



**Agenda Item Details**

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Meeting Feb 11, 2014 - MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Category E. MINUTES

Subject 1. Consideration of the Report on the Public Hearing for January 23, 2014

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015  
OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Thursday, January 23, 2014  
West Towson Elementary School

The hearing was called to order by President Lawrence E. Schmidt, at 7:05 p.m. In addition to President Schmidt, the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Edward Gilliss, Esquire, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Marisol A. Johnson, Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, and Romaine Williams, Esquire. In addition, Ms. Michele Prumo, Chief of Staff, representing the superintendent, and staff members, were present.

Mr. Schmidt explained that due to the rescheduling of the meeting as a result of inclement weather, the superintendent is not able to attend because of a conflict with a previously scheduled commitment out of town. He also thanks the many staff in attendance and their efforts to be here.

The following persons offered testimony:

1. Ms. Yoko Iyama, parent of children who attend the Even Start Program – Ms. Iyama expressed her concern about the program ending and is very supportive of the program. Her children have learned many things and are being prepared for elementary school. Parents and children have learned to speak English. The program also provides adult literacy, cultural assistance, and parenting skills. The teachers are very good and Ms. Iyama asked the Board members to please keep funding for the program. The program is held at Eastern Resource Center.
2. Dr. John Carter, substitute teacher - Asked that raises for substitute and temporary workers be funded. Dr. Carter suggested that the hourly rate be raised to \$10 in FY2015, and that in FY2016 budget, that ten college credits (10) would be paid for by the school system. Once the credits have been successfully completed, an increase in the amount of \$1 would be added to the hourly rate. The third step would be based on work performance, with an employee receiving another increase and a cost of living adjustment (COLA) as they continue to receive college credits.
3. Ms. Abby Beytin, President, Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO) – Applauded the funding above maintenance of effort, raises for employees, digital conversion, additional counselors, and teachers. Ms. Beytin opposes the proposal of centralized copying in schools, as it may increase the workload of teachers and cut down on the time teachers have; more importantly, they cannot be away from classrooms. Teachers do not have personal assistants to support their copy needs.

4. Ms. Jean Suda, parent advocate – Spoke about the overcrowded classrooms at Dulaney High School. Ms. Suda stated that the loss of teaching positions will result in increased class sizes. Thirty-five percent (35%) of classes at Dulaney are overcrowded. Ms. Suda does not support the proposed eight period class schedule.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Due the meeting being rescheduled, the following information was received in writing as the submitters were not able to attend the public hearing:

Mr. Tom Groff, a substitute bus driver, wrote to ask that the hourly rate for bus drivers and substitutes be increased.

Mr. Kevin Parson, member of the Northeast Education Advisory Council, wrote in support of funding for renovations to the gymnasium at Overlea High School, more specifically, the floor.

Respectfully submitted,

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S. Dallas Dance  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Category E. MINUTES

Subject 2. Consideration of the Open and Closed Minutes for January 28, 2014


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Recommended Action Consideration of Meeting Minutes January 28, 2013

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