

TENTATIVE MINUTES**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
RETREAT**

Saturday, September 9, 2006

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session for retreat on Saturday, September 9, 2006, at 10:02 a.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools; J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent of Business Services; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Dr. Donald A. Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., Legal Counsel to the Superintendent; Mr. Michael Goodhues, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations, Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Michael Sines, Executive Director, Physical Facilities; Mr. Ghassan Shah, Planning Administrator, Strategic Planning; Ms. Thea Jones, Supervisor, Instructional Technology; Mr. Christopher Brocato, Data Analyst, Strategic Planning; Mr. Brice Freeman, Director, Office of Communications; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Winopa Mbakop-Young, Administrative Assistant were present.

Mr. Arnold opened the meeting with a welcome and announced that the agenda would be slightly changed. Mr. Arnold discussed an upcoming school board event and Board protocol.

Dr. Hayman entered the room at 10:10 a.m.

FACILITIES CAPACITIES AND SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Sines reported on the sustainability of BCPS facilities based upon affordability, community acceptance, and attention to critical life safety issues. Baltimore County Public Schools has one of the largest and oldest inventories of facilities in the state. The Department of Physical Facilities has established a Facilities Management Plan based upon history, the current physical condition of each building, and affordability. Mr. Sines also discussed the Vincent Farms site and noted that the building has been placed on the fast-track.

Mr. Sines also reviewed:

- Inventory of facilities and schools
- Capital programs
- Maintenance
- Closure

Mr. Hayden commented on the validity of the data since the presentation refers to September 2005 statistics. Mr. Sines stated that projects remain the same; however, targets may shift from year to year.

Mr. Janssen inquired about the design of the school at the Vincent Farms site.

Dr. Hayman asked about the risk of fast-track and whether the Department of Physical Facilities could meet the targeted opening date. Mr. Sines stated that in order to complete the Vincent Farms site project within the allotted time frame, the project has to be fast-tracked. Mr. Sines expressed his confidence in the school system's ability to work within the parameters given on fast-track projects.

Dr. Hayman suggested the school system quantify the resources needed so that the Board can make the appropriate decisions.

Mr. Hayden asked the Board President to work with the Office of Communications over the next week or so to develop letters to editors and local officials addressing the issues, keeping them up-to-date with construction and renovation needs.

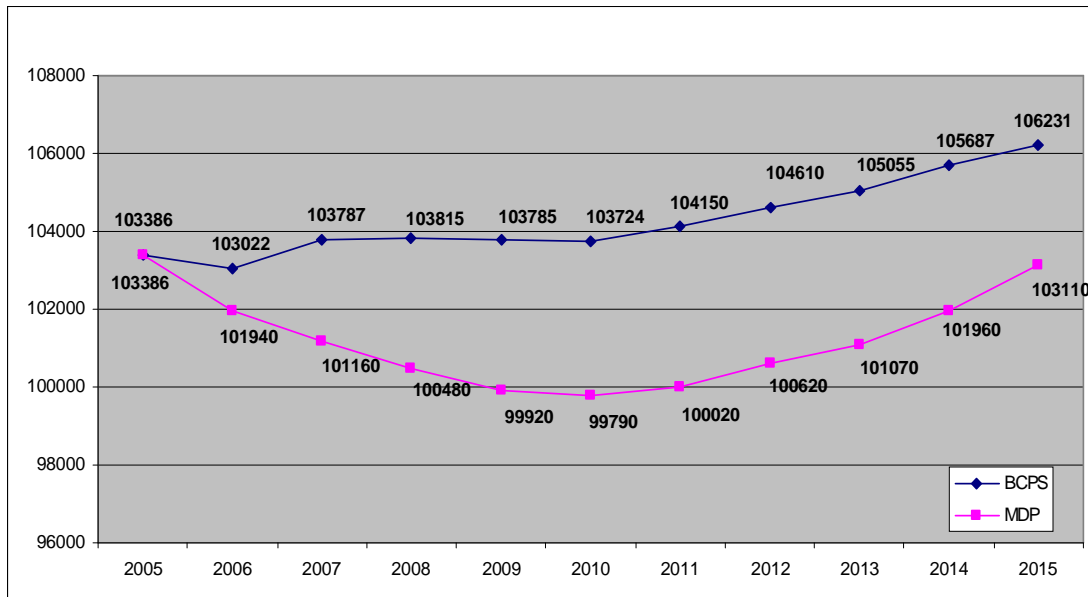
PLANNING FOR NOW AND THE FUTURE

Mr. Arnold introduced Mr. Dunbar Brooks, President of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. Through a PowerPoint™ presentation, Mr. Brooks, along with Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, Mr. Ghassan Shah, Planning Administrator, and Mr. Christopher Brocato, Data Analyst, presented the following information:

- Enrollment Data
- Demographic and Population Trends
 - Population growth by jurisdiction
 - Population growth by ethnicity
 - Median age
- Economic and Workforce Trends
 - Median household income
 - Employment growth and occupation projections
 - Maryland teacher vacancies vs. instate candidates
- Housing Development Trends
 - Housing units in Baltimore region
 - Baltimore County home sales
 - Household development patterns
 - New housing construction in the Baltimore region
- BCPS Enrollment Data
 - Enrollment history (peak of 134,042; low of 80,630)
 - Enrollment trends by kindergarten and grade groups

- BCPS Capacity Issues
 - Changing capacity
 - Strategies for providing relief
- BCPS Planning Priorities
- Issues That Impact The Future

BCPS Current Enrollment Projections and State Validation



BCPS – Baltimore County Public Schools
MDP – Maryland Department of Planning

Kindly note these projections reflect adjustments to our 10-year projections required to accurately compare our projections to state projections. State projections do not include Pre-K students or non-graded special education students.

Mr. Hayden stressed the need to share this information with the members of the Maryland State Board of Education.

Mr. Arnold thanked Mr. Brooks on behalf of the Board for taking the time to present this information.

Mr. Arnold announced a working lunch break at 12:59 p.m.

Dr. Hayman exited the room at 1:00 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

With regards to Board exhibits, Mr. Arnold noted the following practice will now be in effect:

- Documents of 25 pages or more will be available on the website and a hard copy will not be mailed

- For color charts/documents of 25 pages, a hard copy will be mailed
- Color documents will be sent out upon request to Ms. Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board

Mr. Michael Goodhues, Chief Information Officer, and Ms. Thea Jones, Supervisor of Instructional Technology, presented information on the Department of Technology and technology in the schools. Mr. Goodhues provided an overview on the fiber optic project, Verizon switch deployment, and the disaster recovery plan.

Ms. Shillman exited the room at 2:18 p.m.

Dr. Hairston spoke briefly about the State Superintendent's meeting that he attended. Information from that meeting was distributed to Board members.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Governmental Relations, provided an update on the legislative process and priorities including Thornton funding, capital budget, pension reform, and briefly explained Green Street where legislators and educational lobbyist meet to discuss legislative issues.

Mr. Arnold asked Dr. Peccia to return to the Board with a list of recommended items for legislative focus.

Ms. Johnson exited the room at 2:28 p.m.

BUDGET PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the capital and operating budget process. She noted that the proposed capital budget request will be presented to the Board at its September 19th meeting with a work session scheduled for September 20th. Ms. Burnopp stated the budget schedules are published on the BCPS website and was included in the Board's Friday Letter.

The retreat concluded at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in open session at 5:32 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Arnold reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in September and October.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(9) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:37 p.m. at Greenwood. President Donald L. Arnold and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., Legal Counsel to the Superintendent; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations; Dr. Kim X. Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Dr. H. Scott Gehring, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Ms. Jean E. Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Dr. Manuel B. Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Area; Dr. Alpheus Arrington, Director, Teacher Personnel; Mr. Daniel Capozzi, Manager, Staff Relations; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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

Ms. Ramona Johnson, Board member, entered the room at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Capozzi began his remarks concerning the negotiation process and the proposed negotiating team members for the 2006-2007 season.

As a result of a Board member's concern about the substance of the discussion, Mr. Janssen moved that the Board go into open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

At 5:52 p.m., Mr. Janssen moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi 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. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Ramona N. Johnson, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Ms. Joy Shillman, and Mr. Peter Bacon. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, 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 Naomi Bryant, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Minutes of August 22, 2006, Mr. Arnold declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

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

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Baltimore County Student Council President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the council's meeting held September 13. She stated that the PSAT should be available to all high school students free of cost. Ms. Oswald noted that the SAT registration method should be reviewed since there appears to be a waiting list for SAT registration at particular schools.

Ms. Kathleen Metro, a representative of the Advisory Committee for Alternative Programs, introduced Ms. Betina Reyes, who spoke about the Even Start program and how her family has benefited from this program.

Mr. Craig Goodwin, a representative of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, expressed concern about the overcrowding of Chapel Hill Elementary School. He stated the Chapel Hill Elementary School PTA and the northeast advisory council are calling for the area to be immediately redistricted or for the school system, at a minimum, start the redistricting process.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Tom Dolina, a representative of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees, reported that a representative from CASE would be attending all Board meetings. He also informed the Board of the diversity of CASE.

Dr. Ella White-Campbell, Chair of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, reported on its September 14 meeting regarding the AIMM project and believes it should be implemented system wide as quickly as possible. Dr. Campbell also stated that a representative from the Baltimore County Health Department addressed maintaining good hygiene.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, reviewed one of the council's goals to develop local PTAs' and stakeholders' knowledge and understanding of the operation of the PTA. She also announced the PTA council's training and fall workshop will be held on October 26 at New Town High School.

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on its first meeting held September 11. The informative dialogue consisted of clarification of IEP meetings and team, responsibility, and what are the actual needs.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, stated that TABCO is available to work with the school system to make sure that students receive the proper tools and instructions to be successful.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no report provided this evening.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Arnold presented to Ms. O'Hare her Commission from Governor Robert Ehrlich, Jr.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Governmental Relations, recognized the administrative appointments made at the September 6, 2006 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MICHELLE R. EVANS</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Teacher/Mathematics Woodlawn High School	Assistant Principal Catonsville High School
<u>CAROL JP JOHNSON</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Education Program Specialist Maryland State Department of Education	Testing Specialist Office of Accountability, Research and Testing

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (cont)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MOLLY C. O'BRIEN</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Case Manager Office of Non-Public Placements	Assistant Principal Wellwood International School
<u>ANDREW C. PRUSKI</u> (Effective September 7, 2006)	Testing Specialist Office of Accountability, Research and Testing	Supervisor of Testing Office of Accountability, Research and Testing

RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia recognized the Education Advisory Council appointments made at the September 6, 2006 Board meeting:

- Mr. Ian Cohen New Member – Northwest Area

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Naming of Track

On motion of Dr. Hayman, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the naming of Sollers Point Technical High School's track to the "J. Bruce Turner Track," as presented in Exhibit B.

Proposed Changes to Policy 1230

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the revisions to Policy 1230, Area Education Advisory Councils, as presented in Exhibit C.

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- Recognition of Student at Sudbrook Middle Magnet School** – Ms. Angela Heffner, Government and Public Affairs Manager at Comcast, recognized Chris Magorian, eighth grader from Sudbrook Magnet Middle School as Baltimore County's winner in the "Bravo, On The Set." Sudbrook Magnet Middle School will receive \$1,000 towards funding its arts program. Ms. Heffner presented a citation to Chris on behalf of the County Executive.

REPORTS (cont)

- B. **Naming of New Northeast Area Elementary School** – Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent for the Northeast Area, stated that the proposed naming of the new elementary school at the Vincent Farms site is “White Marsh Elementary School.” Mr. Lawrence noted that naming of a facility is required by MSDE so that funding can continue for a new construction project. This is the first reading.
- C. **Report on Proposed FY2008 State/County Capital Budget Request** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief overview of the proposed FY2008 capital budget request and the State/County budget process. The budget will be discussed in detail at the work session on Wednesday, September 20, 2006.
- D. **Report on China** – Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Principal, Dulaney High School, and Ms. Kelly Smith, English Department Chair at Dulaney High School, provided Board members an understanding of the cultural exchange program with China. Mr. Patzkowsky and Ms. Smith shared their experiences while participating in the Fulbright-Hays Study Abroad Program; explained why a partnership with the school system is critical, and proposed plans to develop a Dulaney-based exchange program with Chinese educational institutions.

Mr. Bacon praised this amazing opportunity for the school system and students. Students need to understand future global challenges.

Dr. Hairston alerted the Board that this is not a typical exchange program and that staff will have to review Board policy 6104. Any resulting recommendations will receive MSDE approval.

Ms. Johnson asked how this program could be extended to include additional schools. Mr. Patzkowsky responded the school system needs to offer more Chinese programs in other schools.

Ms. O’Hare commented that this is a very selective program. The school system needs to address being successful system wide in educating the average student.

Mr. Hayden disagreed; remarking that this is an incredible incentive for the students currently in the language program.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Dr. Hayman, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits G, H, I, J and K. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.).

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1, 2, 4, and 5 (Exhibit L). Mr. Hayden separated items 3 and 6 for further discussion.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. JN1-760-07 EduTrax, Incorporated
2. PCR-279-05 Special Education Therapy Services
4. MBU-588-06 Additional Design Services – Food and Nutrition Services Warehouse Expansion and Renovation
5. MWE-826-06 Design Services – Vincent Farms School Site

Item 3

Mr. Hayden asked which schools are being considered for this contract. Mr. Gay responded this is a general contract so that the school system can inspect and repair all bleachers where necessary.

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

3. MBU-518-07 Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Bleachers

Item 6

Mr. Hayden expressed concern over the various project costs. Mr. Sines stated the Department of Physical Facilities has attempted to forecast an estimate for each project. There have been fourteen design teams that have visited specific sights, conducted analyses, and generated a project cost within the scope of services.

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved item 6.

6. JN1-713-06 Renovations – Perry Hall Middle School

BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENT

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the FY 2007 capital budget appropriation transfer of \$1,338,881 for the renovation project budget at Lansdowne Middle School, and the supplemental appropriation of \$1,292,000 for the window replacement projects at Lansdowne Elementary School, as presented in Exhibit L.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the memorandum of understanding between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Department of Social Services in providing clinical social workers in six schools as part of a mental health partnership, as presented in Exhibit M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- On Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Baltimore County Board of Education will conduct a work session on the Proposed FY08 Capital State/County Budget. The meeting will take place in room 114 of the ESS Building at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at Maiden Choice School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at Padonia Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Three community forums will be held on Monday, September 25, to gather public input regarding the preparation of the BCPS Special Education Staffing Plan for 2007-2008. These meetings will also serve as a forum for parents to share information about other special education topics. Each meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Dogwood Elementary, Essex Elementary, and Ridge Ruxton Schools.
- The Northeast Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at Eastern Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, 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, which will be followed by a brief dinner recess. The open session will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions. The Board will host the Professional School Nurses Association for dinner on October 3, 2006 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Arnold reminded speakers that the Board of Education welcomes and enjoys the input of the public on those matters discussed on the evening's agenda, or issues related to the school system. However, speakers should refrain from discussing any pending or potential appeal matters, as well as any personnel matters. Persons may provide written comments to the Board if they so desire.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kathy Fox expressed disappointment regarding overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Ms. Trish Bisaha expressed concern over the lack of cafeteria and library space at Chapel Hill Elementary School. She asked the Board to support early redistricting and a building moratorium.

Mr. Rick Huether expressed concern about the overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School. Mr. Huether asked the Board to start the redistricting process now.

Ms. Connie Divelbliss-Ashcraft stated she was shocked about the overcrowding of Chapel Hill Elementary School. As a kindergarten parent, she asked the Board to find immediate solutions for this problem.

Rev. Vaughn Samuels shared his concern about the use of facilities requirements for school buildings.

Ms. Theresa Davis asked how the Board is involved in the planning of new and developing communities. She asked which plans are underway to ease overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Ms. Kendra Angione shared her frustration regarding overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School. She stated that an enrollment cap should be considered.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel expressed concern about the conduct of two Board members at a previous meeting. He asked the Board to acknowledge equal rights for Muslim children.

Dr. Bash Pharoan stated that the 2006-07 calendar did not have the Muslim's second holiday on the front of the calendar. He asked that the Board treat Muslim holidays equal to other holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 p.m., Dr. Hayman moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

TENTATIVE MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

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Mr. Janssen reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in October and November.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and upon motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

At 5:42 p.m., Ms. Murphy moved the Board adjourn for a brief dinner recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pallozzi and approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Session Minutes of September 6, 2006, and the Work Session Minutes of September 20, 2006, Mr. Arnold declared the minutes approved as presented on the website.

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

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Baltimore County Student Council President and Superintendent's Student Council Advisory Group, reported on the council's workshop held at Camp Ramblewood September 29 and 30 where topics included "leadership development" and "meeting your dreams."

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Central Area Education Advisory Council, reported on its last meeting discussing homework and grading practices. Ms. Thomas announced the Council's pre-budget meeting will be held on October 12 at Dumbarton Middle School.

Mr. David Marks, Chair of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, stated the council supports the proposed naming of White Marsh Elementary School. Mr. Ron Zimmerman, Vice-Chair of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council, summarized its pre-operating budget meeting of September 27.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Stephen Crum, a Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council representative, announced that the Council's pre-budget meeting would be held on Monday, October 9, at Sollers Point Technical High School.

Ms. Maggie Kennedy, Chair of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, announced the coalition's meeting with the County Executive on October 10 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the capital and operating budget. Ms. Kennedy also reported on its August meeting where topics discussed included reauthorization of NCLB, communicating with county delegation about school construction funding, and alignment of the voluntary state curriculum (VSC).

Mr. Stephen Crum, Chair of the Career & Technology Education Advisory Council, requested full funding of the career and technology fiscal year 2008 budget. Mr. Crum reviewed the requested budget priorities with Board members.

Ms. Karen Yarn, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education, reported on its activities for September, which included discussion on student assessment activities, the Naglieri Ability Test, and developments in reading/language arts and mathematics. Ms. Yarn announced the committee's general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, a representative of the Minority Achievement Advisory Group, announced the joint meeting with the County Executive on October 10, 2006 to discuss capital and operating budget issues.

Ms. Susan Katz, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, introduced Ms. Nancy Ostrow, First Vice-President, who announced the council's fall reception and workshop to be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at New Town High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Jan Thomas, Chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, reported on the special education community forums held September 25. She stated that while the discussion was excellent, there needs to be a commitment to change the perception of special education.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, saddened over recent events regarding school violence, stated that BCPS could tighten and re-enforce safety standards in its schools. She encouraged the school system to perform checks on school entrances.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hairston reported on several projects taking place:

- Memorandum of Understanding between MSDE and the Italian Embassy for the Advanced Placement Italian program at Patapsco High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont)

- Partnership with the Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, for an international art exhibit that will involve students from the Carver Center for Arts and technology.
- Working on establishing relationships with Germany, Switzerland, and Israel.

Dr. Hairston also reported on his trip to the Scholastic Superintendents' Leadership Summit in New York, and the Baltimore County Student Council's Leadership Workshop at Camp Ramblewood.

OLD BUSINESS

FY08 Proposed Capital State/County Budget

Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, stated that based on the discussion at the Board's work session, the Old Court Middle School renovation project has been combined with the planned gymnasium renovation project. In addition, that project and the Cockeysville Middle School renovation, roof and window project have been placed at the end of the middle school renovation priority list. This movement increases the eligibility of state funding for the middle school projects by allowing for a planning cycle for the additions to the combined projects. Ms. Burnopp noted that the change in priorities does not compromise the completion of these projects since the projects were forward-funded by the county.

Mr. Hayden moved to adopt the FY08 Capital State/County budget, as presented in Exhibit B. Mr. Pallozzi seconded the motion. The Board approved the budget. Mr. Bacon, student Board member, did not vote (favor – 10; opposed – 0; abstain – 0).

REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Report on Interagency Disaster Management** – Mr. Dale Rauenzahn, Executive Director of Student Support Services, shared with Board members the coordinated efforts of emergency and disaster readiness through interagency planning that have been jointly developed and implemented by the Baltimore County Emergency Planning Department, the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Baltimore County Police Department, the Homeland Security Offices, and the Baltimore County School System. Mr. Rauenzahn reviewed the three phases (preparedness, response, and recovery) of disaster management and how these phases are part of the school system's daily routine. Mr. Rauenzahn introduced Lt. Mark Demsky from the Baltimore County Fire Department, and Capt. Thomas Busch from the Baltimore County Police Department.

REPORTS (cont)

Lt. Demsky explained the fire department's role and responsibility with the school system regarding disaster management. He also reviewed the process for opening a shelter and the collaboration that occurs between the American Red Cross and the Department of Social Services.

Capt. Busch explained his primary role as the liaison with the school system and supervisor of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

- B. **Report on Chapel Hill Elementary School** – Mr. Don Dent, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations, provided an update to the Board on overcrowding concerns at Chapel Hill Elementary School. Mr. Dent reviewed actions taken to date, staffing and enrollment at the school, relief plan, and relief process timeline.

Ms. Harris asked for clarification on enrollment figures. Mr. Dent responded that Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent of the Northeast area, and himself walked through every class at Chapel Hill and noted that full-day kindergarten class size ranged from 25-28 per class while grades one through five ranged from 19-27 students per class.

Ms. Harris expressed concern that the Chapel Hill Elementary School community is requesting redistricting now. Mr. Dent responded that the boundary process for a new school begins the year prior to the school opening and after the September 30 enrollment data.

Ms. O'Hare stated she did not see the need for redistricting at this time. Ms. O'Hare inquired about the boundary committee members. Mr. Ghassan Shah, Planning Administrator for Strategic Planning, responded the boundary process is defined in Board Policy 1280.

- C. **Report on Woodlawn Middle School (WMS)** – Mr. Brian Scriven, Principal of Woodlawn Middle School, and Ms. Lisa Sampson, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for the Southwest Area, provided a status report on the Alternative Governance Plan at WMS. Mr. Scriven reviewed staffing, the instructional process to improve student achievement, pre-planning for the short cycle assessments, and extended time, professional development, and governance.

In response to a question from Ms. Harris regarding professional development, Mr. Scriven responded that WMS has a targeted professional development focus that is aligned with the alternative governance plan.

Mr. Janssen expressed concern that a long-term substitute for mathematics has been in place for approximately two years rather than a permanent mathematics teacher.

REPORTS (cont)

Mr. Janssen asked whether plans existed to reach out to the fifth graders in the feeder schools. Mr. Scriven responded he visited every feeder elementary school prior to the end of last school year. In regard to the Principal's cabinet, Mr. Janssen was pleased to see students involved in this initiative and stated he would like to see this model implemented in other middle schools.

Dr. Hayman noted the importance of describing what the action team is accomplishing and what impact it has on the success of the school. He also stated the Board needs to see where the school is in terms of the governance plan and how it can be replicated in other places.

- D. **Report on Woodlawn High School (WHS)** – Mr. Don Weglein, Principal of Woodlawn High School, and Ms. Lisa Sampson, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for the Southwest Area, reviewed with Board members staffing, administrative team approach, instructional efforts, approaches to a safe and orderly environment, SAT/HSA Results and Approaches to Improve Student Achievement, and AP/GT Increased Rigor.

Ms. Murphy asked whether the school anticipates getting additional advanced placement (AP) teachers. Mr. Weglein responded that assigning teachers to AP classes has not been difficult at all. Mr. Weglein stated the on-line AP courses are working well.

Mr. Janssen noted that the increases in the HSA results are impressive. He stated that while AP/GT courses have been added, sixteen classes is not enough. Mr. Janssen would like a report, possibly in the spring, on the success of the on-line AP classes.

Dr. Hayman identified the following concerns:

- Mathematics teaching position still open
- Resources not necessarily appropriately placed
- Student safety
- Students need to take the SAT in their freshman year
- Excellent robotics summer camp; however positive events are not being communicated.

Mr. Hayden stated that the statistics provided showed that WHS saw an improvement of 84% over last year in Algebra, which is remarkable. He also commented that the Board is behind WHS and is proud of the progress made to date. Mr. Hayden noted the importance of Woodlawn Middle and High Schools having an opportunity to re-present in the spring and providing an update on the progress and achievements being made at each school.

REPORT (cont)

Ms. O'Hare expressed concern with the number of average students at WHS. Ms. O'Hare stated she would like an update on the average student as part of the future report.

Mr. Parker stated more principals should make presentations to the Board on other topics.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on Exhibits H, I, and J. (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes.). Exhibit G was rescinded.

NEGOTIATION TEAM MEMBERS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board approved the proposed negotiation team members for 2006-2007, as presented on Exhibit K.

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-6 (Exhibit L). Mr. Hayden abstained from voting on item 6.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. MWE-838-07 CISCO Networking Hardware and Software
2. RGA-104-07 Office and School Supplies – School Specialty
3. MWE-817-06 Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services – Kenwood High School Addition and Technology Wing Renovation
4. MWE-815-06 Contract Modification: Design Services – Vincent Farms School Site
5. MWE-842-07 Parking Lot Addition – Pikesville Middle School
6. JNI-714-06 Renovations – Pikesville Middle School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Arnold made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006, at Sollers Point Technical High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Central Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006, at Dumbarton Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will host its pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at Woodlawn High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 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, which will be followed by a brief dinner recess. The open session will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome at all open sessions. The Board will host the Career & Technology Education Advisory Council for dinner on October 24, 2006 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Arnold reminded speakers that the Board of Education welcomes and enjoys the input of the public on those matters discussed on the evening's agenda, or issues related to the school system. However, speakers should refrain from discussing any pending or potential appeal matters, as well as any personnel matters. Persons may provide written comments to the Board if they so desire.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NAMING OF NEW SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST AREA

Mr. Adam Paul, President of the White Marsh Civic Association, requested the Board consider naming the new elementary school Vincent Farm Elementary School. Mr. Paul also provided to Board members a petition of those individuals, who support this request.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Davis expressed concern over the proposed school bus depot on Paper Mill Road. Mr. Davis noted there are traffic and safety issues with this site along with the MTB fuel spill that occurred over a year ago.

Mr. Rick Huether expressed his frustration regarding the overcrowding issue at Chapel Hill Elementary School. He asked the Board to start the redistricting process and boundary process now and to support a building moratorium.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (cont)

Ms. Trisha Bisaha expressed disappointment regarding overcrowding at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Mr. Glen Thomas expressed concern over the proposed bus depot on Paper Mill Road. Mr. Thomas noted several traffic, safety, and environmental issues with this property.

Mr. Muhammad Jameel asked the Board to include two Muslim holidays on the school calendar.

Dr. Bash Pharoan asked that the Board to remove the Jewish holidays from, or to add the Muslim holidays to, the school calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 p.m., Mr. Hayden moved to adjourn the open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Hairston
Secretary-Treasurer

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