

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

Tuesday, May 4, 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. 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.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in May and June.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Hines will be unable to attend Owings Mills High School's (OMHS) commencement exercise. Ms. O'Hare and Mr. Schmidt agreed to attend OMHS graduation ceremony.

Mr. Janssen expressed an interest in serving on the Maryland Association of Boards of Education's (MABE) Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 school year.

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 Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:38 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.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, reviewed with Board members three (3) summary affirmances to be considered this evening.

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

At 6:00 p.m., the Board discussed the personnel involved in a potential reorganization and the Superintendent's evaluation.

At 6:57 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 7:15 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, 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 Mr. Elijah Laris and Mr. Roman Carreras, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served in The Baltimore County Public Schools.

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

Ms. Laura Mullen, Chair of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, reported on the council's April 22 capital pre-budget hearing. She noted that one individual signed up to speak on the topic of climate control in all schools.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, encouraged the Board to reinstate the dinner meetings with the collective bargaining units. He announced that CASE's annual legislative dinner would be held on Tuesday, May 11.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, noted that PTA Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 through 8. She also reported on the Council's annual awards and recognition ceremony held April 29, 2010. Three Distinguished Service Awards were presented and eleven educators were recognized at the event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported that the Governor had signed HB 1263, Education Reform Act of 2010, and that its provisions were effective immediately, and SB 275, Education-Maryland Longitudinal Data System, would be effective on July 1, 2010.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and F (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 through 20, and 22 through 28 (exhibit G). Item #21 was pulled from tonight's agenda. Item #19 estimated annual award value should read \$1,063,190 for a total award value of \$1,169,509. Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on item 27.

The Board approved these items.

1. JMI-716-09 Contract Modification: Network License for Statistical Software
2. JMI-627-09 Contract Modification: Tires
3. PCR-288-10 Clinical Supervision

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

4. eCatalog Contracts (a through w)
 - a. PCR-282-10 eCatalog – Art Ceramic
 - b. PCR-283-10 eCatalog – Art Photo Supplies
 - c. PCR-281-10 eCatalog – Audio-Visual Equipment
 - d. PCR-280-10 eCatalog – Audio-Visual Supplies
 - e. MBU-520-10 eCatalog – Instructional Materials for Technology Education
 - f. MBU-517-10 eCatalog – Instrumental Music Supplies
 - g. PCR-285-10 eCatalog – Math Supplies
 - h. MWE-814-10 eCatalog – Media – Career and Technology
 - i. MWE-835-10 eCatalog – Media – Family Studies
 - j. MWE-837-10 eCatalog – Media – Instructional Technology
 - k. MWE-838-10 eCatalog – Media – Language Arts
 - l. MWE-839-10 eCatalog – Media – Mathematics
 - m. MWE-842-101 eCatalog – Media – School Counseling
 - n. MWE-843-10 eCatalog – Media – Science
 - o. MWE-844-10 eCatalog – Media – Social Studies Elementary
 - p. MWE-845-10 eCatalog – Media – Social Studies Secondary
 - q. MWE-846-10 eCatalog – Media – Special Education
 - r. MWE-847-10 eCatalog – Media – Visual Arts
 - s. MWE-848-10 eCatalog – Media – World Languages
 - t. PCR-284-10 eCatalog – Science Supplies
 - u. JMI-624-10 eCatalog – Textbooks
 - v. MBU-519-10 eCatalog – Unique Office Supplies
 - w. MBU-518-10 eCatalog – Vocal Music Supplies
5. JMI-712-10 Emission Control Devices
6. JMI-645-10 Financing of Various Motor Vehicles
7. JMI-716-10 Graduate Program, Summer Teachers Institutes
8. JMI-647-10 Network Storage
9. RGA-158-10 Web-Based Courses
10. JMI-646-10 Web Content Filtering System
11. MBU-530-10 Parking Lot, Bus Loop, Sidewalks, and Lighting –
Catonsville Elementary School
12. MBU-531-10 Parking Lot, Bus Loop, Sidewalks, and Lighting – Church
Lane Elementary School
13. JMI-619-10 Boiler Replacement – Dundalk Elementary School

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

14. JMI-627-10 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Fifth District Elementary School
15. JMI-628-10 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Franklin Middle School
16. MWE-819-10 Boiler Replacement – Greenwood ESS Building
17. JMI-632-10 Stair Tower Replacement – Greenwood Human Resources Building
18. MBU-525-10 Kitchen Exhaust Hood and Serving Line Replacement – Loch Raven Technical Academy
19. MBU-534-10 Landscaping, Fencing, Parking Lot, and Sidewalks – McCormick Elementary School
20. PCR-286-10 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Norwood Elementary School
22. JMI-631-10 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Pikesville High School
23. MBU-532-10 Parking Lot, Bus Loop, Sidewalks, and Lighting – Pleasant Plains Elementary School
24. JNI-765-10 Site Package – Providence Road Bus Maintenance Building
25. JNI-711-10 Repaving of the Bus Lot – Rosedale Bus Lot
26. PCR_275-10 Replacement of Kitchen Serving Lines and Kitchen Hood – Southwest Academy
27. MBU-527-10 Final Cleaning – West Towson Elementary School
28. RGA-159-10 Request for Approval: Educational Facilities Master Plan and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan FY 2010

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

In accordance with Board Policy 7330, Dr. Kendra Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area, informed Board members that a proposed indoor scoreboard at Franklin High School is being privately funded by the Franklin Athletic Boosters, Lifebridge, Velocity Sports Performance, and the Class of 2009. The existing scoreboard in the main gymnasium of Franklin High School is outdated. The scoreboard's maintenance, energy output, and location are impeding progress of the school's athletic programs.

On motion of Mr. Palozzi, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board approved the scoreboard installation at Franklin High School as presented in exhibit H (favor-11).

HEARING EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board affirmed the hearing examiner's opinion to affirm the Superintendent's decision in case #10-01 (favor-10). Student representative, Miss Jacqueline Camp, did not vote.

On a motion of Ms. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board affirmed the hearing examiner's opinion to affirm the Superintendent's decision in case #10-16 (favor-9; opposed-1). Ms. Roddy opposed this item. Student representative, Miss Jacqueline Camp, did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board affirmed the hearing examiner's opinion to affirm the Superintendent's decision in case #10-19 (favor-10). Student representative, Miss Jacqueline Camp, did not vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- On Wednesday, May 5, 2010, the Board of Education will host its Merit/Ethics Award Ceremony at Crowne Plaza in Timonium beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010, at Dundalk High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 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.
- The Baltimore County Board of Education will hold a public hearing to seek input about BCPS' FY2012 Capital Budget needs on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. on the Greenwood campus in the ESS Building. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- The June meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, June 15. Please note that this is a change from the published schedule. The original date had been June 8. The change is needed so that Board members can participate in graduation ceremonies.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2011-2012

Dr. Bash Pharoan distributed to Board members his response to the school system's correspondence of April 20, 2010. Dr. Pharoan stated that the school system has not provided proof of secular reason for the system to close on the two religious holidays.

Mrs. Donna Khan stated that Islamic students are torn between attending school and attending religious events. She asked the Board to grant Islamic students their holidays so that they would not miss any time from school.

Dr. Hasan Jalisi asked the Board to consider adding Muslim holidays to the school calendar. He stated that if the Board could not add "fixed" holidays, then add two "floating" holidays on the school calendar.

Mrs. Isra Husaini asked the Board to consider closing schools for Eid-al-Fitr or add floating days so that families could spend time together.

Mr. Farooq Marfani asked the Board to consider adding the closure of Muslim holidays on the school calendar.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel stated that he was representing the Islamic Society of Baltimore, Inc. with over ten thousand members. Mr. Jameel asked the Board to place the two Islamic holidays on the school calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SPECIAL EDUCATION
STAFFING PLAN FOR 2010-2011

No one from the public signed up to speak on the proposed staffing plan.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan continued to address the April 20, 2010 correspondence. He asked for the elimination of the maximum of ten speakers for a Board meeting. Dr. Pharoan also requested that a verbatim summary of public speakers' comments be placed in minutes.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to add the two Islamic holidays to the school calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 4:36 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, 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.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in May and June.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(9) and upon motion of Ms. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board commenced its closed session at 4:41 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 4:41 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, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Jacqueline Camp. In addition, J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, and the following staff members were present: Dr. Kendra Johnson, 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; Daniel Capozzi, Staff Relations Manager; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice on the Open Meetings Act relative to stakeholder meetings.

Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff, entered the room at 5:03 p.m.

Board member, H. Edward Parker, and Superintendent, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, entered the room at 5:06 p.m.

Miss Camp exited the room at 5:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Mr. Haines provided Board members an update on health care and related issues with various collective bargaining units.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:29 p.m.

Miss Camp re-entered the room at 5:29 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board rescinded the closed session motion at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., the Board discussed the personnel involved in a potential reorganization and the evaluation of Board's counsel.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:22 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:43 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. 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 Ms. Maggie Kennedy, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served in The Baltimore County Public Schools.

Under item VI, New Business, Consideration of consent to the following personnel matters, Dr. Hairston added exhibit B-1, Retirements. Pursuant to Board Policy 8314, the addition to the agenda was unanimously approved by those Board members present (favor-12).

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Meeting Minutes of April 20, 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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board adopted a resolution honoring Jacqueline Camp for her service as student member of the Board for the 2009-2010 school year. Miss Camp was presented with the resolution as well as a gift from her Board colleagues.

WHEREAS, *Jacqueline Camp has served as a student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County with honor and distinction for the school year 2009-2010, including participation on the Board's Curriculum Committee; and*

WHEREAS, *She extends her countywide leadership by serving as a member of the Baltimore County Student Councils Executive Board and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board; and*

WHEREAS, *Jacqueline has also shown an interest in school leadership activities by serving as the editor-in-chief of the Catonsville High School newspaper; and*

WHEREAS, *Her many leadership activities compliment her scholastic achievements, which include the Speech and Debate team, theatre productions, French Club, and Student Sharing Coalition; and*

WHEREAS, *Jacqueline also took part in the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program in the summer of 2008; and*

WHEREAS, *She will graduate from Baltimore County Public Schools well prepared to begin the next phase of her education at Barnard College; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, assembled in regular session on the eighteenth of May, in the year two thousand ten, expresses to Jacqueline, its fondest regards and gratitude for her services; and be it further*

RESOLVED, *That the Board does herewith extend its best wishes for happiness, good health, and continued success in future endeavors, and that it directs a copy of this resolution to be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.*

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Matters

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board unanimously approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits B, B-1, and C (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

NEW BUSINESS (cont)

Building and Contract Awards

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Pallozzi, recommended approval of items 1-3 (exhibit D). Mr. Uhlfelder separated item 2 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1 and 3.

1. MWE-831-10 Limited HVAC Renovation – Chesapeake High School
3. JMI-629-10 Lighted Parking Lot and Associated Improvements – Perry Hall Elementary School

Item #2

Mr. Uhlfelder asked why there was a \$2 million difference on Alternate #7. Mr. Sines responded that one contractor may focus on the base price while another contractor may focus on the alternates. Mr. Sines stated that the Office of Purchasing undergoes a preconstruction bid process with every contract put out for solicitation.

Mr. Janssen asked whether construction bid forms require that the dollar value be recorded numerically or spelled out in written form. Mr. Sines responded that he would investigate and provide a response to the Board.

The Board approved item 2.

2. MWE-832-10 HVAC Renovation – Loch Raven High School

WORK SESSION REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Board of Education Policies** – Ms. O'Hare stated that the Board of Education's Policy Committee met to consider the policies presented this evening, and that the committee is recommending approval of these policies. This is the first reading.
 - Proposed Changes to Policy 1300 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

- Proposed Changes to Policy 6002 – INSTRUCTION: Selection of Instructional Materials-Philosophy

Mr. Schmidt asked whether the deleted language in Section B of this policy was being placed in another policy. Ms. Sonja Karwacki, Executive Director, Special Programs, PreK-12, responded that this language will be incorporated into the Rule.

- Proposed Changes to Policy 6100 – INSTRUCTION: Curriculum
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 6201 – INSTRUCTION: Equipment, Books, and Materials
- Proposed Changes to Policy 8221 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Duties and Responsibilities-Officers, Duties: President, Vice President
- Proposed Changes to Policy 8350 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Operations-Counsel

B. Report on Demographic Inversion and Implications for Student Achievement

– Ms. Michele Prumo, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, and Dr. Lisa Williams, Director of Equity and Assurance, reviewed the statistics related to demographic inversion and its affect on student achievement. The presentation covered:

- Seismic Shift in Community and Student Demographics
- Education “Reform” in the United States
- BCPS Accomplishments
- Shaping the Future

Additionally, Dr. Williams explained to Board members Title I elementary school Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) participation data by area, national education initiatives, and Baltimore County Public School’s (BCPS) unique education initiatives. Specifically, Dr. Williams noted the following:

- Title I
 - As Baltimore County receives a growing number of less affluent and poor students. This trend will greatly influence BCPS’ ability to make programmatic decisions.
- National Trends in Education Initiatives from 1980 to 2009
 - Increased involvement by the federal government.
 - Increased standards and efforts to engage the public through choice options.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

- BCPS Education Initiatives
 - Teacher quality and preparation.
 - Academic rigor and increased student access.
 - Enhancing student active engagement.
 - Building infrastructure/data-driven decision-making.

Ms. Prumo noted that there are many opportunities for students for jobs in many trades, industries, and service areas. She also noted that 11,000 jobs will be relocated to Aberdeen, Maryland due to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). Those jobs are opportunities for Baltimore County students.

Mr. Pallozzi commented that he had attended the Achievement Via Individual Determination's (AVID) Senior Reception last week. He stated that the 2010 AVID class has received more than \$9 million in scholarships.

On slide 35 of the presentation, Mr. Janssen noted that the pie chart had ten sections yet the key only listed nine occupations. Ms. Prumo said that she would research the matter and get back to the Board regarding the tenth occupation.

Ms. Johnson asked what the biggest challenges are relative to student achievement and the potential system adjustments that must be needed. Mr. Prumo responded that initiatives have been put in place to address the challenges ahead. Dr. Hairston stated that the school system has been able to manage change based upon the *Blueprint for Progress*. BCPS has a high graduation rate; the highest graduation rate at the national level for African-American students; and the school system will continue to manage resources available to ensure that rigorous accountability is in place for student performance. Dr. Hairston noted that there are some structural changes that could help the system to ensure that all students are receiving the same quality of instruction.

With respect to the 2008-2009 Achievement Report, Mr. Coleman commented that students receive low academic scores; however, the expulsion category in those areas is high. Mr. Coleman asked whether the school system is looking at these trends and bringing programs, such as AVID, into those schools to increase student performance. Dr. Hairston responded that the Department of Student Support Services has been reviewing programs to bring into Baltimore County to be proactive in addressing negative behavior at the earliest stages.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

Ms. Johnson asked what the total number of schools is where there are 75% or more FARM students. Dr. Williams responded that there are 11 or 12 schools for Fiscal Year 2011. Ms. Johnson asked whether performance of FARM students was increasing or decreasing. Dr. Williams responded that there is not a consistent correlation between low achievement and high poverty.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Financial Report for months ending March 31, 2009 and 2010
- B. 2008-2009 Report on Results and Supplemental Data

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Baltimore County Board of Education will hold a public hearing to seek input about BCPS' FY2012 Capital Budget needs on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. on the Greenwood campus in the ESS Building. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Harford Hills Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 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 attend all open sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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TENTATIVE REPORT

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Greenwood

Board President, JoAnn C. Murphy, called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. In addition to Ms. Murphy, the following Board members were present: Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, 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 staff members were present.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

1. Ms. Tracy Horch, PTA President, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to support capital improvements at Westowne Elementary School including air conditioning. Westowne Elementary School, with its heating and cooling issues, does not feel comfortable or healthy as compared to the newer schools. She believes that children are at a disadvantage as they learn in a technologically and physically inferior environment to other students in the county. Ms. Horch also expressed concern over the lack of parking for teachers and the poor condition of the bus loop.
2. Ms. Laura Cunningham, Parent and Instructional Assistant – Asked the Board to allocate money to address the heating and air conditioning issue at Westowne Elementary School. She stated that it gets hot quickly in the classrooms. It is difficult for three- and four-year-old students to work in that type of environment. She also provided testimony of another parent from Westowne Elementary School.
3. Eli Morton, Fifth Grade Student, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to allocate funds for an HVAC system for Westowne Elementary. He stated that students are not eating lunch because of the heat; the heat makes students drowsy and they zone out; and fans in the windows try to cool the classrooms and is a waste of energy. Eli stated that the heat is very painful to students and teachers.
4. Ms. Janine Kucik, Parent, Westowne Elementary School – Asked the Board to prioritize additional capital improvements at Westowne Elementary School including HVAC. She was disheartened to hear that Westowne Elementary was not one of the ten schools listed to receive air conditioning in the FY2011 capital budget. Cooling equipment, such as archaic fans, run at full speed and are extremely loud. Ms. Kucik also stated that, while West Towson Elementary School will have ergonomic chairs and electronic chalkboards, Westowne's PTA and principal slowly strive to add new technology one board at a time to the school's aging infrastructure.

5. Ms. Marcia Wolf, Principals, Orem Elementary School – Asked the Board to expand the parking lot for visitors and teachers using the surrounding school land that is currently not developed. Ms. Wolf, who was speaking on behalf of the PTA president, stated that there are currently 359 students enrolled at Orem Elementary with a projection of 364 students in 2010-2011. This does not include additional enrollment that may occur due to the closing of St. Clare Parochial School. She stated that parking at arrival and dismissal times creates unsafe situations for students and adults. Ms. Wolfe also requested that a useful space for drop off and pick up of students be created that does not interfere with buses.

The hearing was concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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