

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

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

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Mr. Parker reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in December 2009 and January 2010.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(8) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area, entered the room at 5:42 p.m.

Mr. Goodhues exited the room at 5:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Ms. Howie provided information to Board members on two contracts that will be pulled from tonight's agenda and the potential for litigation.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to Board members regarding email accounts. Mr. Nussbaum also provided legal advice on the Ethics Review Panel appointment to be considered on the evening's agenda.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:05 p.m. for a brief dinner.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:59 p.m. at Greenwood. Vice President H. Edward Parker and the following Board members were present: Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Jacqueline Camp. In addition, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and staff members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Mr. Frank Jones, 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 Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2009, Mr. Parker declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Mr. Parker 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, Mr. Parker 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

Ms. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on its November 19, 2009 meeting on the topic, "The Whole College Application Thing." Ms. Mullen announced that the Council's next meeting would be held on January 21, 2010, at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, commended the Board for its candid discussion at its November 17 work session. Mr. Desmone encouraged the Board to consider meeting with collective bargaining units in the spring.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reported on the president's various activities, which included the Maryland PTA Convention, held on November 13-14, 2009. Ms. Ostrow announced that the next PTA Council meeting would be held on January 21, 2010, at Loch Raven High School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers' Association of Baltimore County, shared with Board members emails and letters from teachers, which included requests to decrease and combine data collection tools and to standardize the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM) implementation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no Superintendent's report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adopted a resolution recognizing Seventh District Elementary School as a Maryland Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

WHEREAS, Seventh District Elementary School is one of only six schools from Maryland to be honored by the United States Department of Education as a 2009 National No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, This Baltimore County elementary school was selected based on rigorous national requirements for high achievement and dramatic improvement; and

WHEREAS, Seventh District Elementary School now joins the roster of the ten other county schools that have earned this rare honor, and these schools collectively represent the potential of every Baltimore County school to ensure that all students excel academically; and

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

WHEREAS, *This recognition for Seventh District Elementary School 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 and community partners; now, therefore, it be*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education, herewith assembled in regular session on the first day of December, in the year two thousand and nine, expresses gratitude and sincere appreciation to the entire staff, student body, and community of Seventh District Elementary School for their hard work, foresight, vision, and extraordinary efforts in achieving this milestone.*

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board adopted a resolution honoring the Office of Budget and Reporting for receiving the Meritorious Budget Award for the current fiscal year from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International.

WHEREAS, *Inspired by an abiding commitment to students and staff, as described in the Blueprint for Progress, Baltimore County Public Schools endeavors to establish and maintain the efficient and effective use of resources and delivery of business services; and*

WHEREAS, *This year, for the sixth year in a row, the school system's Department of Fiscal Services has received the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International; and*

WHEREAS, *This award, presented to Baltimore County Public Schools for the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year 2010 budget book, represents a significant achievement and reflects the system's commitment to achieving the highest standards of school budgeting; and*

WHEREAS, *In addition, for the twelfth consecutive year, the school system's Department of Fiscal Services has been awarded both the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International, and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association; and*

WHEREAS, *These awards, presented to Baltimore County Public Schools for the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year 2008 school system Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded high standards of financial reporting; and*

WHEREAS, *These recurring recognitions bring attention to the strength and quality of the school system's Department of Fiscal Services; now, therefore, be it further*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education, herewith assembled in regular session on the first day of December, in the year two thousand and nine, expresses gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Department of Fiscal Services for its vision and extraordinary efforts.*

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments from the November 3, 2009, and November 17, 2009 Board meetings.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>ANDREA V. BUTLER</u> (Effective November 18, 2009)	Individualized Education Program Chairperson Baltimore City Public Schools	Assistant Principal Imagine Discovery Public Charter School
<u>DANA A. DEMBY</u> (Effective November 18, 2009)	Teacher/Special Education - Inclusion Parkville High School	Area Support Specialist Office of Special Education
<u>PHYLLIS T. REESE</u> (Effective November 4, 2009)	Trustee and Research Administrator Morris A. Mechanic Foundation	Chief Communications Officer

RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Peccia recognized Ms. Yuk-Moi Leung and Ms. Dareise Jones, who was appointed to the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council at the November 3, 2009, Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. O'Hare, recommended approval of five (5) policies. This is the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board approved the following proposed policies (favor-11):

- Proposed Deletion of Policy 2341 – Teacher Preparation, Planning, Duty-free Lunch
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 2362 – Teacher Training Agreements
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 5300 – STUDENTS: Activities
- Proposed New Policy 5590 – STUDENTS: Students' Expressions
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5600 – STUDENTS: Students' Responsibilities and Rights

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits G, H, I, J, and K (favor-11). (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. John Van Emden to the Ethics Review Panel effective January 1, 2010, to fill the unexpired term of Janel D. Sexton, Ph.D. (favor-11).

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING

Ms. O'Hare asked why changes are being made. Mr. Michael Goodhues, Chief Information Officer, explained that the project management office will report directly to the Chief Information Officer. Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, responded that the consolidation of the department of human resources will increase efficiency and effectiveness, improve communications and collaboration within the department, and improve customer service.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt the proposed restructuring of the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Technology. Ms. O'Hare seconded the motion.

Ms. Johnson asked whether there are budget implications associated with the restructuring. Dr. Peccia responded that there are no additional positions. Ms. Johnson asked whether the school system was saving money by centralizing the department of human resources. Mr. Haines responded affirmatively. Mr. Goodhues stated that there are no additional positions; however, there is a potential upgrade to one position.

The Board approved the proposed restructuring as presented in exhibit M (favor-11). (Copy of the exhibit is attached to the formal minutes).

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Pallozzi, recommended approval of items 1 through 26, and 29 through 32 (exhibit N). Mr. Pallozzi noted that items 27 and 28 are being pulled from tonight's agenda. Mr. Janssen opposed items 23 and 26. Ms. Johnson separated items 9 and 11 for further discussion, and Ms. O'Hare separated items 16 through 26 for further discussion.

The Board approved 1 through 8, 10, 12 through 15, and 29 through 32. Mr. Janssen opposed items 23 and 26, respectively.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

1. JMI-625-07 Contract Modification: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
2. JNI-794-10 *Acces*, “The Teacher’s Database” for Mathematics
3. PCR-268-10 Braille and Voice Note Takers
4. MWE-809-10 Ceiling Tiles and Associated Materials
5. RGA-924-10 Cohort – Master of Education in Special Education
6. RGA-925-10 Cohort – Master of Science in Mathematics Education for Certified Secondary Teachers
7. RGA-926-10 Cohort – Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations II
8. RGA-927-10 Cohort – Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Autism Studies Program
10. PCR-259-10 Digital Duplicators
12. JNI-795-10 Nursing Assistant Software
13. JNI-793-10 Optical Mark Reader/Scanner
14. MWE-806-10 School Buses
15. JMI-613-09 Contract Modification: HVAC Renovation – Sandalwood Elementary School
29. MWE-804-10 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors – Chesapeake Terrace Elementary School
30. MWE-816-10 Roof Design and Contract Administration Services – Norwood Elementary School and Wellwood International School
31. PCR-255-10 Roof Replacement – Seventh District Elementary School
32. MBU-503-10 Off Hour Corridor Separations – Various Schools

Item 9

Ms. Johnson asked what the school system wanted to accomplish with the partnership. Mr. Richard Gay, Manager of Purchasing, responded that this partnership is being funded through the *Gear-Up* grant, which is a five-year grant that was provided to Dundalk High School. Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director of Student Support Services, stated that BCPS is in the fourth year of a five-year grant, following a group of students who started in Grade 8 at Dundalk Middle School. These students, currently in the Grade 11, are being monitored and developed to gear up for college attendance. Ms. Johnson asked whether the grant could be duplicated once completed and would assessments of the grant be available. Mr. Rauenzahn responded that some of the techniques can be duplicated. He noted that over the life of the grant, funding will total \$1.2 million.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Mr. Parker requested that the Board receive data on the grant once it has been collected.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board approved item 9.

9. RGA-128-10 Consultant – BCPS and Towson University Professional Development

Item 11

Ms. Johnson asked why BCPS would use so many vendors. Mr. Gay responded that each company provides different pieces of equipment for different functions, which allows the maintenance and grounds employees more options. Mr. Gay also noted that this is a consortium bid so BCPS is honoring commitments from other local education agencies (LEAs).

Mr. Janssen asked if two vendors supply the same item, does the school system look at the lowest bidder with Mr. Gay responding in the affirmative.

The Board approved item 11.

11. JMI-606-10 Grounds Maintenance Equipment

Items 16 through 26

Ms. O'Hare asked whether the renovations for Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts has been "moved down" the priority list. Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Directory of Physical Facilities, responded that BCPS has not published any priority list with regards to the high schools. BCPS has been conducting feasibility studies on an age order basis. Once the feasibility studies are completed, the school system will shift to a "needs based" renovation. The entire list of 25 high schools has not been published in priority order. Ms. O'Hare advocated for the performing arts program at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts.

The Board approved items 16 through 26. Mr. Janssen opposed items 23 and 26.

16. PCR-269-10 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) Services – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

17. PCR-264-10 Construction of New School – Construction Package 3A (Concrete) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
18. PCR-264-10 Construction of New School – Construction Package 4A (Masonry) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
19. PCR-264-10 Construction of New School – Construction Package 5A (Steel) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
20. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 7A (Roofing and Sheet Metal) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
21. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 8A (Aluminum and Glass) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
22. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 9A (Drywall and Acoustical) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
23. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 9E (Painting) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
24. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 11A (Food Service Equipment) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
25. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 11B (Athletic Equipment) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement
26. PCR-264-10 Construction of a New School – Construction Package 12B (Seating) – George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School Replacement

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Deletion of Superintendent’s Rule 5300 – STUDENTS: Activities
- B. New Superintendent’s Rule 5590 – STUDENTS: Students’ Expressions

INFORMATION

- C. New Superintendent's Rule 5600 – STUDENTS: Students' Responsibilities and Rights

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 2370

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEW POLICY 4011

Mr. David Basler asked that considerations in any subsequent rules allowed by Policy 4011 address employees' right to retain their own doctor and seek their own medical treatment, as well as an adequate appeals process to resolve any differences. He asked that any rules adopted be fair and equitable for all employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4111

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4121

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4221.1

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4231

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4231.1

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4260

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board for an explanation for granting school closings for two non-COMAR holidays.

Ms. Mary Jones asked the Board to create two policies for elementary schools. The first policy would require teachers to take children on bathroom breaks at certain times according to age. The second policy would require elementary schools teachers to provide recess for students.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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Miss Camp exited the room at 5:31 p.m.

Board member, Mr. James E. Coleman, and Assistant Superintendent, Central Area, Ms. Barbara Walker, entered the room at 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area, entered the room at 5:33 p.m.

Board member, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, entered the room at 5:35 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:44 p.m.

Miss Camp re-entered the room at 5:44 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

At 5:44 p.m., Board members discussed protocols for its business meetings. Ms. Murphy recommended that the Board conduct a 2010 spring retreat.

Ms. Murphy and Mr. Haines discussed the Board's agenda for the upcoming business meeting in January 2010.

Mr. Uhlfelder reviewed with Board members communications with elected officials.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned administrative function at 6:12 p.m. for a brief dinner recess.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Dr. Bash Pharoan, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Board of Education Work Session of November 17, 2009, Ms. Murphy declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. Murphy presented to Ms. Carol Wingard, Principal of Seven Oaks Elementary School, and Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, a citation from the Governor, which states:

“Governor of the State of Maryland, to Seven Oaks Elementary School, Greetings: Be it Known: That on behalf of the Citizens of this State, in recognition of your commitment to the youth of Maryland, as demonstrated by your achieving a maintenance rating of Superior, indicating that your school has met the highest standards for school maintenance during the 2008-2009 school year and in honor of this noteworthy distinction, as well-built and well-maintained school buildings play a fundamental role in the education mission, we join with the Board of Public Works and the Interagency Committee on School Construction in commending you on a job well done, we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor’s Citation.”

WORK SESSION REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

A. **Superintendent’s Report on Upcoming FY11 Budget Issues** – In preparation for the upcoming budget presentation in January 2010, Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. George Sarris, Director of the Office of Budget and Reporting, shared with Board members the parameters with which the budget is being prepared and the possible fiscal constraints for FY 2011. Some highlights included:

- State education aid is not projected to increase.
- Most federal stimulus funding is highly restrictive and primarily earmarked for students under Title I or IDEA.
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE) guidelines will be released in February 2010.
- A slowing economy will likely result in a lower growth calculation.
- Staffs desire to maintain all current programs and service levels for FY2011.

In attachment III of the report, Ms. Burnopp reviewed the side-by-side enrollments for FY 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. While slight declines in enrollment existed in previous years, BCPS has worked cooperatively with county government to maintain the same level of staffing. As a result of lower enrollment, BCPS may redirect approximately 13.6 positions for FY2011 to other high priority needs. Ms. Burnopp also reviewed the Superintendent’s priorities for FY2011 and explained the Spending Affordability Law to Board members.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

Ms. O'Hare asked which items from attachment II are reflected in the "other charges" category and the percentages. Mr. Sarris responded that the category reflects items such as non-public placement, tuition reimbursement for teachers, and MABE insurance. Ms. Burnopp stated that the "other charges" category represents 6.7% of the total operating budget.

Ms. Johnson asked how aggressive was the school system working in lowering the cost of hard copy textbooks versus electronic versions. Ms. Burnopp responded that an electronic textbook proposal is being evaluated and that the Office of Budget and Reporting is working with central office to use the best resources possible.

Ms. O'Hare asked that the Curriculum Committee be informed of the proposal to purchase new textbooks by subject area and grade levels. Mr. Burnopp stated that the request would be forwarded to the department of curriculum and instruction.

- B. **Update on Business Partnership with Web-based Portal** – Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff, shared with Board members an outreach effort to improve and increase school business partnerships. The County Executive's Regional Advisory Board for Business and Education (EAB) is a coalition of 34 members from private business, government, and regional education institutions including Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) and 11 area colleges and universities. In 2007, the Education Subcommittee of the EAB discussed the need for businesses and organizations interested in establishing partnerships with schools to have a single, identified point of contact within Baltimore County Public Schools. BCPS' web team designed and developed a web-based portal that can be accessed and used by both schools and businesses with the goal of increasing the ease of making connections among businesses, organizations, and education. The Partnership Network was piloted in southeast area schools in January 2009 and went live in October 2009.

The Partner Network allows school principals to register and record opportunities for business partnerships. Business in turn can respond to those opportunities or register their own interest in providing other resources such as internships, externships, or funding of special projects. The use of the web portal provides a dynamic way to capture and maintain this information on an individual school basis as well as on a system level.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Uhlfelder asked what provisions have been made to consolidate activities so that a report can be generated on the effectiveness of the program. Ms. Fromm responded that this tool will allow BCPS to generate systemic reports. Mr. Uhlfelder asked what the principals' responsibilities are. Ms. Fromm responded that all principals will report existing partnerships and will be encouraged to use the tool to enter new partnerships. Mr. Uhlfelder asked if an annual report would be available with Ms. Fromm responding in the affirmative.

Ms. O'Hare asked about the screening process for volunteers. Ms. Fromm responded that, when a partner registers with BCPS, an administrator reviews the information provided prior to providing access to the partnership network. Ms. Fromm noted that the web-based portal is an electronic tool for businesses and schools to communicate and does not change any existing protocols for entering school buildings.

Mr. Hines asked whether there would be a link to the county government web site. Ms. Fromm responded that BCPS has requested a link to the EAB county web page.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Bridge to Excellence Master Plan
- B. Financial Report for months ending October 31, 2008 and 2009
- C. Third Party Billing Annual Report – 2008-2009
- D. Revised Superintendent's Rule 7330 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Financing-Capital Projects that are Funded by Private Donations
- E. Central Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2009
- F. Northeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its “meet and greet” on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at Catonsville High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Schools will be closed for Christmas/Winter Break from December 24, 2009 through January 1, 2010. Schools will reopen for students and teachers on Monday, January 4, 2010.
- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010, at Logan Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 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 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.
- On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, the Baltimore County Board of Education will meet for a public hearing to seek the community’s input on the operating budget for FY2011. The meeting will take place at Loch Raven High School at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Loch Raven High School on the day of the hearing. Snow date for the public hearing is Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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