

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY
CLOSED MEETING**

August 25, 2005

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on August 25, 2005, at 3:10 p.m., in the Board Planning Room at 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042. A motion was made in public in the Board Room by Diane Mikulis that the Board meet in closed session pursuant to 10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss a personnel issue, the acquisition of property for a school site, and to consult with counsel. The motion was seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty and approved (3/0). Persons present: Board members Patricia S. Gordon, Vice Chairman; Diane Mikulis; and Mary Kay Sigaty; and Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION, PERSONS PRESENT, AND EACH ACTION TAKEN:

1. Superintendent's goals for the 2005/2006 school year

Dr. Cousin reviewed with the Board his goals for the 2005-2006 school year, including "new" Goal 3.

2. Glenelg HS wastewater treatment

Mark Blom, Esquire, Legal Counsel, discussed with the Board the petitioners' settlement offer. Board members voted 3/0 to reject the settlement offer and to have the school system's legal counsel communicate the rejection to the petitioners' legal counsel.

3. Northeastern ES site

Dr. Cousin provided a report on the status of the Northeastern ES site and summarized his meeting with the landowner and his attorney which was held to discuss outstanding issues concerning the land acquisition.

Dr. Cousin responded to questions from Board members and discussed the history of attempts to acquire the site to date.

Adjourned: 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent