

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

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 4:57 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Schmidt reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in November and December.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(1) and (a)(9), and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board commenced its closed session at 4:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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Miss Adams exited the room at 4:58 p.m.

Mr. Duque provided Board members with an update on negotiations with various collective bargaining units.

Mr. Duque exited the room and Miss Adams re-entered the room at 5:36 p.m.

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

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:43 p.m. All staff exited the room with the exception of Dr. Dance and Ms. Howie.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION SESSION

Ms. Frances Parker, Chief Auditor, and Ms. Andrea Barr, Assistant Chief Auditor, entered the room at 5:45 p.m.

At 5:45 p.m. the Board received a project status update from the Office of Internal Audit.

Mr. Collins exited the room at 6:17 p.m. Mr. Collins re-entered the room at 6:21 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Bowler, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board adjourned its administrative function session at 6:32 p.m. for a brief dinner.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:07 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, 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. Clifford Collins, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Dr. Dance removed item V, Special Order of Business, from tonight's agenda.

Mr. Schmidt 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. Schmidt 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.

Mr. Schmidt 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. Schmidt also asked speakers to observe the timer, which lets the speaker know when time is up. He asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see his/her time is up.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Jacki Brewster, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reminded Board members that the following next week was American Education Week. This is an opportunity for parents and community members to visit schools and see the progress of students.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, Coordinator of the Area Education Advisory Councils (AEAC), reported that the five advisory councils held their operating and capital pre-budget hearings in October. She stated that the northeast and central area education advisory councils do not have a chairperson at this time.

Mr. Clifford Collins, Chair of the Northwest Area Education Advisory Council, reported on its operating and capital pre-budget hearing held on October 16, 2012. The requests included: wireless internet access, classroom computers, additional staffing, comprehensive renovations, and air conditioning. Mr. Collins announced that the Council's next meeting would be held on November 14, 2012.

Ms. Jacqueline Brewster, Chair of the Southeast Area Education Advisory Council, reported on its September 10, 2012, meeting, which included an update on secondary schools, and its October 8, 2012, operating and capital pre-budget hearing. Requests from the pre-budget hearing included: professional development, preventive maintenance, additional staffing, technology, and funding to support the Common Core Standards. Ms. Brewster announced that the Council's next meeting would be held on November 12, 2012, at Berkshire Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 1210

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3123

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3125

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3210

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3231

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3530

One member of the public signed-up; however, was not in attendance when called upon to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 4002

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 5460

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 5540

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 6301

Ms. Jasmine Shriver stated that she was in favor of the proposed changes to this policy. Ms. Shriver also stressed that the Jewish holidays are not “federally mandated holidays” and are not listed in this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 8330

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Greene expressed concern over the proposed 2013 Board Legislative Platform. He believes that the school board for Baltimore County should be elected.

Dr. Bash Pharoan thanked the Board for recognizing ethnicity in its 2012-2013 Focus Areas. He stated that there is no secular reason to close schools for the Jewish holidays and asked the Board to consider adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Dance reported on the following items:

- Thanked Baltimore County government and Baltimore County Public Schools’ employees for their exemplary job in getting schools and offices open and back to normal following Hurricane Sandy.
- Thanked the Board for the resolution regarding sequestration to be considered later this evening.
- Announced that next week is American Education Week and encouraged grandparents, parents, and community members to visit schools.

A video was shown that focused on positive behavior interventions to keep students focused and in school.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Schmidt reported on the following topics:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont)

- **Transportation Transfer Options** – Several parents expressed concern regarding the Title I Transportation Transfer Option. The superintendent's staff is committed to meeting with the impacted families and will make a determination in January 2013.
- **Focus Areas** – A request was made at the last Board meeting to revise the Board Norm's regarding race and ethnicity. On October 9, the Board voted to amend its Focus Areas for 2012-2013 and added the following statement to Student Achievement, "Striving to reduce achievement disparities among racial and ethnic groups."

OLD BUSINESS

FY2014 State Capital Budget Request

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board approved the revised FY2014 State Capital Budget request as presented in exhibit A (favor-10). Miss Adams did not vote on this item.

Charter School Agreement

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board approved the Imagine Discovery Public Charter School agreement as presented in exhibit B (favor-8; opposed-2; abstained-1). Ms. Bright Gordon and Mr. Parker opposed this item. Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on this item.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits C, D, E, F, G, and H (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board approved the administrative appointments as presented in exhibit I (Copy of the exhibit is attached to the formal minutes).

Dr. Dance recognized the administrative appointments approved by the Board.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (cont)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>SHEILA D. REED</u> (Effective November 8, 2012)	Assistant Principal Randallstown High School	Superintendent's Designee
<u>MICHAEL E. SYE</u> (Effective November 8, 2012)	Acting Coordinator Office of Athletics	Coordinator Office of Athletics

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Government Relations Committee, represented by Mr. Uhlfelder, recommended approval of the 2013 Legislative Platform.

Mr. Bowler exited the room at 8:07 p.m.

Mr. Collins stated that he does not agree with some of the positions noted in the platform.

Mr. Bowler re-entered the room at 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Uhlfelder stated that the primary purpose of the legislative forum is to instruct and update legislators and elected officials on projects, facilities, and capacity issues within Baltimore County. He stated that the morning hours for the forum are conducive to the legislators' schedule and not necessarily the Board's schedule. Mr. Schmidt concurred with Mr. Uhlfelder's remarks.

Mr. Collins applauded the effort to meet with legislators; however, he stated his belief that it would be unwise to publish and anticipate legislative policies.

Ms. Bright Gordon commended the committee for its work; however, she was not consulted on these positions. Ms. Roddy concurred with Ms. Bright Gordon's remarks. Ms. Roddy also noted that there are one or two positions with which she disagrees.

The legislative platform was not approved (favor-6; opposed-5). Mr. Bowler, Ms. Bright Gordon, Mr. Collins, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Roddy opposed this item.

RESOLUTION

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION (cont)

- WHEREAS, A world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's school children; and*
- WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and*
- WHEREAS, These across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year and*
- WHEREAS, These across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 7 to 9 percent at a national level and would impact BCPS special education funding levels and programs funded at Title I schools and*
- WHEREAS, Sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and*
- WHEREAS, r public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants, and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and*
- WHEREAS, Federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and*
- WHEREAS, States and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as the Baltimore County Public School System has already implemented cost saving measures commensurate with state and local budget conditions; and now, therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.*

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Bright Gordon, recommended approval of items 1-11 (exhibit L). Mr. Uhlfelder pulled item 9 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1-8, and 10-11.

1. JNI-730-11 Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test – National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
2. RGA-134-09 Math Teacher Professional Development Institute
3. JMI-625-07 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
4. MWE-853-13 Band Uniforms for Pataspco High School and Center for the Arts
5. PCR-271-13 Building Bridges
6. JMI-615-13 Digital Photocopiers, Rental
7. MWE-857-13 Early Childhood Equipment and Supplies
8. MWE-844-13 Electronic Parts – Supply and Installation
10. JNI-723-13 Replacement of Boiler at Parkville Middle School
11. JNI-718-13 Replacement of Windows, Blinds, and Doors at Rodgers Forge Elementary School

Item #9

Mr. Uhlfelder asked what period of time the assessment of the program would cover. Ms. Michele Dressel, Coordinator of Social Studies, responded that the program would be assessed at the end of years one and three. Mr. Uhlfelder asked why the contract has a two-year term with a three-year extension. Mr. Richard Gay, Purchasing Manager, responded that the contract could continue for the five years without a need to come back to the Board for an extension approval. The Board's contact with the vendor does have termination for convenience. Mr. Uhlfelder expressed concern with the tablets and software becoming outdated within two to three years. Ms. Dressel stated that the tablet platform system was based on expansion and upgrading capabilities. The goal is to extend the life of the actual technology platform, which is part of the tablet program.

Ms. Johnson asked whether other schools would be included over the five-year term. Ms. Kathleen McMahan, Executive Director of Special Programs, responded that it depends on the results of this pilot. Ms. Johnson asked whether the school system would consider adding other schools at the end of the first year. Ms. McMahan responded that one year is a short period of time. Staff would monitor students' progress as the students enter into the sixth grade.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Mr. Bowler asked whether this item was reviewed by the Board's Curriculum Committee. Ms. Dressel responded that there is no change to the curriculum; only a change in the delivery and tool to be used.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board approved item 9.

9. MWE-849-13 Paperless Classroom at Loch Raven Academy

CURRICULA

The Curriculum Committee, represented by Mr. Bowler, recommended approval of the following curricular:

- Updated Business Education Programs of Study
- Deletion of the Middle School 8 Gifted and Talented (MS8 GT) Science

The Board approved these two curricula items (exhibits M and N).

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) Capacity Relief Strategies Update**– Ms. Kara Calder, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, shared with Board members that the strategic planning process is designed to help manage enrollment growth, declined, and programmatic changes. The report contained:

- Current enrollment of 107,033 students as of September 30, 2012;
- Projected enrollment of 109,143 students by 2016 and 112,530 students by 2021;
- Enrollment history;
- Elementary, middle, and high school capacity trends;
- Relief strategies;
- Enrollment caps and annexing;
- Short-, mid-, and long-term relief for each region; and
- Site bank properties.

Mr. Janssen asked what the life span of relocatables was. Mr. Pradeep Dixit, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, responded 25 to 30 years.

REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Janssen asked how many sites the school system acquired in the last ten years. Mr. Michael Sines, Chief Operations Officer, responded that the school system has explored many sites; however, it has added zero sites to the site bank in the past eight years. Mr. Sines stated that it is ultimately the county government's responsibility to secure sites. Mr. Janssen asked how many sites in the school system's bank are viable for building. Ms. Calder responded that, from the study conducted nine years ago, approximately 50% of those sites were considered viable for building. The school system needs to revisit the criteria and all sites.

Ms. Johnson asked which elementary school has the highest enrollment numbers. Ms. Calder responded that the largest elementary schools are New Town, Woodholme, and Vincent Farm. The school with the largest enrollment is New Town Elementary School where the current enrollment exceeds 900 students. Additionally, Hampton Elementary School is at 182% capacity. Ms. Johnson asked which middle school has the highest enrollment numbers. Ms. Calder responded that the enrollment numbers for middle and high schools would be provided to the Board in the Friday Letter.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Report on September 30 Official Enrollments, Projections, and Capacities
- B. Minutes of the Central Area Education Advisory Council's Operating and Capital Pre-budget Hearing of October 11, 2012
- C. Minutes of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council's Operating and Capital Pre-budget Hearing of October 10, 2012
- D. Minutes of the Southwest Area Education Advisory Council's Operating and Capital Pre-budget Hearing of October 17, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schmidt made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education will host its Fall Recognition Night on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at New Town High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 12, 2012, at Berkshire Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Northwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at New Town Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Education will hold a Legislative Forum on Monday, November 19, 2012, at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology beginning at 7:45 a.m.
- The Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Dallas Dance
Secretary-Treasurer

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TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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The Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #12-36. At 4:20 p.m., the Board recessed the oral argument to wait for the Appellant.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 4:21 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(7) and upon motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board commenced its closed session at 4:22 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 4:22 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Ms. Michele O. Prumo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Michael G. Sines, Chief Operations Officer; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to Board members regarding school closures on religious holidays.

Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief Communications Officer, entered the room at 4:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Dr. Dance updated the Board on a matter related to real property.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(3), and upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Janssen, the Board approved to amend the closed session agenda.

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Bright Gordon, the Board adjourned its closed session at 5:06 p.m.

At 5:13 p.m., the Board reconvened the hearing. The matter was heard in closed session.

In addition to the above listed Board members, the following persons were present for oral argument: Ms. Michele O. Prumo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Michael G. Sines, Chief Operations Officer; Dr. Carol Batoff, Superintendent's Designee; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Anjanette F. Dixon, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

The proceedings of the hearing were recorded by a court reporter.

Mr. Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent, entered the room at 5:45 p.m.

The hearing ended at 5:53 p.m. Board members deliberated on the case. All staff exited the room.

The deliberation was concluded at 6:12 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:31 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open Minutes of October 5, 2012, Mr. Schmidt declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Mr. Schmidt informed the audience of the sessions in which Board members had participated earlier in the afternoon, and he:

- Introduced Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., who was appointed by the Governor to replace Mr. James Coleman.
- Reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony held at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology earlier today.
- Reported on the Board's Legislative Forum held on November 19.

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ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Miss Breana Echols, Baltimore County Student Council President and member of the Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the November 13, 2012, general assembly meeting, where the council broke an attendance record. She also reported on the Middle School Leadership Conference held November 17, 2012, with over 80 middle school students in attendance.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Ms. Elisa Hartman, a representative of the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee, reported on the Committee's recommendation to strengthen the social success of Baltimore County Public Schools' students. She announced that the Committee's next meeting would be held on December 10, 2012.

Ms. Jessica Paffenbarger, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented (G/T) Education, expressed concern over the identification number of the Grade eight G/T science course and issues about Grade six G/T math. Ms. Paffenbarger announced that the next meeting would be held on December 5, 2012, at Wellwood International School.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, provided a brief update on the new non-certificated supervisory unit. He also asked the Board to reconsider granting the agency fee.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked the Board whether it has the right to add or remove the Jewish holidays from the school calendar. Mr. Schmidt responded that the Board approves the school calendar. Dr. Pharoan asked whether the Board has the right to close schools for the Muslim holidays. Mr. Schmidt stated that the Board approves the school calendar and adheres to what the law requires.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adopted a resolution honoring former Board member, James E. Coleman. The resolution stated:

WHEREAS, James E. Coleman has served as a member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County with distinction and honor from August 2008 through October 2012; and

WHEREAS, He has worked actively for the improvement of education for all Baltimore County youth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman has represented the Board of Education of Baltimore County at the national level by serving on the National School Board Association's Federal Relation Network; and

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

WHEREAS, He has served as a member of the Board's Policy Review Committee, and served as its Chair, and has served as a member of the Curriculum Committee, and served as its Vice-Chair, and he has also served on the Budget and Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman has served with dedication his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, herewith assembled in regular session on the twentieth of November, in the year two thousand twelve, recognizes the outstanding contributions of James E. Coleman; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith extend its deepest appreciation and gratitude for his dedication, loyalty, and service and further extends its best wishes for good health, happiness, and continued success in his future endeavors.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Schmidt announced that the BCPS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is published annually after completion of the annual audit of the Board's financial statements. Each year, student artwork is included in the CAFR. The fiscal year 2012 CAFR includes the work of high school students, and these students are recognized at the Board meeting when the CAFR is presented to the Board. Each participating student received a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble book store. Those students recognized were:

- Abby Mudd – Loch Raven High School
- Matia Wills – Lansdowne High School
- Aaliyah Freeman – Overlea High School
- Taylor Stevens – Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts

ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board confirmed the action taken in closed session in Case Number H.E. 12-36 (favor-10; abstained-1). Ms. Johnson abstained from voting on this item.

WORK SESSION REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **FY2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit (CAFR)** – Mr. David Uhlfelder, Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee, presented the fiscal year 2012 financial and single audit report and the management letter to the Board. On November 13, 2012, Clifton Gunderson, the Board’s external auditor met with the Budget and Audit Committee to discuss their audit of Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) related to the preparation of the fiscal year 2012 CAFR and the fiscal year 2012 Single Audit Report. The Board received an unqualified opinion on the CAFR, which is the greatest level of assurance that an auditor can give to indicate that the financial statements of an organization are not materially misstated.

The Single Audit report, a compliance audit of federal grant programs, contained no findings. Additionally, the auditors consider all prior year Single Audit findings to be resolved.

- B. **Update on Curriculum and Instruction** – Ms. Patricia Lawton, Chief Academic Officer, provided to Board members an update on curriculum and instruction topics. Those topics included:

- Ensuring a highly rigorous curriculum and academic program as part of the school system’s five-year strategic plan, *Blueprint 2.0*.
- Aligning curriculum, programs, assessment, and professional development.
- Rigorous college and career-ready curriculum with equal access to all students.
- Developing and planning a systematic approach to evaluation.

Ms. Linda Marchineck presented Maryland’s New Accountability Program, focusing on the School Progress Index (SPI). The index is based upon Maryland’s Core Values, which include: achievement, growth, college and career-readiness, and reducing gaps.

Mr. Schmidt asked for a progress report on increasing classroom technology access. Mr. Lawton responded that staff is putting a professional development plan in place to focus on instructional leadership and delivery.

Mr. Parker asked whether the school system has considered a “new paradigm” to replace summer writing workshops. Mr. William Burke, Executive Director of Professional Development, responded that the school system’s approach is to place professional development as close to the school as possible. Teacher leaders are being identified so that they can provide a service to the whole school.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

Ms. Bright Gordon asked what plans are in place for those schools not meeting the SPI targets and what support will those schools receive. Dr. Dance responded that the assistant superintendents that are working with Tier III middle and high schools with the same type of support for elementary schools next school year. He commented that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is still attempting to understand how the waiver affects the stated. Dr. Dance stated that the school system needs to consider building interventions into a school's daily schedule.

Mr. Bowler asked how libraries, art, and music fit into the SPI. Ms. Lawton responded that staff is committed to embedding all of those components into the students' content field. Mr. Bowler asked whether these courses were part of the SPI. Dr. Dance responded in the negative; however, NCLB is still law. Dr. Dance noted that the current administration will have to discuss the reauthorization of NCLB.

Ms. Johnson expressed concern that the curriculum mini-audit noted that courses were inconsistently developed. While serving on the Curriculum Committee, Ms. Johnson stated that the committee was told the complete opposite. Ms. McMahon stated that staff is in discussions regarding a more rigorous curriculum for all students. It is important that the school system looks at a standard across all contents areas and all information and that curriculum development and approval goes through the Chief Academic Officer. The school system's development of the curriculum is changing, which will also require that the gifted and talented (G/T) curriculum change. Ms. Lawton noted that one of the charges is to design a stronger and rigorous curriculum and with that will come the enrichment components for G/T students as well as special needs students. Ms. Johnson continued to express concern whether the school system has made any progress in the curricula.

Mr. Janssen asked whether the school system has considered eliminating a G/T curriculum in middle schools. Ms. McMahon responded that the Office of Gifted and Talented has begun to review the course registration guide to identify those courses comparable to the G/T Science 8. Mr. Janssen asked about G/T 6 mathematics. Ms. McMahon stated that Dr. Staley, Director of Mathematics, has contacted and visited those schools in question and has met with the principals or department chairs. Recently, a professional development opportunity was provided to G/T Grade six teachers in order to refine their understanding of the intended instructional approach. Dr. Dance stated that the Board will receive regular updates on curriculum and instruction.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

Ms. Johnson asked whether the school system has a cost and time frame for developing all new curriculum. Ms. Lawton responded that the school system has released a Request for Proposal (RFP). Ms. Lawton noted that there will be a significant cost implication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schmidt made the following announcements:

- Schools and offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, 2012, in observance of Thanksgiving. Schools and offices will reopen on Monday, November 26, 2012.
- The Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 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 meeting will reconvene at approximately 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Dallas Dance
Secretary-Treasurer

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TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 5:49 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Schmidt reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in December 2012 and January 2013.

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 Ms. Roddy, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:59 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:59 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Mr. Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Michele O. Prumo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Michael G. Sines, Chief Operations Officer; Dr. Lisa Grillo, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief Communications Officer; J. Stephen Cowles, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

Dr. Grillo and Dr. Arrington exited the room at 6:14 p.m.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice on religious holidays and school closures.

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:42 p.m. for a brief dinner.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:07 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, 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. Holly Tiediman, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Minutes of October 23, 2012, Mr. Schmidt declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Mr. Schmidt 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. Schmidt 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.

Mr. Schmidt 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. Schmidt also asked speakers to observe the timer, which lets the speaker know when time is up. He asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see his/her time is up.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Abby Beytin, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, stated that there needs to be more staff to lower class sizes; more planning time; and additional assistants to help with the work that is taking away from the planning and implementation of quality instruction.

Mr. P. J. Shafer, Esquire, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on the Committee's last three meetings, which addressed the placement process; meeting with the assistant superintendents; and discussing teaching social skills in the classroom. He announced that the next Committee meeting would be held on December 10, 2012.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees (CASE), reminded the Board that the CASE unit would be divided into two separate bargaining units effective July 1, 2013. He stated that the steering committee of non-certificated employees has met and is in the process of determining membership and costs.

Ms. Beverly Coleman, Chair of the Southwest Area Education Advisory Council, reported on the November 28, 2012, meeting on the issue of understanding standardized testing. Major concerns included online testing and whether teachers would be provided training to assist students. The Council's next meeting would be held on December 19, 2012, at the Catonsville Center for Alternative Studies.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alla Kotor asked that the prekindergarten program remain at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

Mr. James Sasiadek (former president of the Board of Education) stated that the Summit Park is a wonderful community and a community that supports education. He expressed his delight that the Pikesville Recreation Council has entered into an agreement with the community to provide a quality prekindergarten program. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

Ms. Kim Pinsky stated that the prekindergarten students would have to vacate the building so that the elementary students could use the space at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. She urged the Board to recognize the value and importance of the prekindergarten program at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

Mr. Brian Friedlander asked the Board to retain the prekindergarten program at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Mr. David Greene encouraged the Board to continue dialogue with the public, as begun at the preceding Board meeting.

Ms. Marisol Johnson stated that the prekindergarten program needs to stay at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

Ms. Tracey Paliath commented on the community benefits of having the prekindergarten program at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

Mr. Igor Taran urged the Board to retain the prekindergarten program at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

Dr. Bash Pharoan thanked the Board president for his open discussion at the last Board meeting.

Ms. Mex Rozge stated that there needs to be a long-term solution to address the prekindergarten program at Summit Park Elementary School. Approximately 20 people stood in support of this individual's comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dance reported on the following items:

- The first Student Town Hall meeting scheduled for December 5, 2012.
- Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) is one of 61 school systems in the final stages of receiving the Race to the Top (RTTT) grant worth \$30 to \$40 million.
- Met with the Large Countywide Suburban District Consortium (LCSDC).
- Recognized Principal Maralee Clark – Woodholme Elementary School has become the county's 14th National Blue Ribbon School.
- Recognized Principal Betty Pettiford – Dogwood Elementary School was recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) as a Title I Superlative Performing Reward School.

A video was shown focusing on how BCPS celebrates the diversity of its students and staff.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Schmidt reported on the following topics:

- **Closing Schools on Religious Holidays** – Mr. Schmidt stated that the *Annotated Code of Maryland* sets aside seven days that are mandatory “public school holidays” on which schools throughout the state of Maryland must be closed. For other days, the Board must be mindful that students are required to be in school 180 days per year when setting a calendar. The legal standard—as set forth by the Maryland State Board of Education, Maryland Law, and federal cases—provide that it would be unconstitutional for Baltimore County Public Schools to close for any holidays that would recognize or advance any religion. School closures are driven the school system by secular reason for example, possible high rates of absenteeism for students and/or teachers. He also stated that, as noted by the courts the Board can use its own judgment whether to commission a study or survey. Mr. Schmidt stated that the Board must comply with the law, and will close for the state mandated holidays and other days when the Board, in its judgment, believes that a secular purpose is served by the closure of schools on those dates. He commented that the Board believes that the school calendar is in compliance with Maryland Law and the United States Constitution.

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. Roddy, recommended approval of eleven policies. This is the third reading.

The Board approved these policies (favor-11).

- Proposed Changes to Policy 1210 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-Relationship with Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations
- Proposed Changes to Policy 3123 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Reporting
- Proposed Changes to Policy 3125 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services-School Activity Funds
- Proposed Changes to Policy 3210 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing Services-Purchasing Guides
- Proposed Changes to Policy 3231 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing Services-Vendor Performance Evaluation

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

- Proposed Changes to Policy 3530 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Physical Plant Services-Safety and Security
- Proposed Changes to Policy 4002 – PERSONNEL: General-Obligations of Employees of the Board of Education of Baltimore County
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5460 – STUDENTS: Services to Students-Searches
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5540 – STUDENTS: Conduct-Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Dangerous Substances, Intoxicants, Prescription, and Nonprescription Drugs
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6301 – INSTRUCTION: Schedules-School Calendar
- Proposed Changes to Policy 8330 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Operations-Minutes

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the appointment of the assistant principal, Lansdowne High School (favor-11).

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board approved the appointment of the Chief Auditor (favor-9; opposed-2). Mr. Collins and Ms. Roddy opposed this item. Mr. Collins stated that while he fully supports the appointment; however, he expressed concern over the process. Ms. Roddy concurred with Mr. Collin's remarks.

On motion of Mr. Bowler, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board approved the appointment of the specialist, Office of Health Services (favor-11).

Dr. Dance recognized the administrative appointments approved by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>NATALIE A. ADAMS</u> (Effective December 5, 2012)	Teacher/Science Pikesville High School	Assistant Principal Lansdowne High School

PERSONNEL MATTERS (cont)

ANDREA M. BARR
(Effective January 1, 2013)

Assistant Chief Auditor
Office of Audit

Chief Auditor
Office of Audit

KATHRYN RUSSELL
(Effective December 5, 2012)

School Nurse
Sparks Elementary School

Specialist
Office of Health Services

Dr. Dance recognized Philip Abraham, Esquire, who was reappointed to the Ethics Review Panel effective January 1, 2013.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Bright Gordon, recommended approval of items 1, 3 through 8, and 10 and 11 (exhibit T). Ms. Bright Gordon pulled items 2 and 9 from the agenda. Mr. Uhlfelder abstained from voting on item 5. Ms. Bright Gordon separated item 12 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11.

1. MWE-850-13 Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Equipment – Maintenance, Repair, and Supply
3. JMI-618-13 E-rate Consulting and Project Management
4. JMI-607-13 Fire Alarm System Installations, Repairs, Parts Inspections, and Preventative Maintenance
6. RGA-110-13 Principal Leadership Training Academy
7. JMI-604-13 Security System/Access Control Installations, Repairs, Parts, and Preventative Maintenance
8. JMI-606-13 Sprinkler System Installations, Repairs, Parts, Inspections, and Preventative Maintenance
10. JMI-611-13 Video Production Equipment and Associated Services
11. MBU-505-13 Renovation and Addition to Hereford High School – Package 1

Item 5

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Ms. Bright Gordon, the Board approved item 5 (favor-10; abstained-1). Mr. Uhlfelder abstained from voting on this item.

5. PCR-262-13 Lumber

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

Item 12

Mr. Janssen moved to approve item 12. Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Ms. Bright Gordon expressed concern that there is no remuneration from Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) for this easement. Mr. Pradeep Dixit, Executive Director of Physical Facilities, stated that the school system has received rebates totaling approximately \$500,000 to date. Mr. Janssen stated that the issue of rebates has nothing to do with this contract.

Mr. Uhlfelder stated that Towson High School would reap the benefits of underground utilities.

Mr. Schmidt stated that there is no benefit or compensation for the school system and that he would oppose the contract. Mr. Moniodis concurred with Mr. Schmidt's comments.

Mr. Janssen withdrew his motion to approve the item. Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Ms. Roddy moved to table this contract until discussions on compensation can occur between the school system and BGE, and that an update be provided to the Board at its January 8, 2013, meeting. Ms. Bright Gordon seconded the motion.

The Board approved delaying the vote on this item (favor-9; opposed-1; abstained-1). Mr. Uhlfelder opposed this motion, and Mr. Parker abstained from voting on this item.

12. RGA-112-13 Utility Easements – Towson High School

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 1210 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS:
Community Involvement-Relationship with Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations
- B. Revised Superintendent's Rule Policy 3125 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services-School Activity Funds
- C. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3210 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:
Purchasing Services-Purchasing Guides
- D. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3231 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:
Purchasing Services-Vendor Performance Evaluation

INFORMATION (cont)

- E. Revised Superintendent's Rule 3530 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Physical Plant Services-Safety and Security
- F. New Superintendent's Rule 5540 – STUDENTS: Conduct-Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Dangerous Substances, Intoxicants, Prescription, and Nonprescription Drugs
- G. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6301 – INSTRUCTION: Schedules-School Calendar
- H. Minutes of the Southeast Area Education Advisory Council for September 10, 2012
- I. Minutes of the Southeast Area Education Advisory Council for October 8, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schmidt made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Dallas Dance
Secretary-Treasurer

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TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 4:12 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Olivia Adams.

The Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #13-08. The matter was heard in closed session.

In addition to the above listed Board members, the following persons were present for oral argument: the Appellant; Mr. Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Michele O. Prumo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Michael G. Sines, Chief Operations Officer; Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief Communications Officer; Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director, School Safety and Security; Anjanette F. Pierre, Esquire, Associate General Counsel; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

The proceedings of the hearing were recorded by a court reporter.

Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, entered the room at 4:16 p.m.

The hearing concluded at 4:57 p.m.

Board members deliberated on the case with the following staff present: Dr. S. Dallas Dance and Mr. Kevin A. Hobbs.

The deliberation was concluded at 5:46 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 5:50 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Schmidt reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in December 2012 and January 2013.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(1) and (7) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:51 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: Mr. Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Michele O. Prumo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Michael G. Sines, Chief Operations Officer; Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief Communications Officer; Dr. Lisa Grillo, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Human Resources; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Collins exited the room at 5:52 p.m.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed with Board members a personnel matter.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to Board members regarding the State Board's decision concerning the Mays Chapel project.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:22 p.m. for a brief dinner recess.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:45 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, Mr. David Uhlfelder, and Miss Olivia Adams. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, 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 Jimmy James, a student at Eastwood Elementary Magnet School, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools and for the families at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Mr. Schmidt 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. Schmidt 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.

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ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Miss Breana Echols, Baltimore County Student Council President and member of the Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on its second general assembly with over 200 middle and high school students attending. She reported that the advisory group is working on the first Anti-bullying Day for secondary schools slated for March 1, 2013.

Mr. P. J. Shafer, Esquire, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC), reported on the Committee's December 10, 2012, meeting. The topics included allied sports and additional adult supports.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, a representative of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, expressed concern that a school building was being closed and that parents and stakeholders were not included in the early stages of the decision-making process.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees (CASE), reported on the division of the CASE bargaining unit and the importance of a representation fee. Mr. Desmone distributed to Board members a list of services and benefits provided to all CASE unit employees.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rich Foot expressed concern over collaboration and trust with the school system. He asked whether there would be a public hearing on the 2008 feasibility study relative to the Eastwood Elementary Magnet School.

Mr. Eric Williams asked the Board to reconsider closing Eastwood Elementary Magnet School. He also asked for data comparing Holabird Middle School and Eastwood Elementary Magnet School.

Mr. Kevin Kugel asked the Board to intervene and stop the closing of Eastwood Elementary Magnet School.

Mr. Simeon Sanders discussed Eastwood Elementary Magnet School and asked the Board to be transparent and must first consider the best interest of the students.

Dr. Bash Pharoan proposed that the Board add the following sentence to its mission statement: "We, the Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, in order to form a more perfect public school, establish excellence in education, justice for all, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the respect of all human life, promote the general welfare and prosperity for all, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this mission: [we] Shall teach excellence in all fields of education; shall teach respect of the all human life anywhere and everywhere; and shall teach equality of all persons regardless of color, gender, faith or no faith, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability."

Mr. Dan Ricci stated that there should be a study of Eastwood Elementary Magnet School to identify its unique formula so it could be used as a model for other schools in the county, state, or nation. Mr. Ricci believes that he and the community were left out of the process when the decision was made to close the school.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Despina Roros stated that merging two schools together does not make sense and that she opposes options A and B that were presented to parents on December 10, 2012.

Miss Jayla Foot, a student at Eastwood Elementary Magnet School, stated that she does not want her school to close.

Ms. Rohonda Malkowski stated that merging Eastwood Elementary Magnet School with an underperforming school is not in the best interest of the students.

Ms. Laura Frasca stated that there are too many unanswered questions that will not be answered in the next eight months. She urged the Board not to close Eastwood Elementary Magnet School.

Following public comment, Dr. Dance provided the Board and the public an update on the safety measures that have taken place and are in place at Baltimore County public schools.

Regarding the possible closure of Eastwood Elementary Magnet School, Dr. Dance reported that:

- State law requires that all school closures be approved by the Board of Education.
- Staff is working with the community to expand Eastwood Elementary Magnet School.
- The principals of Eastwood Elementary Magnet, Norwood Elementary, and Holabird Middle schools have worked together to develop two options for parental input.
- The school system is fully committed to obtaining parent input into the options to be considered.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board adopted a resolution honoring Chief Auditor, Ms. Frances Parker. The resolution states:

WHEREAS, Frances B. Parker has served the Board of Education of Baltimore County Public Schools with loyalty and dedication for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, She has successfully executed her responsibilities as the Board's Chief Auditor for over 25 years, while always adhering to the highest degree of fairness, integrity, and ethical conduct; and

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (cont)

- WHEREAS, Ms. Parker has initiated valuable systems within the organization to improve administrative efficiencies such as the use of an electronic bookkeeping system; the use of electronic audit systems; and the use of a third party fraud, waste, and abuse hotline; and*
- WHEREAS, She has ensured the propriety of the Board of Education and Baltimore County Public Schools' operations by performing all audits and examinations in accordance with applicable, established industry standards, while maintain independence, objectivity, and confidentiality in the performance of her work; and*
- WHEREAS, Ms. Parker's audit expertise and professionalism were exhibited when she functioned as the liaison with various external audit groups, which included: Offices of the Inspector General, Maryland State Department of Education, KPMG, CliftonLarsonAllen, and Baltimore County Government; and*
- WHEREAS, Her devotion to her family and commitment to her community provided Ms. Parker the opportunity to volunteer her time and service to Meals-on-Wheels, Camp Glow, St. Rita's Church and School, and to serve as a substitute teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools; and now, therefore be it,*
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, herewith assembled in regular session on the eighteenth day of December, in the year two thousand twelve, recognizes the outstanding contributions of Ms. Frances B. Parker; and be it further*
- RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith extend its deepest appreciation and gratitude for her dedication, loyalty, and service and further extends its best wishes for good health, happiness, and continued success in her future endeavors.*

ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board confirmed the action taken in closed session in Case Number H.E. 13-08 (favor-9; opposed-1). Mr. Collins opposed this item. Ms. Johnson did not vote on this item.

WORK SESSION REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Board of Education Policies** – Ms. Roddy reported that the Board of Education's Policy Committee had met to consider the policies presented this evening, and that the committee is recommending approval of these policies. This is the first reading.

WORK SESSION REPORTS (cont)

- Proposed Changes to Policy 3111 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fiscal Services: Budget-Planning and Preparation
- Proposed Changes to Policy 3113 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Transfers and Supplements
- Proposed Changes to Policy 5510 – STUDENTS: Conduct-Positive Behavior
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6304 – INSTRUCTION: Commemorations and Observances

- B. **Report on the Proposed FY 2014 County Capital Budget** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, summarized the county capital funding request. She stated that the Board is scheduled to approve the capital budget at its January 8, 2013, meeting. This is the first reading.

The goal of this budget request is to: provide county funds necessary to match state request; to ensure funding is included for standard county projects, and that the school system stays within the resources available that have been bonded and approved by county authority.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Financial Report for months ending October 31, 2011 and 2012
- B. Minority and Small Business Enterprises – 2011 Annual Report
- C. 2012 Bridge to Excellence Master Plan Update

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schmidt made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 2012, 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 meeting will reconvene at approximately 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

- On Tuesday, January 15, 2013, the Baltimore County Board of Education will meet for a public hearing to seek the community's input on the operating budget for FY 2014. The meeting will take place at West Towson Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for the public to comment will begin at 6:00 p.m. at West Towson Elementary School on the day of the hearing. Snow date for the public hearing is Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Dallas Dance
Secretary-Treasurer

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