

**APPROVED MINUTES
December 3, 2013**

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:58 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Marisol A. Johnson, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Mr. David Uhlfelder, Romaine Williams, Esquire, and Mr. Jonathan P. Galla. 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 August.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(7) and upon motion of Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board commenced its closed session at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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Pursuant to Policy 8341 (VIII.B), Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice on summary affirmances.

Ms. Howie provided legal advice to Board members regarding litigation in the Mays Chapel cases. Ms. Howie also discussed board appointments to the Ethics Review Panel.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:37 p.m. for a brief dinner recess.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:09 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board

members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Marisol A. Johnson, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Mr. David Uhlfelder, Romaine Williams, Esquire, and Mr. Jonathan P. Galla. 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 Garrett Hines, a student from Kenwood High School, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Dance asked that exhibits C and R be pulled. Mr. Schmidt asked exhibit C be pulled to permit the Curriculum Committee sufficient time to review Policy 6000, Curriculum and Instruction and the corresponding Rule 6000 (exhibit R).

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 from community members. The members of the Board appreciate hearing from interested citizens and will take comments into consideration, even though it is not the Board's practice to take immediate action 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

Mr. Tres McMichael, Baltimore County Student Council Vice President and member of the Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the council's recent planning meeting held to schedule activities and events for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Abby Beytin, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, spoke of the concerns of the Common Core Curriculum and the impact on teachers' time to plan appropriately for implementation.

Mr. P. J. Shafer, Esquire, Chair of the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee, spoke about transportation needs and adult support for special educational students, as well as the anticipated special education audit, which is due to be released at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, PTA Council of Baltimore County, reported on the scheduled council activities and events for the next few months.

Mr. William Lawrence, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees (CASE), spoke about master schedules and the role of staff members in completing master schedules at each school.

Mr. David Basler, President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), informed the Board of the working conditions and concerns of transportation staff and the need for additional grounds staff.

Ms. Beverly Coleman, Chair of the Southwest Area Education Advisory Council, spoke of the recent meeting with the Westchester PTA and the calendar events for the next few months.

Mr. Jim Aldon, Baltimore County Public Schools' Organization of Professional Employees (BCPSOPE), provided a brief overview of the BCPSOPE organization, its roles and responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Charles Sydnor, president, Imagine Discovery Public Charter School PTA, expressed his dismay about the Westat Report and the impact it may have on the future of the school.

Ms. Kimberly Graham, parent from the Idlewylde community, expressed concern about proposed redistricting.

Mr. Bryant Oden, Imagine Discovery Public Charter School parent, spoke of his support of the renewal of the school's charter.

Ms. Justine Stull, Westowne Elementary School parent, expressed her concern about continuing air conditioning problems at the school and asked for heat index information.

Ms. Lorie Lyles, Imagine Discovery Public Charter School parent and PTA member, spoke of the quality of education her children have received at Imagine Discovery and her support of the renewing of the school's contract with BCPS.

Dr. Bosh Pharoan, asked the Board to consider closing schools in observance of Muslim holidays.

Ms. Chanel Cantey, who signed up, did not appear when called.

Ms. Carmita Vogel, a parent from Cedarmere Elementary School, spoke of her concerns about the lack of curriculum guides at her daughter's school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dance provided the following report:

First Day of School

Dr. Dance reported that on the first day of school. The Governor, State Superintendent of Schools, County Executive and several Board of Education members visited schools on opening day. Stops on the daylong tour included schools that have undergone renovation or realignment including Dundalk High School and Sollers Point Technical High School, which now share a new showplace building; Stoneleigh Elementary School, where students and staff have returned to a renovated building; and Norwood Elementary and Holabird Middle schools, which are now engaged in the school system's first PreK-Grade 8 STEM program. Other stops included Overlea High School, Halstead Academy, Hillcrest Elementary School, Franklin Middle School, and Owings Mills High School.

Special Education Audit

Dr. Dance explained that the commissioning of an audit represented the first step in moving the special education program from compliance to achievement and acceleration. In addition to reviewing data on operations, the audit involved interviews and focus groups with central office, school-based, clinicians, paraeducators, parents and advocacy groups. The audit also was a topic of discussion at the previous evening's Special Education Citizens' Advisory Council meeting. A report on audit findings will be presented to the Board of Education at the

September 24th meeting. Although overall areas of strength were found, key findings were also identified that BCPS will need to address. Staff has already started developing an action plan.

Overcrowding

Dr. Dance stated that overcrowding in the southwest and central areas continue to be a topic of concern and discussion in those communities and at BCPS headquarters. County government plays a critical role in solving these challenges. Dr. Dance promised to provide proposed solutions with the larger community by November.

Parent and Student Advisory Councils

Dr. Dance spoke about the Parent and Student Advisory Councils which will have their first meetings later this month. While the parent group is new, the student group expands upon a model that the school system began several years ago. By establishing these groups, BCPS will continue to build efforts to ensure clear, open, consistent, transparent two-way communication with stakeholders.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Schmidt provided the following report:

First Day of School

Several Board members accompanied the superintendent on his visits to schools. Mr. Schmidt commented on the newly renovated Hampton and Stoneleigh elementary schools, the new Dundalk and Sollers Point High building, and the excitement demonstrated by staff, students, and parents with the beginning of a new school year.

Joint Advisory Council Meeting

The rescheduled Joint Advisory Council meeting will be held on September 13, 2013, with Board members, the superintendent and executive staff, and representatives of all the area advisory councils.

Challenges of the Upcoming Year

Board members look forward to working with Dr. Dance on the instructional digital conversion. Mr. Schmidt reminded Board members of the importance of ensuring that every student has access to a personalized learning device so that learning can occur 24/7.

Mr. Schmidt stated that this will be a challenging year as issues such as overcrowding are addressed. As a result of overcrowding, a study will be conducted on redistricting. The boundary process should be open, transparent, and should involve the public.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the PTA Council of Baltimore County in recognition of September being national PTA month. The resolution for the PTA stated:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has a long tradition of seeking the highest possible educational advantages for all children and youth so they can realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, For over 110 years the PTA has addressed the needs of children through a network of dedicated membership comprised of parents, students, educators, and caring citizens who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure a better world for children; and

WHEREAS, The PTA assists parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children, encourages parent and public involvement in public schools in our community, and speaks on behalf of children and schools in the community, in organizations, and before public governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, It is the role of the PTA to encourage parent involvement by promoting an environment in which parents are valued as primary influences in their children's lives and essential partners in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, Special activities will be held in the month of September to promote parent involvement, expand the membership of the PTA, and broaden the PTA's base of support so it becomes a stronger and more effective voice for our children and education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Baltimore County recognizes the PTA Council of Baltimore County and local PTAs and PTSAs as important partners of the Board; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith proclaim September 2013 as PTA Membership Month and encourages parents, families, students, educators, and citizens to expand their involvement in issues affecting the education in Baltimore County Public Schools.

On a motion made by Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board accepted the resolution as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Chairperson, Romaine Williams, recommended approval of four policies (exhibits B, D, E, and F). This is the third reading.

The Board approved the following proposed policies (favor-12-0):

- Proposed Changes to Policy 1260 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement-School Volunteers
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6200 – INSTRUCTION: Instructional Services-School Libraries
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6601 – INSTRUCTION: Curriculum Extensions and Alternative Programs-Summer School
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6604 – INSTRUCTION: Evaluation of the Instructional Program-Purpose of the Evening and Saturday High School Programs

Mr. Janssen asked for clarification on Policy 6601 with regard to after school requirements for summer school comprehensive enrichment programs; specifically, does the language apply to elementary schools? Ms. White explained that the language includes all grade levels.

Ms. Williams asked that any suggestions for the policy committee be forwarded to her.

REPORT/DISCUSSION ON THE FY15 STATE/COUNTY CAPITAL BUDGET

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Executive Director, Fiscal Services, presented the proposed FY 2015 state capital budget recommendations. The budget was introduced at the August 6, 2013, Board meeting and discussed at the Board work session on August 20, 2013. The state-requested projects require that county matching funds be verified before final state approval.

Mr. Schmidt reminded the Board of the attachment indicating the projects being considered. Mr. Collins requested clarification of Kenwood High School's placement on the list of schools to receive air conditioning.

Mr. Janssen moved approval of the proposed FY15 State/County Capital Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and approved by the Board as presented in Exhibit G (favor 12-0).

REVISED 2014 – 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. George Duque, Manager, Staff Relations, requested Board approval for the revised 2014 – 2015 school calendar correcting the date for Rosh Hashanah as presented in exhibit H.

On motion from Mr. Parker, and seconded by Mr. Gilliss, the Board unanimously approved the calendar as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Collins exited the room at 8:36 p.m.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits I through M (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes), 11-0 in favor, Mr. Collins was not present.

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Moniodis, the Board approved the administrative appointments as presented in exhibit N (Copy of the exhibit is attached to the formal minutes), 11-0 in favor, Mr. Collins was not present.

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

Mr. Collins entered the room at 8:40 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board confirmed the action taken in closed session in Case Numbers 13-28 and 13-31 (favor-12-0).

BUILDING AND CONTRACTS AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee represented by its Chairman, Mr. Moniodis, recommended approval of items 1 through 10 in exhibit O.

1. RGA-134-05 Contract Modification: Amendment #9 to the BCPS Timonium Lease
2. MBU-519-13 Contract Modification: Inspection of Storage Tank Systems
3. MBU-518-13 Contract Modification: Vehicle Parts and Materials
4. MWE-815-14 Audiology Equipment

5. RGA-901-14 Cohort – Business and Technology Management, Innovative Leadership Track
6. MWE-814-14 Fencing Services
7. MBU-502-14 Office Supplies
8. MWE-804-14 Roofing Inspection Services
9. MWE-856-13 Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT) Gymnasium Floor Physical Education Game Line Application
10. MWE-801-14 Lutherville Area Elementary School Construction at Mays Chapel Construction Package 11A – Rebid Kitchen Equipment

The Board approved the recommendations.

Mr. Moniodis stated that during the Building and Contracts Committee Meeting, consultants and staff presented the schematic proposal for Pikesville High School. Mr. Schmidt invited Board members to attend future building schematic presentations.

JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH RECREATION AND PARKS

Mr. Dixit presented the Joint Use Agreement with Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, exhibit P (attached). On motion by Mr. Janssen and seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board unanimously approved the Joint Use Agreement.

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

Revised Superintendent's Rule 1260 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement – School Volunteers

Revised Superintendent's Rule 6601 – INSTRUCTION: Curriculum Extensions and Alternative Programs – Summer School

Mr. Schmidt reminded Board members that Revised Superintendent's Rule 6000 – INSTRUCTION: Instruction – Curriculum and Instruction (exhibit R), had been pulled from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schmidt made the following announcements:

The rescheduled date for the Joint Area Education Advisory Council meeting is this Thursday, September 12, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, Greenwood Campus, Board Rooms A and B.

The Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session. The meeting 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 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Dallas Dance
Secretary-Treasurer

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