

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

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:47 p.m. at Greenwood. President Earnest E. Hines and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Hines reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in August, September, and October.

Student representative, Mr. Rohan Goswami, entered the room at 5:50 p.m.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508 (a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(8) and upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:52 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:52 p.m. at Greenwood. President Earnest E. Hines and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and Mr. Rohan Goswami. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Ms. Michele Prumo, Chief of Staff; Dr. John Quinn, Acting Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Karen Blannard, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools; Ms. Patricia Lawton, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools; Ms. Verletta White, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools; Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools; Ms. Barbara Walker, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools; Dr. Roger Plunkett, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Supervision; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director, Student Support Services; 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 that may be considered this evening. Mr. Parker requested that a corrective action request be generated for non-compliance to ISO-9001.

Ms. Howie updated Board members on the status of federal litigation filed regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Improvements Act of 2001.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, 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 6:46 p.m. at Greenwood. President Earnest E. Hines and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and Mr. Rohan Goswami. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the media were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Mr. Patrick Hancock, Manager of Risk Management, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. Kara Calder, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, introduced Mr. Steve James, Maryland Association of Boards of Education's (MABE) Insurance Pool Administrator, who presented the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Risk Management Incentive Award and a check for \$148,000 to Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS).

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on the Process for Board of Education Approval on Contracts and Budget** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, shared with Board members the approval process for contracts and the budget using the Quality Management System ISO 9001 model called “inputs” and “activities.” “Inputs” include identifying needs, receiving input from stakeholder groups, and any applicable federal, state, and/or county requirements. “Activities” include public hearings, analysis of bid proposals, and the development of operating and capital budgets based upon the inputs.
- B. **Report/Discussion on the Proposed FY 2012 State Capital Budget Request** – Ms. Burnopp reviewed the project priority order and provided background information on the capital budget process. She stated that the Board would be taking action at its September 7 meeting on the state capital request. Ms. Burnopp noted two changes to the priority list:
- After speaking with state officials, Hampton Elementary School planning funds are no longer needed. The recommendation would be to replace priority 5 with Western School of Arts and Technology, Chiller Replacement.
 - The priority list would end with item 23, Stoneleigh Elementary School, Renovation and Addition.

Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, provided an overview of the capital improvement program (CIP). The elementary school phase has been completed; however, there is a current need to return to some elementary schools to address critical infrastructure needs. The middle school phase has been completed and the major shift in the program is to address high school needs. Mr. Sines stated that the proposed CIP is reflective of the economic realities confronting our fiscal authorities. The plan is intended to complete major projects currently underway and to focus on existing needs.

Ms. Roddy asked about the difference between a limited renovation and a systemic renovation. Mr. Sines responded that limited renovation represents upgrade to an existing building, or a portion of a building, by upgrading or replacing a minimum of five major building systems and performing widespread educational or architectural enhancements. A systemic renovation project installs, upgrades, replaces, or renovates such as chillers, boilers, window systems, and roofs. A systemic renovation project is projected to last at least 15 years on any given systemic project.

REPORTS (cont)

Ms. Roddy inquired about limited and systemic renovations currently underway. Mr. Sines responded that Milford Mill Academy is a limited renovation and will be eligible for state funding for up to 15 years. The roof is good for another five to ten years. The current gymnasium will be converted to classrooms and the new addition will be a gymnasium.

Ms. O'Hare asked what the addition to Parkville High School is. Mr. Sines responded that it is a small addition connecting the corridor to provide a pathway for students.

Mr. Sines noted that Hampton Elementary is an example of a renovation and addition. Once funding is secured and the school renovated, it will not be eligible for any state funds for 16 years. The addition is to accommodate additional capacity and eliminate the relocatables.

Ms. Roddy asked how many additional classrooms would at Hampton and Stoneleigh elementary schools. Ms. Burnopp stated attachment II shows that Hampton Elementary would have an additional 300 seats and Stoneleigh Elementary would have an additional 200 seats.

Mr. Janssen asked whether a survey of facilities is ever conducted to determine future critical infrastructure issues. Mr. Sines responded the school system conducts facilities assessments annually. The Office of Maintenance goes to each school to complete an evaluation, and integrate the information from the operations survey with the maintenance survey and compare the results. Mr. Sines noted that, until the economic conditions improve, the work BCPS will engage in will rely upon enrollment projections and facilities assessments. Mr. Janssen asked that the survey be shared with Board members in the future.

Mr. Hines asked the Superintendent to provide the CIP information previously presented to the Board. This information will help new Board members understand the capital improvement process.

Ms. O'Hare suggested that, as Board members attend upcoming pre-budget hearings, a script be provided to help the public understand the economic conditions. Ms. Burnopp stated that she would work with the superintendent to make available the economic climate information shared with Board members at its August 14 retreat.

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Ms. Johnson asked whether air conditioning can be provided for those schools receiving limited renovations. The examples used were Milford Mill Academy, Parkville High, and Hereford High Schools. Mr. Sines responded that when these projects were designed last year, the school system's plan was to include air conditioning in all major renovations.

Mr. Coleman asked how many classrooms 200 seats represents. Mr. Sines responded that 200 seats at the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten level is 23 classrooms; Grades 1 through 5 is 25 classrooms; and middle and high school classrooms are based upon the respective programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hines made the following announcements:

- Schools and offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010, in observance of Labor Day. Schools and offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:00 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 7:40 p.m. at Greenwood. President Earnest E. Hines and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. James E. Coleman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education was present.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

The Board discussed a personnel matter with the Superintendent.

The Board adjourned its closed session at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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