

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY
AND HOWARD COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

September 13, 2005

The Board of Education of Howard County hosted a dinner meeting on September 13, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., at the Howard County Conservancy, Woodstock, MD with the following Howard County elected officials and school system administrators:

Present:

Board of Education

Courtney Watson, Chairman
Patricia S. Gordon, Vice Chair
Joshua M. Kaufman
Diane B. Mikulis
Mary Kay Sigaty
Jeff Lasser, Student Member

Howard County Council

Guy Guzzone, Chairman
Charles C. Feaga
Chris Merdon

Herman Charity, representing
James Robey, County Executive
Timothy McCrone, State's Attorney

Howard County Delegation

Alan Kittleman, Senate Chair
Ed Kasemeyer
Sandra Schrader
Shane Pendergrass, House Chair
Gail Bates
Neil Quinter
Frank Turner

Josh Michael, Student Member
of MD State Board of Education

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent
Raymond Brown, Chief Operating Officer
Sandra Erickson, Chief Academic and Administrative Officer
Mamie Perkins, Chief of Staff
Mark Blom, General Counsel
Roger Plunkett, Business, Community, & Government Relations Officer
Patti Caplan, Public Relations Officer
Robin Shell, Ombudsman

Mrs. Watson and Dr. Cousin welcomed the guests and thanked them for joining the Board and leadership of the school system for dinner and discussion. Mrs. Watson expressed appreciation and gratitude for the support the Board and the school system have received over the past year.

Mrs. Watson reported on recent HCPSS successes:

- Opening of Marriotts Ridge HS on time
- Finance Department awards
- Approval of Superintendent (34% to 77%)
- Hiring

Dr. Cousin described some of the challenges that face the HCPSS:

- Budget – 22%
- Field usage fees
- Charter schools
- Restructuring of the Board of Education

An opportunity was provided for informal questions and answers and to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The event concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Approved-September 22, 2005