

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 5:25 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Mr. Rohan Goswami. 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 February and March 2011.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(1) and (a)(7) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:30 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:30 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Mr. Rohan Goswami. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to the Board regarding the hearing officers' opinions to be considered that evening.

Board member, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, entered the room at 5:41 p.m.

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

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Goswami, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:16 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

At 6:16 p.m., 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Mr. Rohan Goswami. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

The Board discussed possible changes to future work session agendas.

The Board adjourned its closed session at 6:41 p.m. for a brief dinner.

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:08 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, 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 Ms. Carmela Veit, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Dr. Hairston noted the following changes to tonight's agenda:

- The award of contract for item #18, Construction of a New School Construction Package 5A – Structural Steel – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools, has been changed to Strait Steel, Inc.
- Contract item #19, Construction of a New School Construction Package 5B – Miscellaneous Metals – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools, is being pulled from the agenda.
- Contract item #20, Construction of a New School Construction Package 6A – General Trades – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools, is being pulled from the agenda.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Minutes of January 12, 2011, and the Report on the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY2012 Operating Budget of January 19, 2011, Mr. Hines declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Mr. Hines 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. Hines 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. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, asked the Board to look at the budget to reconsider increasing class sizes and across-the-board cuts of 5%. She distributed to Board members a PowerPoint™ titled “Assessing Teacher Effectiveness” that was presented to the Educator Effectiveness Council. Ms. Bost commended Dr. Peccia and staff for developing a steering committee to review the teacher evaluation system in Baltimore County.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, provided an excerpt from her testimony presented at the Board’s FY12 operating budget public hearing. She asked the Board that, if there were any concerns remaining after tonight’s presentation on Use of School Facilities, it consider convening a public forum to further discuss the policy.

Mr. Ed Veit, a representative of the Diversity and Achievement Steering Committee, stated that technology and accountability are essential. He stated that an accountability measure long overdue in the school system is the Language Arts curriculum. The school system needs to develop and implement a consistent Language Arts writing program.

Ms. Jessica Paffenbarg, a representative of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented (G/T) Education, briefly discussed why so many parents support G/T education. Board members were provided a document called the “GT Toolkit,” which contains information for parents in learning about G/T education.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Coordinator of the Area Education Advisory Councils, reported on the joint area education advisory council meeting of January 20, 2011. Edward J. Novak, Esquire, provided a presentation to the council on state legislative issues while Mr. Robert Barrett discussed the county council and local issues. Ms. Shriver expressed concern that since the year 2000 approximately \$45 million has gone to fund technology and textbooks for non-public schools from the *Cigarette Restitution Fund*.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hairston announced that the annual luncheon with the county council would be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, to discuss the budget and community issues. Dr. Hairston will be in Annapolis on Friday, February 11, to provide an update on the state of the school system to the joint Baltimore County delegation.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Hines stated that the Board is continually questioned about many areas of our educational system. These questions come from public testimony, direct inquires to Board members, public hearings on capital and operating budgets, and area advisory councils. Some are specific to individual schools, while others cross the system. Mr. Hines reported on the following topics:

- Hampton Elementary School Addition – During the Building and Contracts Committee meeting of the Board of Education earlier this evening, design consultants along with the staff from the Department of Physical Facilities presented the plans for Hampton Elementary School. The concerns about the common areas were discussed during this presentation.
- Legislative Issues – Elected Board – An update on legislative issues will be presented during the evening’s meeting under the topic “Consideration of School Legislation.”

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments from the January 12, 2011, Board meeting.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CONSTANCE V. DEAN</u> (Effective January 13, 2011)	Resource Teacher Office of Special Education Non-Public Placements	Coordinator Office of Special Education Placements and Birth-to-Five
<u>JOSEPH M. WOJCIECHOWSKI</u> (Effective January 13, 2011)	Enterprise Systems Engineer Department of Technology	System Engineering Supervisor Department of Technology

OLD BUSINESS

**FY 2012 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 on January 24, 2011, preliminary calculations for Major State Aid Programs were released by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The newly released projection from MSDE includes an increase in the number of Baltimore County Public Schools students eligible for Free and Reduced Price meals. The governor has proposed a reduction of \$93.7 million in Thornton funding to support teacher's pensions. After reviewing MSDE projections for the five major state aid to education programs and the governor's budget announcement, staff has increased projected state aid by \$5.1 million. The revenue projections from MSDE are normally updated throughout the legislative session.

State and federal general fund revenue is now projected at \$535,977,759, and includes \$3.8 million from the Education Jobs Fund Bill that will be specifically used to fund employee health care costs. Direct state and federal aid to education are projected to increase by approximately \$8.9 million over the FY2011 Adjusted Operating budget. Local county revenues are proposed to increase by approximately \$1.7 million above the Maintenance of Effort prescribed by state law.

Additional state aid to education revenue of \$5.1 million is proposed to address projected cost increases for Individualized Education Program (IEP) requirements (\$3.9 million) to provide personal assistants to special education students and additional projected costs for expansion of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for preschool special education students (\$1.2 million).

The total budget for all funds is \$1,587,784,594.

Mr. Uhlfelder moved approval of the proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Hare and approved by the Board as presented in Exhibit B (favor-10; abstained-1). Mr. Bowler abstained from voting on this item. The student representative, Mr. Goswami, did not vote on this item.

**Board of Education Policies**

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Mr. Coleman recommended approval of 11 policies. This is the third reading.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

On motion of Ms. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the following proposed policies:

- Proposed Changes to Policy 4004 – PERSONNEL: General-Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, and/or Inappropriate Behavior Towards a Student by an Employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4114 – PERSONNEL: Professional-Assignment, Transfer, and Promotion
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4119 – PERSONNEL: Professional-Separation
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4215 – PERSONNEL: Classified-Personal Protective Equipment
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4216.3 – PERSONNEL: Classified-Administrative Review Procedure
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4232 – PERSONNEL: Status Change-Promotion, General
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4232.1 – PERSONNEL: Status Change-Promotion, Clerical
- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4233 – PERSONNEL: Status Change-Demotion
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5000 - STUDENTS
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5561 – STUDENTS: School Use of Reportable Offenses
- Proposed New Policy 8410 – INTERNAL BOARD OPERATIONS: Office of Internal Audit-Fraud Reporting

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board unanimously approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits N, O, P, Q, R, and S (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

### HEARING EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion of Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #11-11 be affirmed (favor-11). Student Board member, Mr. Goswami, did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #11-12 be affirmed (favor-11). Student Board member, Mr. Goswami, did not vote.

On a motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board approved that the hearing examiner's opinion in case #11-17 be affirmed (favor-11). Student Board member, Mr. Goswami, did not vote.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Mr. Schmidt, recommended approval of items 1-18, and 21-23 (exhibit T). Mr. Schmidt noted the following changes:

- Item 1 – the description should read, “This contract modification adds **one** provider to the contract...”
- Item 7 – the description should read, “Enrollment is open to all BCPS non-**certificated** employees with a maximum of 90 participants.”
- Item 18 – the award of contract is recommended to **Strait Steel, Inc.**
- Items 19 and 20 were pulled from tonight's agenda.
- Item 23 – the number of bids received should read “**3.**”

Mr. Schmidt separated item 17 for further discussion, and Ms. Roddy asked that item 18 be pulled for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1-16 and 21-23.

1. PCR-204-11 Contract Modification: Field Trip Transportation Services
2. JMI-612-09 Contract Modification: Network Components
3. MBU-536-10 Contract Modification: Printing and Reproduction Services
4. JMI-604-10 403b Financial Consulting Services
5. MWE-832-11 Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) and Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Articulation Agreement
6. MBU-513-11 Carpet – Provision, Removal, and Installation
7. RGA-921-11 Cohort – Certificate in Management for BCPS

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

8. RGA-922-11 Cohort – Graduate Certificate in School Administration and Supervision
9. JMI-617-11 Cut Sheet Paper (Copy, Laser Printers, and Duplicators)
10. JMI-750-11 Mobile Lift System
11. RGA-141-11 Office Supplies
12. JMI-751-11 Officiating Services for Spring Athletic Events
13. MWE-819-11 Window Blinds
14. MBU-539-09 Contract Modification: Drywall and Acoustical Contract (9A) – West Towson Elementary School
15. MBU-539-09 Contract Modification: Resilient Flooring Contract (9D) – West Towson Elementary School
16. JMI-616-11 Construction of a New School Construction Package 3A – Concrete – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools
21. JMI-616-11 Construction of a New School Construction Package 15A – Mechanical and Plumbing – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools
22. JMI-616-11 Construction of a New School Construction Package 16B – Electrical – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools
23. JMI-644-10 HVAC Equipment Replacement – Randallstown High School

Item #17

Mr. Schmidt stated that the Board had received a letter from Parkinson Construction Company, which raises issues related to the bid process. Mr. Schmidt asked whether there was a response from the school system. Mr. Gay responded that the school system did not hold a hearing with Mr. Parkinson. Mr. Gay stated that the letter did not follow the bid specifications. There is an appeal process in the bid that is made available to all of the vendors. Mr. Schmidt asked whether an appeal has been filed. Mr. Gay responded that an appeal has not been filed as outlined in the bid specifications.

Mr. Hines asked how the school system communicates the appeal process to its vendors. Mr. Gay explained that the bid specifications details the process. The Office of Purchasing assumes that the vendor has read the specifications and that the vendor is aware of the requirements. A vendor can attend the pre-bid meeting, which occurs prior to when the bids are due, should the vendor have any questions. Additionally, the contact information of the purchasing agent overseeing the project is included.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Mr. Schmidt asked whether the purchasing office was aware of the complaint. Mr. Gay responded that he saw the letter and will reply to the correspondence. Mr. Gay stated there is yet another appeal process once an award is made. Mr. Schmidt stated that he did not see anything in the letter that would appear improper.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved item 17.

17. JMI-616-11 Construction of a New School Construction Package 4A –  
Masonry – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools

Dr. Hairston stated that BCPS hosts a vendor fair every year to provide awareness and exposure of contracts within the school system.

Item #18

Ms. Roddy asked why the vendor had changed. Mr. Gay responded that Strait Steel, Inc. submitted additional documentation, to the school system's satisfaction, and was the lowest bidder even with the add alternates. Mr. Gay stated that all vendors were given the same opportunities.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved item 18.

18. JMI-616-11 Construction of a New School Construction Package 5A –  
Structural Steel – Dundalk and Sollers Point High Schools

RENAMING OF THE PERRY HALL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Ms. Barbara Walker, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools, reported that Perry Hall High School is seeking approval to name the Library/Media Center to honor the school's second principal, James E. Bowerman. Mr. Bowerman opened Perry Hall High School and served as an Assistant Principal from 1963-1971 and principal from 1971-1989. Mr. Bowerman had the longest tenure of any administrator who has served at Perry Hall High School.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board unanimously approved the renaming of the Perry Hall High School library as presented in exhibit U.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

Ms. Kara Calder, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, informed the Board that the revisions reflect an adjustment to the summer school schedule.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS (cont)

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. O'Hare, the Board unanimously approved the revised 2010-2011 school calendar as presented in exhibit V.

2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

Ms. Calder informed the Board that the revisions were to accommodate reopening schools after winter break on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 as well as an adjustment to the summer school schedule.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board unanimously approved the revised 2011-2012 school calendar as presented in exhibit W.

CURRICULUM

The Curriculum Committee, represented by Ms. Johnson, recommended approval of the Economic and Public Issues Curriculum Pilot.

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the Board unanimously approved the above curriculum, as presented in exhibit X.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION

Edward J. Novak, Esquire, Manager of Governmental and External Relations, reviewed with the Board proposed legislation currently under consideration by the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board unanimously voted to support HB1 – Education – Youth Athletes - Concussions (favor-12).

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board unanimously voted to oppose HB12 – Procurement – Employee Uniforms and Equipment – Place of Manufacture.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board unanimously voted to oppose HB26 – Education Funding Formula – Average Daily Attendance.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted to support HB44/SB53 – Education – Waiver from Maintenance of Effort Requirement – Process and Factors (favor-11; opposed-1). Mr. Parker opposed support of this item.

On motion of Mr. Bowler, seconded by Mr. Goswami, the Board unanimously voted to support HB48 – State Government – Open Meetings Act – Notice and Complaints.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION (cont)

On motion of Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board unanimously voted to oppose HB73 – Vehicle Laws – School Buses – Prohibition on Permitting Sitting on Floor or Standing.

On motion of Mr. Goswami, seconded by Ms. O’Hare, the Board voted to take no position on HB127 – State Board of Education – Financial Literacy Curriculum – Graduation Requirement (favor-11; abstained-1). Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on this item.

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board voted to take no position on HB160 – Baltimore County Public Schools – Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (favor-9; opposed-2; abstained-1). Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Parker opposed this item. Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on this item.

In regards to HB231, Mr. Janssen asked whether there is any language in the bill that addresses who has ownership of buildings constructed with the use of public funds. Mr. Novak responded that there is no language in the bill; however, there is language that would suggest that the Board could potentially be liable if in fact there was a default on the loan.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board voted to oppose HB231 – Education – Public Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Fund (favor-11; abstained-1). Mr. Bowler abstained from voting on this item.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Mr. Roddy, the Board unanimously voted to support with amendments SB 6 – Optional Retirement Program – State and Participating Governmental Unit Employees - Participation.

In regards to SB41, Mr. Bowler asked what the changes are. Mr. Novak responded that the bill would be effective June 1, 2013; the age would increase from 15 years to 16 years, then 16 years to 17 years with final implementation in 2015. Ms. Roddy asked what the cost implication for the school system is. Mr. Novak responded the cost would be \$48.8 million state wide. There is no breakdown beyond the state level at this time.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted to oppose SB41 – Education – Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions (favor-11; abstained-1). Ms. Roddy abstained from voting on this item.

Mr. Novak noted that HB 398 and SB 397 were filed to create a Task Force to study a school board process and structure. The Task Force would consist of the following 12 members:

SCHOOL LEGISLATION (cont)

- the chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation, or the Chair's designee;
- three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation;
- the chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the Chair's designee;
- three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation;
- three members, appointed by the Baltimore County Executive; and
- one member, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County Council.

Mr. Novak noted that, if the bill passes, the Task Force would hold at least one public meeting to permit members of the general public and stakeholder organizations to testify about the issues being studied.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously voted to oppose SB141 – Baltimore County – Hybrid School Board – Election and Appointment of Members.

Based upon Ms. Shriver's comments early this evening, Mr. Bowler asked whether the Aid to Education for Non-Public School bill has been filed. Mr. Novak responded that the budget proposed for FY12 would maintain the same levels of funding for the state for non-public schools, which would be about \$4.5 million per year. Mr. Novak also noted that the BOAST tax credit bill for non-public schools was just recently filed.

Ms. O'Hare asked how much of the \$4.5 million would come to Baltimore County. Mr. Novak stated that he would check and report the information back to the Board.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on the Use of School Facilities** – Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, and Mr. William Wingerd, Operations Administrator for Physical Facilities, provided an overview of BCPS' policies, rules, and guidelines for managing the safe and appropriate use of school facilities. BCPS provides numerous curricular and extracurricular activities beyond the regular school day, including:
- Extended School Year Programming
  - Supplemental Educational Services
  - After-school clubs, organizations, and student groups
  - Interscholastic sporting events and practices

REPORTS (cont)

- Instrumental and vocal music performances and rehearsals
- Theatrical performances and rehearsals, and practices
- Dance and cheerleading performances and rehearsals
- Back-to-school nights
- Parent-teacher meetings and conferences
- Meetings with faculty and/or staff

Board Policy and Superintendent's Rule 1300, *Use of School Facilities*, allows community groups and organizations to conduct fundraising activities on Board property as long as all monies derived from such fundraising activities are used for the direct support of the educational mission of BCPS or the purpose of the school, school community, or school system.

As outlined in Superintendent's Rule 1300, Mr. Sines and Mr. Wingerd highlighted the following areas:

- Priority of Use
- Conditions of Use
- Activities not permitted on Board property
- Insurance and loss prevention
- Special civic events
- Recycling and trash program.

Ms. O'Hare asked whether the application process for community clean-up days could be expedited. Mr. Sines responded that his department receives calls from elected officials alerting the school system about dumping on school property. The school system dedicates staff to ensure the school grounds are safe.

Mr. Uhlfelder asked how many facilities have been added since 2004. Mr. Sines responded two or three. Mr. Uhlfelder asked whether the facilities are being used "five times more" than 2004. Mr. Sines responded that the school system is attempting to manage its resources effectively. In managing facilities, we need to know who is using the buildings and why.

Mr. Sines noted that this report only identifies the activities the school system has approved through its process. It is possible that all events and activities taking place in school buildings have not yet been identified.

Dr. Hairston stated that this issue is about facilities management. It took four years to building a maintenance department and receive county funding to put schools back into functional use. The process is not meant to prohibit the community from participating, but to permit the school system to maintain its facilities.

### REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Hines asked whether additional staff is required for events. Mr. Sines responded that if a community organization uses the facilities and requires custodial coverage, there is a charge to that organization.

Mr. Schmidt reiterated state law, which reads, "...each county board shall encourage the use of public school facilities for the use of school purposes." Mr. Sines stated that he is unaware of any other LEA that would come close with BCPS volume of use of facilities. This is not about prohibition; it is about managing resources and achieving the mission.

Mr. Janssen stated that the Department of Physical Facilities cannot afford to have any increase in materials costs. Mr. Janssen commented that, while there may not be a perfect answer, Mr. Sines and his staff have done a good job with maintaining the system's facilities.

Ms. Johnson asked how the interest evolved. Mr. Sines responded that he has received e-mails, listened to stakeholder groups, and that the issue has been brought before the Board. Ms. Johnson asked whether complaints have been received across the county. Mr. Sines responded that the school system has not had a great number of people expressing concern except for when an application is disapproved.

Ms. O'Hare asked how many recreation and parks applications have been approved out of 5,000 received. Mr. Wingerd responded approximately 50%. Ms. O'Hare asked whether recreation and parks pays for the maintenance of the school buildings. Mr. Sines responded that BCPS has a formal joint use of agreement between the two agencies. Mr. Robert Barrett, Executive Office of Community Outreach, stated that recreation and parks does not share in the utility cost. He stated that the numbers do not include the outdoor use of school property. Mr. Barrett noted that the few complaints received are minor in comparison with the number of permits that are approved.

### INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 4004 – PERSONNEL: General-Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, and/or Inappropriate Behavior Towards a Student by an Employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule 4215 (renumbered to 4012) – PERSONNEL: Personal Protective Equipment

INFORMATION (cont)

- C. Revised Superintendent's Rule 5561 – STUDENTS: School Use of Reportable Offenses
- D. Southeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hines made the following announcements:

- The Northwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at Old Court Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at Catonsville Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at Pleasant Plains Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Schools and offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2011, in observance of Presidents' Day. Schools and offices will reopen for on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:15 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.

Mr. Hines stated that public comment is one of the opportunities provided to hear the views and receive the advice of community members. The members of the Board appreciate hearing from interested citizens and will take their comments into consideration, even though it is not the Board's practice to take action at this time on issues which are raised. When appropriate, the Board will refer concerns to the superintendent for follow-up by his staff.

While the Board encourages public input on policy, programs, and practices within the purview of this Board and this school system, this is not the proper avenue to address specific student or employee matters, or to comment on matters that do not relate to public education in Baltimore County. The Board encourages everyone to utilize existing avenues of redress for complaints. Inappropriate personal remarks or other behavior that disrupts or interferes with the conduct of this meeting are out of order.

Mr. Hines also asked speakers to observe the light system, which lets the speaker know when time is up. He asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see the red light.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kay Hardisky asked the Board to allow the craft fair to continue at Ridgely Middle School.

Mr. Antonio Wolff expressed his strong support for including the necessary funding to complete the architectural plans for an addition at Stoneleigh Elementary School.

Mr. Win Boyer stated that the Parkville High School Athletic Boosters Club has sponsored a flea market and craft fair for over 30 years. Mr. Boyer asked the Board to allow these events to continue at school facilities.

Ms. Rita Hall stated that the largest fundraiser at Catonsville High School is the craft fair. Ms. Hall asked the Board to allow the craft fairs back into the school.

Ms. Alice Rhodes stated that it is unfair to discontinue craft fairs while other businesses are repeatedly soliciting students each year. She stated that, if craft fairs are no longer allowed, then the PTA would be forced to increase its direction donation and direct sales programs. Ms. Rhodes urged the Board to reconsider its decision to discontinue the craft fairs.

Ms. Laura Lechtzin stated that funding for Stoneleigh Elementary School was abandoned in May 2010. She urged the Board to support immediate funding for an architectural design for Stoneleigh Elementary School.

Dr. Laurie Taylor-Mitchell stated that the report on Use of School Facilities heard earlier this evening was misleading. She stated her belief that the number of groups denied access to school facilities had jumped by 47% last year. She asked the Board to demand revisions to Superintendent's Rule 1300.

Mr. Warren Hack stated that Franklin High School students lost a year of a marching band program due to the "Joint Use of High School Stadiums" agreement between BCPS and Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.

Dr. Bash Pharoan expressed concern that public comments are noted in meeting minutes by only two or three lines. He stated that when he has asked for membership, data, and other items, his request has been rejected. Dr. Pharoan asked the Board to discuss and debate the issue of holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned its meeting at 10:14 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

At 10:21 p.m., 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, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Mr. Rohan Goswami. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

The Board discussed the impending presidential visit.

The Board adjourned its administrative function session at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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