

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

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:37 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. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., 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 November and December.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:40 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. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Ms. Verletta White, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Ms. Barbara Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Daniel Capozzi, Staff Relations Manager; Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Michele Prumo, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

Mr. Capozzi and Ms. Burnopp exited the room at 5:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

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 5:47 p.m.

Mr. Novak provided Board members an update on potential labor bills in the upcoming legislative platform and its effect on the negotiation process with collective bargaining units.

Student representative, Miss Jacqueline Camp, entered the room at 5:57 p.m.

Ms. Howie and Ms. Prumo updated Board members on the proposed insurance coverage by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE).

Staff exited the room at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to Board members regarding hearing examiner's Case #10-10.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:47 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

At 6:47 p.m., Mr. Janssen provided a report to Board members on the joint Area Education Advisory Council meeting held October 29, 2009.

At 6:58 p.m., the Board adjourned administrative function for a brief dinner recess.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:12 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. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, 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 Miss Olivia Keithley, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served in The Baltimore County Public Schools.

Under item XII, New Business, Consideration of consent to the following personnel matters, Dr. Hairston added exhibit H-1, Transfers, and exhibit H-2, Administrative Appointments. The additions to the agenda were unanimously approved by those Board members present (favor-11).

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Meeting Minutes of October 6, 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 President and member of the Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the advisory group's first meeting, which had been held on October 14. The discussion at the meeting included school renovation, challenging classes, and preparing for the future. She announced that the next student council advisory group meeting would be held on November 4, 2009. Miss Keithley also announced that the Middle School Leadership Conference would be held on November 21, 2009, at CCBC Essex campus.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Coordinator of the Area Education Advisory Councils, reported on the joint Area Education Advisory Council meeting held October 29, 2009, with the focus on the fiscal year 2011 operating pre-budget meetings. She noted that council chairpersons had expressed concern over poor attendance of parents at the monthly area council meetings.

Ms. Stephanie Marks, Chair of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, reported on its October 28, 2009 "meet and greet" meeting. The main topic of the meeting was on gang awareness. Ms. Marks announced that the council's next meeting would be held on February 17, 2010, at Stemmers Run Middle School.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Clifford Collins, Chair of the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on the council's operating and capital pre-budget hearing held October 14, 2009. Testimonies included vehicular congestion at three schools, request for closed-circuit cameras, funding for air conditioning, and a heating system at Randallstown High School. Mr. Collins announced that the council's next meeting would be held on November 11, 2009, at Scotts Branch Elementary School.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reported on its fall workshop held on October 29, 2009. The theme of the workshop was "Connect for Success" and focused on all six of the PTA's national standards for family/school partnership programs.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, gave with Board members budget suggestions from educators around the county.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported on an event connected to the 350th year anniversary celebration of Baltimore County where the county executive featured former superintendents and college presidents. The event was held at Chesapeake High School.

Dr. Hairston shared with Board member that General Counsel, Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, will be making a presentation to the Circuit Court Judges of Baltimore County on November 5, regarding school house law.

Mr. Parker inquired about a recent news article regarding Maryland assessments not being met and an earlier comment regarding off-site meetings such as the principals' academy and principals' meetings. Dr. Hairston stated that the article concerned data from 2005 and 2007 and is misrepresentative of the state of Maryland and its education system. With regards to the principals' academy, Dr. Hairston stated that BCPS has found a state agency-run facility that is half the cost of the least expensive facility in Baltimore County. In respect to monthly principals' meetings, Dr. Hairston stated that principals purchase their own food.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board adopted a resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of Sparks Elementary School.

WHEREAS, *Sparks Elementary School has 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*

WHEREAS, *Sparks Elementary School's success as a National Blue Ribbon School 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 third day of November, in the year two thousand and nine, congratulates Sparks Elementary School on its 100th anniversary and commends the entire school community for establishing an enduring legacy of academic excellence.*

On motion of Ms. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board adopted a resolution honoring the ten Baltimore County high schools named among the nation's top 6% by *Newsweek* magazine.

WHEREAS, *Consistent with the Baltimore County Public Schools Blueprint for Progress, Franklin High School has demonstrated continuous progress in expanding all students' access to highly rigorous courses; and*

WHEREAS, *This effort is evident in the strong participation by students at Franklin High School in Advanced Placement courses and Advanced Placement exams; and*

WHEREAS, *Because of its consistent and continuous effort to support highly rigorous courses, Franklin High School has been named by Newsweek Magazine and the Washington Post as among the top six percent of public high schools in the nation for 2009; and*

WHEREAS, *Franklin High School joins eight other Baltimore County high schools in this distinction; and*

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

WHEREAS, *The nine schools recognized with this distinction in 2009 represent more than a third of all Baltimore County public high schools; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the third day of November, in the year two thousand and nine, expresses to Principal Kathleen Schmidt its congratulations and gratitude for her services and the services of the entire staff at Franklin High School; and be it further*

RESOLVED, *That the Board does herewith extend its support and encouragement in all endeavors to advance student achievement at Franklin High School, and that it directs a copy of this resolution to be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.*

The remaining eight high schools included Catonsville, Dulaney, Eastern Technical, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Hereford, Owings Mills, Pikesville, and Towson; identical resolutions were issued to these schools.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments from the October 6, 2009, and October 20, 2009, Board meetings.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>SHAUNTA LINDSEY</u> (Effective October 7, 2009)	Admissions Specialist/Evaluation Coordinator Rock Creek Academy, Inc.	Coordinator, School and Compliance
<u>ANGELA EUCULANO-LEIGH</u> (Effective October 7, 2009)	Specialist Grants Compliance	Supervisor Mandatory Programs and Equitable Services
<u>ANN M. GEISINGER</u> (Effective October 21, 2009)	Vice President, Human Resources Maryland Athletic Club	Human Resource Officer Department of Human Resources

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. O'Hare, recommended approval of three (3) policies. This is the third reading.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

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

- Proposed Deletion of Policy 1301 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities-Child Care
- Proposed Changes to Policy 1320 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities-Contests
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4263 – PERSONNEL: Compensation Plan-Reimbursement of Transportation

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. O’Hare, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits E, F, G, H, H1, and H2 (favor-11). (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 1-17 (exhibit I). Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on item 17, and Miss Camp abstained from voting on item 14. Mr. Schmidt separated item 10 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1-9 and 11-17.

1. PCR-240-09, PCR-241-09, MWE-816-09, MWE-817-09, MWE-818-09, MBU-517-09
Contract Modification: Audio Visual Supplies and Equipment; Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education Media Supplies; and Vocal Music Supplies
2. RGA-147-08 Contract Modification: Business Services Platform
3. JMI-603-08 Contract Modification: Security System/Access Control Installations, Repairs, Parts, and Preventative Maintenance
4. JNI-773-10 Contract Modification: Supplemental Reading Resources and Professional Development
5. RGA-919-10 Cohort – BCPS Curriculum Leadership 3: Middle School Math Teachers
6. RGA-920-10 Cohort – BCPS Curriculum Leadership 3: Middle School Principals
7. RGA-921-10 Cohort – BCPS Curriculum Leadership 3: Middle School Science Teachers

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

8. RGA-922-10 Cohort – School Improvement Leadership: January 2010 – December 2011
9. JMI-601-10 Digital Photocopiers
11. RGA-126-10 Office Supplies
12. JMI-628-08 Contract Modification: Consultant Services – Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services – Parkville High School
13. MBU-522-09 Contract Modification: Construction Package Site Work (2A) Contract – West Towson Elementary School
14. RGA-127-10 Request to Declare Surplus Property – Easement – Catonsville High School Farmland Tenant House
15. MBU-506-10 Renovations – Food and Nutrition Services Office and Warehouse Phase II
16. PCR-251-10 Baltimore County Permits and Development Fees – George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology School Replacement
17. MBU-508-10 Construction Package Tile (9B) Contract – West Towson Elementary School

Item #10

Mr. Schmidt noted that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires carriers to ensure coverage and that BCPS should not have to pay \$68,000. Mr. Schmidt moved that the item be tabled until it could be explained.

Mr. Michael Goodhues, Chief Information Officer, stated that none of the cell phone providers would assist BCPS in underwriting the cost of the antenna. Mr. Parker asked what BCPS hopes to accomplish. Mr. Goodhues responded that the goal is to provide cell service to staff, visitors, and parents at Chesapeake High School. Currently, there is no cell service at the school. Mr. Parker asked whether this commitment impacts future budgets. Mr. Goodhues responded this is a one-time cost.

Ms. Roddy asked whether there is any future maintenance or operational costs associated with the antenna. Mr. Goodhues responded that the antenna is covered by a four-year warranty and requires little, if any, maintenance. Ms. Roddy asked whether coverage would be extended to the surrounding neighborhood or confined to the school campus. Mr. Goodhues responded the coverage would be for the interior of the building and some of the outside area.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Ms. Schmidt reiterated that his concern was the cost of \$68,000. The “user” should not be paying for the cost of the antenna. Mr. Haines asked the Superintendent to table this item and request that the Office of Law research the matter.

The motion to table this item was seconded by Mr. Parker. The Board approved pulling this item from the agenda (favor-11).

10. JMI-613-10 Distributed Antenna System

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the FY2010 Aging Schools Program Supplemental Appropriate in the amount of \$1,174,227 as presented in exhibit J (favor-10). Student Board member, Miss Camp, did not vote.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **2010 Legislative Platform** – Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel, provided an overview of the 2010 legislative platform and asked the Board to adopt the following positions covered in the platform:
- Charter Schools
 - Labor Relations
 - Legislated Curriculum and Testing
 - Maintenance of Effort
 - Non-Public School Support
 - Teacher Retirement and Pension

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adopted the legislative platform positions as outlined in exhibit K. (favor-11).

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. September 30 Official Enrollment and Projection Comparison

INFORMATION (cont)

- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 1320 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities-Contests
- C. Deletion of Superintendent's Rule 4263 – PERSONNEL: Compensation Plan-Reimbursement of Transportation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its fall recognition night on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at New Town High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Northwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at Pikesville Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The High School Honors Music Concert will be held at the Joseph A. Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Monday, November 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 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. The open session will reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 2341

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 2362

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 5300

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEW POLICY 5590

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 5600

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Angela Mellerson requested a security system at Randallstown High School. She stated that the current system was installed a decade ago and was previously used at Woodlawn High School.

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board for the facts presented to BCPS system, upon which the system “intellectually constructed” the decision to close schools on particular holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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