

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
(*rescheduled to Wednesday, February 17, 2010*)

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:30 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: 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, 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 February and March.

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

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:33 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: 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, 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; Dr. Kendra Johnson, Acting 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; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Ronald Miller, Esquire, Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum, and LaPlaca, P.A.; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Dr. Johnson exited the room at 5:33 p.m.

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

Dr. Johnson re-entered the room at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Miller provided legal advice to the Board regarding the hearing officers' opinions in four cases to be considered that evening.

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:38 p.m.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

At 5:38 p.m., Ms. Murphy informed the Board of her meeting with the Baltimore County Delegation on Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Board member, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, entered the room at 5:51 p.m.

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

Board member, Mr. James E. Coleman, entered the room at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:28 p.m., the Board adjourned its administrative function for a brief dinner recess.

#### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:02 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq., 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 Matt Hendrix, a student at George Washington Carver Center for the Arts and Technology, 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 January 12, 2010; and the Report on the Board of Education Public Hearing of January 19, 2010, 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

Dr. Suzanne Cotter, Lead Teacher, AdvancePath Academy and a representative of the Advisory Committee for Alternative Programs, introduced Nohemi Guzman, who spoke about her successes through the AdvancePath Academy at Chesapeake High School.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Coordinator of the Area Educational Advisory Councils, reported on the January 14, 2010 meeting. Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel, presented the Board's 2010 legislative platform to the councils. Ms. Shriver asked the Board to approve the proposed FY2011 budget as presented by the Superintendent on January 12, 2010.

Ms. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on the January 21, 2010 meeting with the topic being Service Learning Hours. During the presentation, Mr. Sean Patterson, Service Learning Assistant, noted that Maryland is the only state that requires service learning hours. The Council's next meeting will be held on February 25, 2010 at Timonium Elementary School.

Mr. Carl Bailey, Chair of the Diversity and Achievement Steering Committee, applauded the Superintendent for establishing a diverse committee to look at how the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM) progress reports could be improved.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, thanked the Superintendent for attending the PTA Council Board of Directors meeting on February 4, 2010. Ms. Ostrow stated that, though the PTA holds a differing opinion on the specific tools required to achieve education reform, the Council's opinions are worthy of consideration.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, stated that she was hopeful that the magnet teaching positions would be back in place in all high schools. She reviewed the mentoring program and expressed concerns over the cuts proposed to mentor positions while increasing specialists and supervisors.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Palozzi, the Board adopted a resolution recognizing Baltimore County Public Schools for receiving the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

- WHEREAS, *The National Purchasing Institute, founded in 1968, promotes the achievement of excellence in governmental and institutional procurement through education, certification, professional development, and networking with professionals associated with public sector procurement and supply management; and*
- WHEREAS, *The Award recipients demonstrate excellence through their innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership; and*
- WHEREAS, *For the fifth year in a row, Baltimore County Public Schools has been awarded the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute; and*
- WHEREAS, *This prestigious award and recognition by peers in governmental procurement is acknowledgment of Baltimore County Public Schools' dedication to outstanding customer service; now therefore be it*
- RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County does herewith extend its deep appreciation to the Office of Purchasing for their commitment and dedication; and be it further*
- RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County directs a copy of this resolution to be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.*

**On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board adopted a resolution recognizing National African American Parent Involvement Day, February 8, 2010.**

- WHEREAS, *Parents have significant influence on their children's success in school. Research also shows that the more that parents are involved in the educational lives of their children, the greater their academic success; and,*
- WHEREAS, *The active participation of parents in their children's education substantially reinforces the value that young people place on learning experiences into adulthood;*
- WHEREAS, *National African American Parent Involvement Day, which occurs during African American History Month, reinforces the importance of parents' roles in their children's education; and,*
- WHEREAS, *This national observation is expected to open up dialogue among teachers, parents, and students, which will lead to a more conducive learning environment for African American students from kindergarten through college; now, therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County respectfully recognizes the outstanding contribution of parents in making education meaningful for young people; and be it further*
- RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County recognizes National African American Parent Involvement Day as a concerted effort to get more parents involved in this win/win endeavor that will only be of benefit to all stakeholders; and be it further*

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County seeks to encourage and support local administrators, teachers, and support staff by assisting them in making National African American Parent Involvement Day a positive experience for parents and students.*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County does herewith extend its deep appreciation to all parents for their commitment and dedication.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston introduced Ms. Michele Prumo, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, who informed Board members about the collaboration between Baltimore County government and Baltimore County schools during snow storms. She noted that, before schools can be cleared, Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) grounds crews assist county government to clear main roads.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments from the January 12, 2010 Board meeting.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>JAMES A. ALDON</u> (Effective January 13, 2010)	Director of Business Development Rock Spring Mechanical Services	Benefits Officer Department of Human Resources

OLD BUSINESS

**FY 2011 Operating Budget**

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the initial budget request and the proposed amendments from the original recommendation, which are reflected in exhibit B.

Ms. Burnopp noted that the total budget for all funds is \$1,730,335,377.

Ms. O'Hare moved approval of the proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and approved by the Board as presented in Exhibit B (favor-10). Miss Camp did not vote on this item.

### **Board of Education Policies**

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. O'Hare, recommended approval of two (2) policies. This is the third reading.

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

- Proposed New Policy 4011 – PERSONNEL: General-Medical Evaluations
- Proposed Changes to Policy 4260 – PERSONNEL: General-Compensation Plan

### PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits E, F, G, H, I, and J (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 1-10 (exhibit K). Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on item 7.

The Board approved these items.

1. PCR-228-09 Contract Modification: Telephone Equipment Repair and Maintenance
2. RGA-139-10 Grade 6 World Cultures Textbooks and Support Materials
3. RGA-138-10 Grammar Book and Writing Book
4. MBU-522-10 Privacy Partition Parts
5. RGA-137-10 Property Purchase
6. PCR-254-10 Roof Replacement – Halstead Academy
7. JMI-603-10 Renovations and Addition – Milford Mill Academy
8. MWE-801-10 Boiler Replacement – Stemmers Run Middle School
9. JNI-781-10 Roof Replacement – Woodlawn Middle School
10. RGA-140-10 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Baltimore County, MD

### SCHOOL LEGISLATION

Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Policy Matters, reviewed with the Board proposed legislation currently under consideration by the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board voted to oppose HB17 – Education-Incidents of Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. O’Hare, the Board voted to take no position on HB59 – Task Force to Incorporate the Principles of Universal Design for Learning into Policies, Practices, and Curriculum of the Education Systems in Maryland (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. O’Hare, the Board voted to oppose HB243 – Fairness in Negotiations Act (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. O’Hare, the Board voted to take no position on HB335/SB264 – State Board of Education-Financial Literacy Curriculum-Graduation Requirements (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted to take no position on SB310/HB304 – Education – Maintenance of Effort Requirement-Process and Factors (favor-11).

### HEARING EXAMINERS’ RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. O’Hare, the Board approved that the hearing examiner’s opinion in case #09-40 be affirmed (favor-10). Student representative, Miss Camp, did not vote.

On a motion of Ms. O’Hare, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved that the hearing examiner’s opinion in case #09-41 be affirmed (favor-10). Student representative, Miss Camp, did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved that the hearing examiner’s opinion in case #10-03 be affirmed (favor-10). Student representative, Miss Camp, did not vote.

On a motion of Ms. O’Hare, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved that the hearing examiner’s opinion in case #10-09 be affirmed (favor-10). Student representative, Miss Camp, did not vote.

## REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on the Proposed Boundary Change for West Towson Elementary School and the Proposed Boundary Changes for Rodgers Forge and Riderwood Elementary Schools** – Ms. Barbara Walker, Central Area Assistant Superintendent, and Ms. Michele Prumo, Executive Director for Planning and Support Operations, reviewed the recommendation for the boundary change. Scenario G with the modification is recommended to the Board for approval as the new boundaries for West Towson, Rodgers Forge, and Riderwood Elementary Schools effective for school year 2010-2011.

Ms. Walker reviewed the Boundary Study Committee's meeting dates and a provided brief summary of each meeting that was held. As in prior boundary study processes, when pertinent information becomes available, that information must be shared with the committee members. Committee meetings are flexible, and another meeting was needed so that the committee could review additional information regarding proposed scenarios in order to finalize the materials for the public forum.

Ms. Prumo reviewed the purpose of the public forum. Ms. Prumo noted that 46%, or 95 individuals out of 205 participants, completing the survey identified Scenario G as the preferred scenario. The preferences were split between three other scenarios.

Ms. Walker stated that, at the final boundary committee meeting held January 20, 2010, the committee did not reach a consensus. Seven members voted for scenario G and three members voted for Scenario A-1. Therefore, a modified Scenario G, which includes the Ruxton Ridge neighborhood, was the recommendation provided to the Superintendent. Ms. Walker stated that the attributes of Scenario G modified are as follows:

- Seventy percent (70%) of the community members who served on the boundary study committee supported this option.
- Students living directly adjacent to West Towson ES will attend the school.
- All seven neighborhoods that make up the Greater Rodgers Forge Community remain intact.
- West Towson Elementary School opens at 87% of capacity, which is the lowest capacity of the proposed boundary scenarios.
- Rodgers Forge Elementary School student population is reduced from 722 to 369 (181.3% of capacity to 93.2% of capacity).



### REPORTS (cont)

- Riderwood Elementary School student population is reduced from 542 to 495 (117% of capacity to 106.9% of capacity).

Mr. Schmidt asked what the timeframe for the Hampton Elementary School addition is. Ms. Prumo responded that the proposed time frame is 2012-2013.

Ms. Murphy stated that the public hearing on the proposed boundary changes would be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at Loch Raven High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. New Superintendent's Rule 4011 – PERSONNEL: General-Medical Evaluations
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 4260 – PERSONNEL: General-Compensation Plan
- C. Central Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2010

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 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 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the proposed boundaries for West Towson Elementary and the proposed boundary changes for Rodgers Forge and Riderwood Elementary Schools on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at Loch Raven High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for the public to comment begins at 6:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4134

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4161

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4265.1

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4265.2

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4171

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 5130

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 5161

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 8366

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED NEW POLICY 8500

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED NEW POLICY 8501

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jennifer Helfrich stated that the Rodgers Forge Community Association supports Scenario G as the boundaries for West Towson Elementary School. She stated that Scenario G is the only option that keeps the communities of Rodgers Forge, Gaywood, Pinehurst, and Rodgers Forge apartments each going to one elementary school.

Miss Dakota David, a student, urged the Board to leave all magnet programs intact.

Mr. Devon Burgoyne expressed concern about the reduction of magnet positions.

Miss Lauren Pellerito stated that magnet schools should not be altered in any way.

Dr. Mandell Bellmore thanked the Board for the change in the budget proposal regarding magnet programs.

Ms. Mary Ellen Pease thanked the Board for tabling the elimination of magnet teachers and programs.

Miss Cecelia Scheeler shared her "Letter to the Editor" with Board members over removing magnet teachers from the classrooms.

Dr. Bash Pharoan expressed concerned that the Board has not provided data on the closing of schools. He asked the Board to place one Jewish holiday and one Muslim holiday on the calendar or only have "COMAR" holidays.

Ms. Gail Furman stated that more funding needs to be provided to magnet programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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