

TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 4:18 p.m. at Greenwood. In absence of the Board president and vice president, Board member Phyllis Ettinger called the hearing to order. In addition to Ms. Ettinger, the following Board members were present: Ms. Maria R. Cirincione, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Ms. Carolyn Ross-Holmes, and Mr. James E. Walker.

In Hearing Examiner's Case # 01-09, the Board entertained oral argument. The matter was heard in closed session.

In addition to the above listed Board members, also in attendance were the appellant; Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; J. Robert Haines, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent of Schools for Business Services; Ms. Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Legal Counsel to the Superintendent; Ms. Carol Saffran-Brinks, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Denise Zepp, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

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

Ms. Christine Johns, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, entered the room at 4:29 p.m.

The hearing was concluded at 4:39 p.m.

Board members deliberated on the case.

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:08 p.m. at Greenwood. Board member Phyllis Ettinger and the following Board members were present: Ms. Maria R. Cirincione, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Ms. Carolyn Ross-Holmes, Mr. James R. Sasiadek, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Kennedy immediately moved the Board go into closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(7). The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and approved by the Board.

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Mr. Hayden left the room at 5:09 p.m.; Mr. Arnold entered the room at 5:09 p.m.

Ms. Saffran-Brinks consulted with the Board regarding a contract that has been terminated.

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At 5:25 p.m., Ms. Jung moved to adjourn the closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and approved by the Board.

Mr. Hayden re-entered the room at 5:26 p.m.

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Dates for Board member computer training were scheduled.

Dr. Hairston informed the Board that revisions to Rule 4118.1 had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Dr. Hayman expressed concern over the delay in Board action on the UMBC partnership. Dr. Hairston replied the agreement is currently being reviewed by UMBC's legal staff.

At 5:38 p.m., Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the closed session for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Maria R. Cirincione, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Mr. James R. Sasiadek, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; staff members; and members of various civic, employee, and community organizations were present as was the media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Ms. Carolyn Ross-Holmes, and a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools and for those who lost their lives in the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

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

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Report of the Board of Education Retreat, August 26, 2001, Mr. Arnold declared the minutes approved as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston noted that on September 19, Oliver Beach Elementary School was recognized by the Maryland Center for Character Education for its outstanding character education program for 2001-02. He congratulated the principal and staff on this outstanding accomplishment.

Dr. Hairston reported that in response to a request by the Board, contact has been made with the County Executive's office with regard to discussing future school sites in Baltimore County. A meeting will be held in the near future. He noted the discussion with the County Executive would focus on the system's September 30th enrollment figures as well as ten-year enrollment projections.

Ms. Johns reminded Board members that last year it was decided to review the middle school programs based on achievement issues and community concerns. Ms. Szymaszek shared highlights of the framework for the Middle School Task Force and reviewed the task force's charge. Membership of the task force was also reviewed. The following components, as base requirements for a middle school program, will be explored:

- Indicators
- Results
- Structure
- Resources.

Ms. Jung noted that at some point in the future, the school system will need to build a middle school and suggested looking into the question of the ideal size of a middle school in the context of the task force.

Ms. Ettinger recommended that when looking at indicators, she hopes the task force will go beyond test scores, looking at issues such as parent and student involvement, sizes and types of middle schools to see the variations that occur, and looking at the school system's ability to meet the needs of various subgroups of students in various types of settings.

Mr. Teplitzky entered the room at 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Hayman urged the task force to include Ms. Ettinger's suggestions in the report so the thrust of achievement won't be determined by test performance and will become one of the goals of the task force. He also expressed his hope that a way could be found to provide released time for task force members, as well as finding resources to support the work of the task force. Dr. Hayman noted that we have various middle schools with various programs and various populations. He asked the group be sensitive to the populations being served.

With respect to the composition of the task force, Dr. Hayman questioned why students were not included. He also suggested separate categories for parents and community

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representation, rather than putting them together. He encouraged the inclusion of representatives from the higher education community on the task force.

Building on Dr. Hayman's comments, Mr. Sasiadek encouraged the task force to include research on a K-8 configuration as a possibility. He also voiced his support of Ms. Szymaszek as the task force's chair.

Ms. Ross-Holmes asked the group not to lose sight of the achievement gap.

Dr. Hairston announced the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for New Town High School, Baltimore County's newest high school in 25 years.

Ms. Glazer and Dr. Milbourne provided a status report with respect to the Title I Public School Transfer Options for Sussex Elementary School and Woodlawn Middle School. Both principals have conducted faculty meetings to apprise their staffs of the options. Letters have been sent to parents explaining the program. Sussex has held its Back-To-School Night, and Woodlawn's program is scheduled for this evening. Both schools will hold community meetings the first part of October.

Dr. Hayman shared his concern about the slow pace of implementing the transfer procedures. He noted that in other affected counties, the process has been completed. Dr. Hayman asked that information about schools eligible to receive children be provided to Board members as soon as it is available. He and Ms. Jung also inquired about the climate in the school communities that will receive any transferring students.

Ms. Jung also expressed concern about the pace of implementing this transfer process. She suggested that the timeframe be adjusted to allow for earlier implementation, should the legislation that mandated this transfer option, Public Law 106-554, be extended. Ms. Ettinger and Mr. Kennedy concurred.

Dr. Milbourne informed Board members of a visit to Woodlawn Middle School by Baltimore Ravens player Qadry Ismail. Mr. Ismail has made a commitment to Woodlawn Middle School of his time and resources. He talked with students about the importance of academics and achievement. Students will sign a contract promising to uphold the expectations described during today's visit. The Ravens player will spend seven Tuesdays at the school.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. Report on Proposed Revisions to Boundary Change Practices—Ms. Flynn noted that the proposed changes reflect organizational changes. The Practices have also been assigned a number for inclusion in the school

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system's policy manual. The Board will hear public comment on the proposed revisions on October 11 and will be asked to vote on the proposed changes October 23.

At the request of Mr. Hayden, the term "Executive Leadership Team" will be defined.

- B. Report on Computer Repair Technical Career Completer Program – Chesapeake High School—Ms. Bailey introduced the report and acknowledged the stakeholders, Mr. Barlow in Technology, and the school staff for their input in the proposal. She also acknowledged the staff of the Career and Technology Office.

Ms. Bonham, Manager of the Office of Career and Technology Education, explained the program will open in September 2002. It is designed to expand the Career & Technology Education program at Chesapeake. Ms. Bonham reviewed the history behind this proposal. She noted that upon successful completion of this program, students may immediately enter employment, attend college, or technical school. Ms. Bonham described the skills students enrolled in the program will learn. There is a teacher candidate. She noted the room for this program will need some electrical and lighting upgrades.

Mr. Grzynski inquired about working together with area colleges so that students who wish to do so, may go on and earn a degree. Ms. Bonham stated that the school system maintains close ties with the Community College of Baltimore. Dual enrollment has also been discussed.

Ms. Ettinger suggested a follow-up of students completing this program to understand what happens to these students beyond high school and to gain their input regarding their preparation. She stated that counselors will need to be sensitive to the options for these students and encourage students to explore those options. Ms. Ettinger also suggested the creation of a document for students and parents that will show, in detail, all the options that are available for this program at various levels of education.

In response to a question from Ms. Ettinger, Mr. Linkins, Principal of Chesapeake High School, stated that this is not intended to be a magnet program to draw students from the Southeast Area, but to be offered to Chesapeake students only.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

CONTRACT AWARDS

Ms. Ettinger pulled item 3 for further discussion. On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Board approved items 1, 2, and 4-8.

1. Auctioneering Services
2. CISCO Products
4. Flexible Benefits Administrator (Second One-Year Extension)
5. Gasoline, Fuel Oil, Diesel Fuel (Second Year of Contract)
6. Parts Washer (One-Year Extension)
7. Prefabricated Traffic Signs
8. Tractors, Grounds Equipment, and Accessories

Item 3

Ms. Ettinger inquired as to the need to hire an outside vendor to provide these services. Dr. Milbourne explained this is an intervention program funded by the state. Woodlawn selected this program because they felt it would meet their diagnostic and prescriptive needs. Ms. Ettinger voiced her hope that we could learn from the vendor and take over the function they are performing, if it is determined it is worthwhile. Ms. Ross-Holmes and Mr. Kennedy echoed Ms. Ettinger's concern. Mr. Kennedy stated he believes our teachers can perform the same job as the recommended vendor and do it better.

Mr. Teplitzky and Mr. Hayden both emphasized the program is being funded by state funds.

On motion of Dr. Hayman, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved item 3.

3. Contracted Services: Sylvan Learning

Mr. Kennedy asked Mr. Gay to review the school-based reproduction equipment report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee, represented by Mr. Kennedy, recommended approval of items 1-10. Ms. Ross-Holmes pulled items 4 and 5. The Board approved recommendations 1-3 and 6-10.

1. Science Room Renovations – Dulaney High School
2. Science Room Renovations – Owings Mills High School
3. Construction Contracts – New Town High School
6. Change Order – Consultant Design Services for Major Maintenance Renovation Project – Riderwood Elementary School
7. Change Order – Construction Administration Services for IT Cabling – Various Schools
8. Change Order – Major Maintenance Renovation Project – Glenmar Elementary School
9. Change Order – Major Maintenance Renovation Project – Johnnycake Elementary School
10. Change Order – Major Maintenance Renovation Project – Owings Mills Elementary School

Items 4 and 5

As recommended by the Building Committee, the Board approved items 4 and 5. Ms. Ross-Holmes abstained from discussion and voting on these items.

4. Fee Acceptance – Construction Administration Services for Science Room Renovations – Dulaney High School
5. Fee Acceptance – Construction Administration Services for Science Room Renovations – Owings Mills High School

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

Revised Rule 6130 – Magnet Schools Admission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- The Board will hold a hearing and work session on the proposed state capital budget request on Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at Greenwood.
- Schools and offices will be closed on Thursday, September 27, 2001, in observance of Yom Kippur.
- On Monday, October 8, 2001, the Citizens Advisory Committee for Special Education will meet at Greenwood at 7:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, October 10, 2001, the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Eastern Technical High School at 7:00 p.m.
- On Monday, October 15, 2001, the Central Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Dumbarton Middle School at 7:30 p.m.
- On Tuesday, October 16, 2001, the Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Sollers Point/Southeastern Technical High School at 7:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, October 17, 2001, the Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Woodlawn Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, October 18, 2001, the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Owings Mills High School at 7:00 p.m.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at 5:00 p.m. After the Board adjourns to meet in closed session, followed by a brief dinner recess, the open meeting will reconvene at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Arnold reminded audience members who signed the speakers list to refrain from discussion of any personnel or other matters that may come before the Board as an appeal.

Mr. Ron Dapkunis, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Alternative Education, shared several needs of alternative education:

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1. Transition counselors;
2. Improved salaries for alternative education teachers;
3. Support services for Evening High School and home teaching—There is a need for resource teachers to monitor the implementation of curriculum.
4. Early intervention program for elementary students who have been expelled; and
5. An alternative high school for students unable to transition back to their home school effectively.

Ms. Teresa LaMaster, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Special Education, reviewed meeting highlights from September 10th. The focus of the meeting was on the new organization structure. Parents are excited about the focus on instruction. She shared one main concern of parents—Within the focus on instruction, there is still a distinction between children who aren't diploma bound and those who are. There is concern that all instructional support resources are going to those students who are diploma bound, and students who are not diploma bound, aren't getting as much academic support, especially in the core areas of reading and math. Ms. LaMaster noted in the Board Retreat minutes an item with regard to special education policy. Her group offered five (5) key areas on which the Board could focus:

1. Improving the IEP process within the confines of the law;
2. Improving communication with parents;
3. Developing a systemwide model of inclusion;
4. Defining student achievement in special education; and
5. Looking at effective curriculum in special education, especially in the areas of reading and math.

Ms. Meg O'Hare, Chair of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, noted her attendance at a reading update this month. She asked for confirmation of a statement that one-quarter of the Baltimore County schools are not achieving as well as they should. Ms. O'Hare stated her belief that early CTBS testing and diagnosing of students' needs will serve us well in the future, in that we will not need to hire outside contractors for our 6th graders who cannot read. She noted Mr. Lawrence's presentation regarding the new organization at the last council meeting. Board members were encouraged to attend the Northeast Area pre-budget meeting, if possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.)

Ms. Laura Nossel, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, was encouraged to hear Board members' dialogue and questions this evening. She noted parents and guardians are appreciative of local school staffs for their handling of the situation that occurred on September 11th. She reminded Board members of her comments from a previous meeting where she asked for an evaluation of the school system's emergency plans and how the system communicates with parents.

Mr. Michael Franklin, Vice President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, invited Board members to the Fall Workshop to be held on October 25th and 6 p.m. at Cockeysville Middle School. He thanked Ms. Norman and school system staff for their assistance in putting together the workshop. Finally, Mr. Franklin noted the PTA Council's new web site would be launched in about a week.

Mr. Rodger Janssen thanked Board members for their time and effort on behalf of children in Baltimore County. He mentioned he has not had a response from the Board with respect to the situation at Riverview Elementary School. With respect to the earlier discussion about student/teacher ratios, Mr. Janssen noted 38 students in an Algebra II class. Finally, Mr. Janssen thanked staff for correcting a typographical error in the Boundary Change policy.

At 9:55 p.m., Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Thursday, October 11, 2001

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:03 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Maria R. Cirincione, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzymiski, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, and Mr. James R. Sasiadek. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, was present.

Mr. Sasiadek immediately moved the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, to consult with counsel, and to discuss potential litigation pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1), (a)(7) and (a)(8). The motion was seconded by Ms. Ettinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Grimsley reviewed the two appointments on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Hayden, Mr. Teplitzky, and Dr. Hayman entered the room at 5:08 p.m.

At 5:10 p.m., Mr. Kennedy moved the Board adjourn the closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung and approved by the Board.

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Mr. Arnold reminded the Board it needed to approve the student member's participation in discussion regarding negotiations.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Ettinger, the Board voted to permit the student Board member to participate in negotiations discussions.

At 5:11 p.m., Mr. Kennedy moved the Board go into closed session to discuss matters relative to negotiations pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508 (a)(9). The motion was seconded by Ms. Ettinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION MINTUES

Mr. Grimsley reviewed the negotiating teams for this school year. He also briefly described potential negotiations issues.

Dr. Hairston informed Board members of a matter which could result in litigation.

Mr. Walker entered the room at 5:23 p.m.

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Board members expressed the need for additional information to which Ms. Saffran-Brinks responded. Staff will provide Board members with appropriate information prior to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Arnold informed Board members about another matter dealing with potential litigation. He stated the administration is preparing information to be provided at a later date. Board members were asked if they had any questions they wished to ask so responses could be included in the administration's report. Several Board members provided questions to staff.

Due to the late hour, Ms. Saffran-Brinks advised the Board that a matter dealing with a proposed settlement would be brought back at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sasiadek, the Board voted to adjourn the closed session.

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Mr. Arnold asked Board members to be prepared to discuss the activities of three recent conferences at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Arnold asked Board members to contact Ms. Zepp with their date preference for a November retreat which will focus on accessing websites dealing with student achievement.

At 6:38 p.m., Dr. Hayman moved to adjourn the open session for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:31 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Maria R. Cirincione, Ms. Phyllis E. Ettinger, Mr. Thomas G. Grzynski, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Ms. Jean M. H. Jung, Mr. Michael P. Kennedy, Mr. James R. Sasiadek, Mr. Sanford V. Teplitzky, and Mr. James E. Walker. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; staff members; members of various civic, employee, and community organizations were present as was the media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Kevin Limbaugh and Jamie Bowman, Boy Scouts from Troop 729, and a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES (Cont.)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston recognized Robert Kemmery, Principal of Eastern Technical High School, as a regional winner of the Association of Career and Technical Education/McDonald's Outstanding Career and Technical Education award. Mr. Kemmery will attend a December meeting in New Orleans where the national winner will be announced.

Dr. Hairston announced that as part of the National Pledge of Allegiance, our system will be led by student Board member, Maria Cirincione. The pledge will be aired over Comcast Channel 73 for the system's schools and offices.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kennedy asked if staff would be looking at the impact of the enrollment figures in the short-term and long-term with respect to adding schools in the Northwest Area, to which Ms. Burnopp replied affirmatively.

Mr. Sasiadek suggested we begin lobbying state officials with respect to the inclusion of money in the state capital budget for enclosing open space areas in our schools.

On motion of Mr. Teplitzky, seconded by Ms. Ettinger, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2003 State Capital Budget request in the amount of \$26,911,632.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. Report on September 30th Enrollment—Ms. Flynn reported that as of September 30th, there were 107,322 students enrolled in Baltimore County Public Schools, which is an increase of 189 students over last year and reflects an accuracy rate of 99.96%. She briefly described the information reflected in the exhibit.

Mr. Kennedy was extremely pleased with the accuracy of the projections.

- B. Report on Special Revenue Fund Grant Expenditures—Ms. Burnopp noted the purpose of this report was in response to public concern over a statement in the MGT report with respect to funds that weren't spent and to provide Board members information regarding the flow of grants within the system.

REPORTS (Cont.)

Ms. Burnopp stated that MGT did not take into account that some of the school system grants roll over and some have different ending dates. She stated that for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, unspent funds totaled \$186,398 and \$130,044, respectively. Those figures amount to .4% and .2%, respectively, of the entire budget. Ms. Burnopp noted that the school system manages between 250-300 grants yearly, and some of the balances returned ranged from 3¢ to \$36,000. She explained why money is returned.

Mr. Boone thanked Ms. Linda Cassell for developing the flow chart for the grant life cycle. He noted that some grants are competitive, and some are non-competitive. Mr. Boone also stated that some grants have a life period of one or two years, while some may be reauthorized by Congress.

Mr. Arnold complimented Ms. Burnopp and Mr. Boone for the information provided. He also complimented staff for very good fiscal management.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Teplitzky, seconded by Ms. Ettinger, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits D, E, F, and G. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.)

CONTRACT AWARDS

On motion of Mr. Teplitzky, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board approved items 1-5.

1. Audio-Visual Equipment Repairs
2. Networking Closet Electronics
3. Paper: Dual Purpose
4. Supply Contract: Various Belts for HVAC and Mechanical
5. Contracted Services: Kitchen Installation and Post-Construction Clean-Up (Emergency Work)

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee, represented by Mr. Kennedy, recommended approval of items 1-4. Mr. Kennedy noted an editorial change on Exhibit I. On the bid summary under Alternate 1, the first word should be "include" instead of "exclude." The Board approved these recommendations. Mr. Hayden abstained from discussion and voting on item 3.

1. Boiler Replacement – Overlea High School
2. Reconditioning of Tennis and Multi-Use Courts – Battle Grove Elementary School, Battle Monument School, Charlesmont Elementary School, and Orems Elementary School
3. Fee Acceptance – Consultant Design Services for Renovations to Behavioral Management Resource Rooms – Various Schools
4. Consultant Design Services for Recreation ADA Modifications – Various Elementary Schools

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

Mr. Teplitzky moved approval of the School Resource Officer Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy.

Dr. Mohler introduced the two original school resource officers who were in attendance, Officer Donald Bridges and Officer Joseph Goralczyk.

Mr. Teplitzky voiced his overwhelming support of this program and stated the school resource officers have made a big difference in the schools where they are assigned.

Ms. Jung also shared her support of this program and noted the superior caliber of the officers.

Dr. Mohler recognized Ms. Holmes' support of this program since its inception.

Mr. Teplitzky thanked the County Police Department and the County Executive for their support of this program.

The Board approved the continuation of an agreement between the Baltimore County Police Department and the Baltimore County Public Schools, which places officers in every Baltimore County high school, and beginning this year, pending grant approval, will place officers in selected Baltimore County middle schools.

PROPOSAL TO CANCEL BID REQUEST

Mr. Boone explained why the Board was being asked to approve this request and the alternate proposal.

Ms. Ettinger moved approval of the request. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Ms. Jung, Mr. Boone stated he would come back to the Board with a proposal for expenditures. He noted the outcomes of the Special Education Advisory Committee would come back to the Superintendent and Board.

Dr. Hayman shared his concern about the disproportionate number of minority students in Special Education and asked that particular attention be given to the number of African American males in Special Education.

The Board voted to cancel a bid request for focus groups for special education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- On Monday, October 15, 2001, the Central Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Dumbarton Middle School at 7:30 p.m.
- On Tuesday, October 16, 2001, the Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Sollers Point/Southeastern Technical High School at 7:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, October 17, 2001, the Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Woodlawn Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, October 18, 2001, the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council will hold its pre-budget hearing at Owings Mills High School at 7:00 p.m.
- On Friday, October 19, 2001, schools will be closed for students so teachers may participate in Professional Development Day activities and the MSTA Convention.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at 5:00 p.m. After the Board adjourns to meet in closed session, followed by a brief dinner recess, the open meeting will reconvene at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Teresa LaMaster, Chair of the Advisory Committee for Special Education, thanked staff for answering the question on the returned grant funds in a public meeting. With regard to the enrollment data, she expressed hope that this data will be used to look at the placement of various Special Education cluster programs as it relates to the capacity of schools and their enrollment. Ms. LaMaster shared her group's excitement about the work group proposal. She stated that the group may come back to the Board in a few years and request an audit.

Ms. Laura Nossel, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, thanked Dr. Hairston and staff for the manner in which the Hawthorne Elementary School situation was handled. Noting sparse attendance at a recent pre-budget meeting, Ms. Nossel asked Board members to encourage citizens to attend the pre-budget meetings. She also asked principals to encourage attendance at these meetings. Schools were asked to be creative when scheduling parent-teacher conferences. The superintendent was asked to report on the activities of the Academic Intervention Team. Ms. Nossel noted the successful start-up of the PTA Council's web site and asked for Board members' input.

Mr. Mark Beytin, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, noted that there were some rough starts to the school year, but thanks to Facilities, the Distribution Center, and other offices, most buildings undergoing renovations were functional. He noted with the support of the superintendent, the deputy superintendents, and building administrators, teachers met students in a "somewhat prepared manner." On behalf of teachers, Mr. Beytin requested that classrooms be ready when teachers report next August. TABCO questions the lowest bid process and is seeking responsible solutions.

Mr. Arnold announced no one signed up to address the proposed revisions to Policy 1230 and Policy 1280. Ms. Meg O'Hare, Chair of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, stated she did not receive her copy of the proposed changes to Policy 1230 until yesterday and felt it was not fair for advisory council members to have so little chance to comment. Mr. Arnold reminded Ms. O'Hare that the Board would not be voting on the changes until November and there would be one additional opportunity for public comment.

Ms. O'Hare commented on the previous evening's pre-budget meeting and recognized the Board members, staff, advisory council members, and others who attended. She summarized the concerns of the speakers. With respect to the Hawthorne community meeting, Ms. O'Hare stated she was unaware of the meeting, and had she known about it, she would have been in attendance to offer her support.

Mr. Arnold reminded the audience to refrain from discussing personnel or issues that could come to the Board in the form of an appeal at a later date.

Ms. Emily Wolfson shared her distress over remarks made at a previous meeting criticizing staff and, by implication, the people who served on the Boundary Committee for the

PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.)

New Town Elementary School. She noted there are 117 relocatables at 44 Baltimore County elementary schools. Ms. Wolfson stated New Town has no greater claim to a school able to house its school population without resorting to relocatables than the other 44 elementary schools, some of which are adjacent to New Town. She stated under the current funding structure, the State requires that students be in place, not projected. She further stated that there needs to be an acceptance of relocatables or a re-evaluation of the source and the requirements of funding new buildings as well the re-evaluation of the source of funding for auxiliary housing for students.

Ms. Nancy Murray, a Sussex Elementary School parent, reported that lead paint and asbestos caulk still remain on the outside of Sussex's windows. She stated that at the August Building Committee meeting, Mr. Kennedy was reassured by Facilities that the children could not come in contact with the lead paint. Ms. Murray stated this is false. She also informed the Board the renovations taking place in the school are disruptive. There are cold classrooms and dust. Ms. Murray requested replacement of the windows at the school.

Ms. Kathy Beard, a Sussex Elementary School parent, noted that \$450,00 has been awarded for windows and questioned waiting until 2002 for window replacement.

At 8:33 p.m., Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sasiadek and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer