

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** December 7, 2010

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7520 – NAMING OF THE BUILDING AND DEDICATION**

**ORIGINATOR:** Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Michael Sines, Executive Director, Department of Physical Facilities

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 7520. This is the third reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis 7520  
Attachment II – Policy 7520

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7520  
NAMING OF THE BUILDING AND DEDICATION**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Rule 8130, Policy 7520 is scheduled for review in school year 2010. The policy has been revised to conform with the Policy Review Committee's editing conventions; no substantive changes have been recommended to the content of the policy.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

There will be no fiscal impact on the system as a result of the changes.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 7330, *Capital Projects that are Funded by Private Donations*  
Board of Education Policy 7530, *Naming of a Capital Project or Area of a School*

Legal Requirements

None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Baltimore City Public Schools, Policy FFA, *Naming/Renaming a School Facility*
2. Harford County Board of Education System, Policy 20-0024-000, *Naming of Public School Facilities*
3. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 6050, *Naming or Renaming of School Buildings*
4. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy FFA, *Naming School Facilities*
5. Prince George's County Board of Education, Policy 3500, *Naming of New Schools*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Time

First reading – October 19, 2010

Public comment – November 9, 2010

Third reading/vote – December 7, 2010

NEW CONSTRUCTION: Occupying

Naming of the Building and Dedication

I. PHILOSOPHY

- A. The Board of Education OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) reserves the right to approve, or reject, a name for a new school building upon receiving a recommendation [for same] from the Superintendent [of Schools]. MOREOVER, the Board [of Education of Baltimore County] reserves sole control and authority over the naming of any school AND [Moreover, The Board hereby retains] the right to rename a school at any time [in the future] if the name is deemed by the Board to be inconsistent with [the] ITS educational mission or otherwise disruptive to the learning environment.
- B. [Normally, ]The Board [of Education] may name a school after:
  - 1. [A.]The community, the subdivision, the street on which it is located;
  - 2. [B.]The geographic location of the school;
  - 3. [C.]A significant and distinguishable landmark, which will immediately assist anyone in locating the general area of the school;
  - 4. [D.]A deceased, prominent person who has made an outstanding contribution of service to Baltimore County, the State of Maryland, or to the United States.
- C. The Board [of Education] further reserves the right to approve [,as to design, wording, and placement,] or reject proposals for erecting memorials in the form of plaques or monuments in new school buildings or on their sites, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DESIGN, WORDING, AND PLACEMENT OF THE MEMORIAL.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The BOARD DIRECTS THE Superintendent [of Schools shall] TO establish [administrative] procedures for THE NAMING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND [appropriate] dedication ceremonies [that may be celebrated] following completion and occupancy of a new school project.

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 7330, *Capital Projects that are Funded by Private Donations*  
Board of Education Policy 7530, *Naming of a Capital Project or Area of a School*

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Board of Education of Baltimore County