transportation and fuel costs, meeting student needs and achievement, and program acquisition.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Ms. Karen Yarn, Chair of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education, stated she is looking forward to reading the Gifted and Talented Status Report.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a Minority Achievement Advisory Group representative, thanked BCPS for collaborating with the Liberty-Randallstown Community Coalition on the community fair and essay contest. .

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Chair of the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee, reported on its June 5 meeting, announcing that Ms. Jan Thomas will chair the committee during the 2006-2007 school year. Ms. Shriver asked whether the school system's middle and high school curriculum are aligned with the Voluntary State Curriculum.

Mr. Michael Franklin, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, thanked the Board for its partnership with the council over the last four years. Mr. Franklin introduced the new PTA president, Ms. Susan Katz, and Ms. Nancy Ostrow, first vice-president.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, expressed concern about staffing reduction in Title I schools. In regard to the Woodlawn Middle School restructuring plan, Ms. Bost stated that some of the items identified in tonight's document have not been conveyed to the staff remaining at the school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston informed the Board and public that as of 2:45 p.m. today, all 800-plus buses were now in the bus lots, signifying the end of another school year. He extended his appreciation to all BCPS employees for contributing to another successful year.

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The Board adopted a resolution honoring Gabrielle Wyatt for her service as student member of the Board for 2005-2006. She was presented with the resolution and a gift from her Board colleagues.

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<u>CHARLYNE G. MAUL</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Mathematics Lansdowne Middle School	Assistant Principal Woodlawn Middle School
<u>TINA R. MORRONI</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Social Studies Catonsville Middle School	Assistant Principal Catonsville Middle School
<u>LAURIE W. RIJO DE LA ROSA</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Spanish Franklin Middle School	Assistant Principal Franklin Middle School
<u>TRYALAH V. SHIPMAN</u> (Effective July 1, 2006)	Teacher/Social Studies Old Court Middle School	Assistant Principal Randallstown High School

RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Alpheus Arrington recognized the Education Advisory Council appointment made at the May 23, 2006 Board meeting:

- Ms. Jill Schuchart, Student Member                      Northeast Area

OLD BUSINESS

**Proposed 2007-2008 Calendar**

Mr. Pallozzi moved to approve the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar as presented in Exhibit B. Mr. Hayden seconded the motion.



**Proposed 2007-2008 Calendar (cont)**

Mr. Hayden commented on the calendar and Muslim holidays not being included. He indicated that the issue has already been taken to the Maryland State Board of Education and the State Board determined that there must be a secular purpose for designating a school holiday such as “economizing educational resources.” ADC Baltimore v. Baltimore County Board of Education, Opinion No. 05-01.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit case of Koenick v. Felton was referenced by Mr. Hayden highlighting key points from the decision.

Mr. Hayden explained that schools have been collecting daily attendance for the past two years. Prior to that attendance data was collected quarterly. For the 2004-2005 school year he indicated that the holiday of Eid-al-Fitr fell on a Sunday therefore data on the day before and after would not be helpful. For the holiday of Eid-al-Adha attendance preceding the day before the holiday was 2,391 below the holiday itself. He indicated that may be explained by the fact that school openings on this day were delayed by 2 hours.

For the 2005-2006 school year the first Eid holiday occurred on November 3, 2005. The population was a total of 642 lower than on the previous day. The second Eid holiday occurred in January of 2006. There was no statistically significant difference in the population on the day before or day of the holiday. There was an 856 population increase the day following the holiday.

The average number of students out from Baltimore County on any particular day of the school year was 5,885.

Mr. Hayden stated that the justification to close schools cannot be based on the religious nature of the holiday and must be based on the “practicalities of school attendance.” This language was quoted from the Maryland State Board of Education case.

Mr. Hayden closed by saying that the population issue may require looking at again with a view toward closing schools on some of the days, but that has not occurred at this point in time.

The Board approved the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar (9-favor; 0-abstained; 0-opposed).

Mr. Grzyski noted that a Board Ad Hoc committee, chaired by former Board member, Mr. Luis Borunda, convened earlier in the year to study the calendar issues. The committee’s recommendations have been presented to the Superintendent. Mr. Grzyski commented that most of the issues were administrative in nature and trusts that the Superintendent and staff will be able to implement them.

## REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Blueprint for Progress Update** – Dr. Hairston provided the background of the *Blueprint for Progress*. He noted the *Blueprint for Progress*, which is aligned with the Bridge to Excellence and serves as the framework for the Master Plan, sets forth a number of performance goals and specific performance indicators for each goal. Dr. Hairston stated the revisions this year are based on information received from the Maryland State Department of Education. He noted that all updated and revisions focus on intensifying the school system's efforts to improve student achievement and to reduce performance gaps, particularly in secondary schools with emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics.
- B. **Master Plan Update** – Dr. Hairston highlighted updates to the Master Plan, which include increased attention to preparing students to be successful on the High School Assessments (HSA) through:
- Providing professional development for elementary and middle school teachers in the core content concepts that under-gird students' success on the HSA.
  - Incorporating reading and writing instructional strategies across the curriculum and across grade levels.
  - Implementing accelerated English/reading/language arts instruction for students in grades 7, 8, and 9 who are experiencing a 1-2 year delay in skills development.
  - Implementing the *Algebraic Thinking* mathematics curriculum in grades 6 and 7 to prepare students for success in Algebra I.
  - Developing and implement short-cycle and benchmark assessments to provide data that teachers, school administrators, and staff will use to monitor students' progress.
  - Embedding AVID and strategies of similar and higher rigor within all programs of study.

In addition, Dr. Hairston noted that Goal 6, *Engage parents/guardians, business, and community members in the educational process*, has been greatly enhanced.

Regarding Goal 6, Mr. Grzymiski asked why the percentages were removed from this revision. Dr. Christine Johns, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, responded this request came specifically from parents and the steering committee. She also stated one of challenges is finding measurable indicators that result in hard data.

REPORTS (cont)

C. **Report on Gifted and Talented** – Through a PowerPoint™ presentation, Ms. Phyllis Bailey, Executive Director of Special Programs, PreK-12, reviewed the status of the Gifted and Talented (G/T) program in grades 3-5, middle, and high schools. She reviewed Policy and Rule 6135 adopted in 2003 with three overarching themes: equity, excellence, and accountability. Ms. Bailey noted the data presented reflect a five-year trend and are organized in five sections:

- G/T Education Student Enrollment
  - Elementary enrollment increased by 6.8%
  - Middle school enrollment remained constant
  - High school enrollment increased 4.1%
- G/T Education Student Achievement
- Program Implementation
- Professional Development
- Patterns, Trends, and Recommendations

Dr. Kim Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area, provided a snapshot of continuing support between the area assistant superintendents and the gifted and talented office.

Ms. Wyatt inquired about the following patterns: female GT participation higher than male participation; African Americans' GT participation in high schools decreased; and Southwest and Southeast GT participation lower than other regions. Ms. Wyatt also asked why GT participation has decreased over the years. Ms. Bailey responded the gender gap has been a pattern for some years; however, the gap narrows at the middle school level, but increases at the high school level. With regard to geographic areas, Ms. Bailey stated that there has been an increase in enrollment in all areas. Ms. Bailey also noted that the GT office meets with the area assistant superintendents to identify focus support schools to address these specific issues.

Ms. Wyatt asked whether the school system can increase the GT program by making standards and honors courses more rigorous. Dr. Hairston responded that in order to increase rigor at the middle school level, BCPS needs to continually map the process at the lower level to help all students prepare and pass the High School Assessments.

Ms. Murphy inquired about the SAT participation rate. Dr. Hairston responded that 54% of BCPS seniors participate in the SAT exam.

D. **Report on Renaming Woodlawn High School Auditorium** – Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area, recommended that Woodlawn High School auditorium be renamed to the **“Woodlawn Community Education and Development Association (WCEDA), Inc. Community Auditorium.”** This is the first reading.

Ms. Shillman asked whether the funds for the auditorium had been donated by WCEDA, Inc. Dr. Rodriguez responded this group has applied for, and received a federal grant to renovate the auditorium.

### PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.)

### NEGOTIATIONS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the negotiated Master Agreement with American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) as presented in Exhibit N.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the negotiated Master Agreement with Baltimore (County Instructional) Assistants and Clerical Employees, Inc. (BACE) as presented in Exhibit N-1.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the negotiated Master Agreement with CASE as presented in Exhibit N-2.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the negotiated Master Agreement with Professional Staff Nurses' Association (PSNA/SEUI) as presented in Exhibit N-3.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-4, 6-25 (Exhibit O). Ms. Shillman pulled item 5 from voting this evening. Mr. Arnold abstained from voting on item 3, Ms. Shillman abstained from voting on item 14, and Mr. Hayden abstained from voting on item 24.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. 2-228-03 Contract Extension: Counseling Services for Intensity V Program
2. PCR-245-06 Contract Extension: Web Filtering Software
3. JMI-613-06 Contract Modification: Direct Digital Control Preventive Maintenance Program
4. PCR-208-06 Contract Modification: Employee Benefits Consulting Service
6. JNI-749-06 Classroom Sound Enhancement System
7. JNI-754-06 Family Studies Instructional Modules
8. JNI-746-06 Musical Instruments – Purchase
9. PCR-245-06 Natural Gas
10. JNI-748-06 Nursing Services for Wellness Centers
11. MBU-506-06 Painting

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

12. MBU-512-06 Printing – Student Handbooks
13. RGA-194-06 Science Weekly Magazine
14. MBU-510-06 Stage Curtains
15. PCR-212-06 Contract Modification: Additional Design Services – Deer Park Middle Magnet School
16. MWE-827-06 Contract Modification: Additional Design Services – Pine Grove Middle School
17. MBU-509-06 Window and Blind Replacement – Baltimore Highlands Elementary School
18. MWE-819-06 Parking Lot Addition – Chapel Hill Elementary School
19. JNI-755-06 Renovations, Tennis/Basketball Courts – Various Schools (205483/42655)
20. JNI-756-06 Renovations, Tennis/Basketball Courts – Various Schools (205483/42656)
21. JNI-757-06 Fencing Services (204362/41937)
22. MWE-824-06 Renovations – Holabird Middle School
23. MWE-820-06 Parking Lot and Driveway Addition – Lansdowne Elementary School
24. JNI-711-06 Systemic Renovations – Southwest Academy
25. MWE-829-06 Systemic Renovations – Woodlawn Middle School

BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the FY2007 capital budget appropriation transfer of \$864,595, as presented in Exhibit P.

WOODLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN

As part of the Alternative Governance Process for Restructuring, Dr. Rodriguez shared with Board members the two-year School Improvement Plan for final submission to the Maryland State Board of Education at its next Board meeting on June 27 or 28. Dr. Rodriguez summarized the plan which addresses:

- *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) and Title I requirements,
- Woodlawn Middle School's profile including reading and mathematics interventions,
- School needs in order of priority, and
- Instructional program and strategies.

WOODLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN (cont)

Mr. Hayden asked at what point the Board would receive a progress report on the plan. Dr. Rodriguez responded that a status report would be provided on a monthly basis.

On motion of Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the Woodlawn Middle School Improvement Plan for final submission to the Maryland State Board of Education, as presented in Exhibit Q (8-approved; 0-opposed; 0-abstained). Ms. Shillman did not vote on this item.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Mr. Michael Goodhues, Acting Chief Information Officer, stated this joint project establishes a secondary site at the Professional Development Center in an area that is currently unoccupied. He noted that while BCPS will share the site with Baltimore County Government, BCPS will maintain its own dedicated area as well as its own equipment and software. The back-up center will allow BCPS to keep mission-critical applications and networks available in the event of a disaster at the Timonium computer center. Mr. Goodhues stated that this joint venture is designed to be less than \$1 million in cost for both BCPS and Baltimore County Government, which should pay for itself in approximately one year.

Ms. Shillman asked what percentage of the funds BCPS would have to pay towards this partnership. Mr. Goodhues responded BCPS would fund approximately \$300,000 for this project, which is in the budget.

Ms. Shillman exited the room at 9:01 p.m.

Mr. Arnold inquired as whether the school system's information would be secure from county accessibility. Mr. Goodhues stated that all BCPS information will remain secure.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the partnership with Baltimore County Government to establish a backup site for its Data Center, as presented in Exhibit R (8-approved; 0-opposed; 0-abstained). Ms. Shillman did not vote on this item.

Ms. Shillman re-entered the room at 9:05 p.m.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3611—Tuition Fees: Non-Resident
- B. Financial Report for the Months Ending April 30, 2005 and 2006

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grzyski made the following announcements:

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session, which will be followed by a brief dinner recess. The open session will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions.

Mr. Grzyski reminded speakers to refrain from discussing any matters that might come before the Board in the form of an appeal, as well as any personnel matters.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHANGES TO POLICY 4118

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHANGES TO POLICY 4266

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON POLICY 5470

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

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hadear Abdou asked the Board to consider adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Ms. Dalia Mahmoud asked the Board to reconsider adding the Muslim holidays in the future.

Ms. Cherry Abdou asked the Board to consider her request for adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Ms. Dimah Mahmoud stated that Muslim children deserve to be given their holidays.

Ms. Sadaf Alam stated she hopes the Board would place the Muslim holidays on the school calendar.

Ms. Ayah Mahmoud stated people fear most about what they do not know.

Mr. Talaal Pharoan asked the Board to consider adding one or two Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Kanwal Rehman requested the Board treat Muslims equally by adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel disagreed with statistics provided earlier by Mr. Hayden. He asked the Board to add the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

Dr. Bash Pharoan stated the statistics presented by Mr. Hayden were not objective.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Arnold moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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