

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

November 22, 2005

The Board of Education of Howard County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 22, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Department of Education, located at 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, Maryland. The following were present:

Courtney Watson, Chairman
Patricia S. Gordon, Vice Chairman
Joshua Kaufman
Mary Kay Sigaty
Jeff Lasser, Student Member

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer
Sandra Erickson, Chief Academic and Administrative Officer
Raymond Brown, Chief Operating Officer
Patti Caplan, Director, Public Relations
Florence Jackson, Recording Secretary

Chairman Courtney Watson called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m., and Mr. Lasser led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum

There was no one present to address Public Forum.

Approval of Agenda

Add: FY 2007 State Capital Budget/IAC Appeal.

Defer: Donation Triadelphia ES defer to future Board meeting.

Action: Mr. Kaufman moved approval of the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sigaty and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cousin noted the following items of interest during the Superintendent's Report:

- Flu shots have been made available for employees throughout the county as part of the wellness program.
- Students were congratulated who were selected to participate in the 2006 All State Junior Orchestra and All State Junior Band.

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- West Friendship ES was congratulated on their 80th birthday celebration.

Student Member's Report

Mr. Lasser noted the following items in his report:

- Forty-five students attended the Maryland Association of Student Councils High School Leadership Conference. Students met with students from other counties to talk about different goal-setting strategies.
- Howard County is scheduling its own leadership conference in January, and all the high schools in the county will be involved. Middle schools may also be involved.
- Schools are happy to have the scheduling process on line.

Student Representatives' Reports

Mr. Daniel Pindell, Glenelg HS, mentioned the following activities:

- Glenelg HS mourns the loss of Mr. Robert Connors, Assistant Principal. The Connor family requests a memorial fund for music and arts be set up at Glenelg HS.
- The waste-water permit has not been approved as of this date.
- Mr. Michael Fallon, actor, psychiatrist, came for a bully-proofing seminar. He opened students' minds to a different way of thinking.
- Girls' volleyball won the state championship.

Consent Agenda

Donations (excluding Triadelphia Ridge ES), Minutes of September 26, 2005, Closed Meeting; October 20, 2005, Closed Meeting; October 27, 2005, Regular Meeting; November 2, 2005, Closed Meeting; November 8, 2005, Public Hearing

Mrs. Watson requested that the minutes be deferred to the evening session.

Ms. Sigaty requested the donation to Waverly ES be pulled.

Action: Mr. Kaufman moved approval of donations to Clarksville ES, Waterloo ES, Longfellow ES, Centennial HS, Long Reach HS, Glenelg HS, Reservoir HS, and Oakland Mills HS. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sigaty and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

- Clarksville ES received a donation of \$700 from the Clarksville Elementary Parent Teacher Association. The funds are designated for a performance of "Pay Ball: Super Sports Science" at the Maryland Science Center.

- Waterloo ES received a donation of \$1,000 from the Horizon Foundation. The funds are designated to send support staff to the Search Institute's Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Conference.
- Longfellow ES received a donation of \$692.29 from the Longfellow Elementary PTA. The funds are designated to be used for the school's security system.
- Centennial HS received a donation of \$3460 from the Boosters. The funds are to be used as follows:
 1. \$3120 designated for indoor track.
 2. \$40 designated for Wingspan.
 3. \$300 designated for the spirit band.
- Centennial HS received a donation of \$7236 from the Boosters. The funds are to be used as follows:
 1. \$727 designated for drill team skirts/tops.
 2. \$1400 designated for boys soccer jerseys/shorts.
 3. \$550 designated for the jazz group.
 4. \$2919 designated for varsity bags/JV warm ups.
 5. \$690 designated for girls basketball.
 6. \$350 designated for fall sports.
 7. \$600 designated for Wingspan.
- Centennial HS received a donation of \$2000 from the PTSA. The funds are designated to each class in the amount of \$500.
- Long Reach HS received a donation of \$1000 from the Boosters. The funds are designated for a new football sled.
- Long Reach HS received a donation in the amount of \$1000 from an anonymous donor. The funds are designated for the Renaissance Program.
- Glenelg HS received a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Glenelg High Boosters. \$5,000 will be designated to the Athletic Department and \$5,000 will be designated for extra-curricular activities.
- Reservoir HS received a donation of camera equipment designated to the Photography Department.
- Oakland Mills HS received a donation in the amount of \$811.27 from Target-Take Charge of Ed. The funds are designated for activities to support school improvement.

Ms. Sigaty questioned the designation of the cash donation of \$800 to Waverly ES. Mrs. Linda Wise, Assistant Superintendent, School Administration, said it is for a cello instrument.

Action: Ms. Sigaty moved approval of the donation to Waverly ES. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

FY 2007 State Capital Budget/IAC Appeal

Presenter: Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown explained that the Board approved the preliminary capital budget of \$99 million for FY 2007, and of this amount, \$59.8 million was eligible for state funding. The preliminary allocation by the Public School Construction Program was \$4.2 million-\$2 million for Western ES and \$2.2 million for other additions at elementary schools throughout the county. The balance is \$55.6 million and staff requests approval from the Board to appeal those projects not funded by the state at the December 8 meeting of the IAC.

Action: Mr. Kaufman moved approval of staff recommendation to appeal all of the projects that were not funded at the initial IAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Technology Plan, Phase I

Presenter: Mr. Robert Glascock, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction.

Mr. Glascock explained that in order to prepare students for the digital world it is imperative that all of the current instructional technology within the schools is functional and standard. He noted that the replacement cycle, Phase 1, is moving toward standards. He referred to young people who have grown up in a technical environment as ‘digital natives’; and instructional staff as ‘digital immigrants’ – adults who grew up without technology. The challenge is how to eliminate the digital divide between digital natives and digital immigrants. Support systems are needed for students and teachers, and the challenge is how to move toward that goal.

Mr. Glascock noted the following goals:

- Uniform infrastructure to deliver instructional programs.
- Implement a replacement cycle. Phase I is called Standardization.
- Equitable distribution of resources.
- Strategic planning for technology - thinking ahead in a three-to-five year plan.

Mr. Glascock then spoke about the following methodology:

- Technology focus group was formed and the information was used to create the plan.
- Inventory was evaluated.
- Criteria was determined for instructionally valid technology.

- Established standards for all three instructional levels.
- Formulated a plan to establish standards for all schools.

Current Status:

- Ten different operating systems are being used with some systems almost ten years old.
- Remove instructionally invalid systems.
- Computers that are invalid will be removed from the schools.
- Existing computers will have a standard operating system.
- Equitably equip all schools with the same technology for the uniform delivery of instruction.
- Have mobile computer labs.
- Teachers must have tools to connect with students.

Timeline:

- Staff will request Board approval of a four-year lease at the next meeting.
- Implementation will begin in February and move school by school with professional development.
- Goal is to finish by end of the year.

Discussion:

Mr. Kaufman noted that when he visits schools the theme in every school is technology. There is a common desire to show rapid improvement both in the instructional side and at the systems level. He asked Mr. Glascock to what degree the planning process will address systemwide support systems as opposed to the instructional technology. Mr. Glascock said the first goal is looking at the instructional program. He added that there is a strategic plan for improving the whole infrastructure system.

Mr. Kaufman asked when inventory was taken, was technology included from all sources. Ms. Carol Fritts, Coordinator, Media Educational Technology, said everything on the inventory was included that met the standard. Anything that is not instructionally valid will be removed.

Mr. Kaufman also asked how resources were allocated. Mr. Tom Miller, e-Learning Facilitator, said schools can apply to a grant program.

Mrs. Watson asked about a laptop for every teacher, and how can the theft issue be controlled. Mr. Miller noted that, as part of the plan, included is a laptop, case, ether net cord, and a lock. The lock may serve as a deterrent. Ms. Fritts said the schools that do have laptops have not had too much of a problem.

Ms. Gordon asked if schools can lock up laptops at night. Mr. Miller said schools have the capability, but teachers often take them home.

Mrs. Adrianna Abate, Technology Officer, Information and Technology Office, said she met with Risk Management and Security to discuss this topic, and different options are being considered.

Ms. Sigaty asked what instructionally valid computers are. Mr. Miller said this designation refers to processor speed, the memory that exists within the computer, and what memory can be added.

Mr. Lasser questioned how long instructionally valid computers will be upgraded. Mr. Miller responded that computers will be upgraded consistently.

Ms. Sigaty asked if donated computers will continue to go into the inventory when the standardization plan goes into effect. Mrs. Abate said there is a donation policy that includes that topic. Mrs. Erickson mentioned if the computers are instructionally valid they would be part of the plan.

Mrs. Watson stated that great progress has been made in setting standards.

Cultural Proficiency

Presenter: Dr. Jacqueline Conarton, Director, Professional and Organizational Development.

Dr. Conarton said that five more school teams will be receiving the cultural proficiency training. She added that a modular sustainability plan for cultural proficiency is being developed, and professional development staff will work with principals on staff awareness during the 2006 Summer Institute. A cultural proficiency presentation will be a part of New Teacher Orientation in 2006, and plans are being made to train other new staff.

Dr. Conarton noted the five levels of professional development evaluation:

- Level 1 measures participants' reactions.
- Level 2 is participants' learning.
- Level 3 organizational support.
- Level 4 application – putting it into practice.
- Level 5 student outcomes.

Mrs. Watson mentioned that this was a great presentation. Board members were first trained in cultural proficiency, and Board members have been anxious to know whether it is working in the school environment.

Discussion:

Mr. Kaufman said that staff who have been participating have done a fantastic job, and he supports this initiative in the future.

Ms. Sigaty concurred with other Board members in their enthusiasm about this program. She asked how the five other schools to receive the training will be chosen.

Dr. Conarton said staff looked at two different models. One was to do a cluster model of schools that had been trained; and staff also looked at a combination of readiness - with principals and administrators who came forward requesting the training.

Mrs. Watson noted that the Board members were in agreement that this is one of the most important initiatives for the future of the school system.

Curriculum and Assessment Development

Presenter: Mr. Robert Glascock

Mr. Glascock asked for Board approval of two items namely:

1. PreK-12 curriculum.
2. Addition and deletion of courses for the Catalog of Approved High School Courses, 2006-2007.

Discussion:

Mr. Kaufman noted that the quality of the curriculum is fantastic.

Ms. Sigaty questioned the sequencing of the Humanities courses. Dr. Clarissa Evans, Director of Secondary Curricular Programs, said there is a school that has been doing this sequence. Staff wants to be sure this opportunity is available in all schools. The majority of schools will be looking at the new sequence within the social studies program.

Ms. Sigaty, said if this is the choice, all schools should have it. Mr. Glascock noted that results need to be examined before the program is expanded to all the schools.

Ms. Sigaty said Humanities is only offered as GT or AP; therefore, this opportunity is not available to all students. Dr. Mark Stout, Coordinator of Secondary Social Studies, said there is a small number of students in this program as it exists now, and most schools would use the sequence currently available. All students will receive what they need instructionally.

Ms. Sigaty asked why one of the television courses is being deleted. Ms. Fritts said media specialists teach Television I and Television II courses which takes away from their ability to perform the functions of the media center. Additionally, the equipment is not available to implement the curriculum at the second level in each of the schools. Students would still be offered the opportunity to participate who have an interest in television through a program at the Career Academy. Dr. Richard Weissenhoff, Coordinator, Career and Technology Education, said there is a visual communications career academy at the ARL and one of the components of that is television and radio broadcasting.

Mr. Lasser questioned if the advanced courses would be designated as regular or GT classes. Dr. Weissenhoff said courses in the past that have been given GT or high level designation will continue. Currently there is an evaluation of courses to determine their status. Mr. Glascock said that staff is looking at the criteria used to determine the course level in the high schools. Staff will work with school-based administration to review those designations and make a final determination about changes for the following year.

Action: Mr. Kaufman moved approval of the Curriculum and Curriculum-based Assessment Development 2005. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Quarterly Agenda

Mrs. Watson stated that a transition into the new format for Board meetings has been prepared to accommodate the Board's interest in allocating time for in-depth discussions of *Bridge to Excellence* initiatives. Listed below are examples of the types of agenda items that would be scheduled at each:

- Administrative Meetings.
- Program Meetings.
- Special Meetings.

Board members noted other additions and changes to the Quarterly Agenda.

Orientation and Professional Development for Board Members

Mrs. Watson asked if Board members wanted to provide feedback to the Maryland State Board of Education concerning its proposal to require Board of Education members to receive professional development/training.

Ms. Gordon said 18 hours has been suggested. Another question is who shall be giving the training – MABE, the state, or local school boards.

Mrs. Watson mentioned that Carroll County is not supporting this legislation. She asked Board members if they were in favor of the state mandating new Board members having 18 hours of training. Mr. Kaufman said no. Ms. Gordon said yes because new

Board members need more training. Ms. Sigaty said she is in favor of Board member professional development but not in favor of having it as part of state regulation. She further suggested proposing to MABE that Board member training become one of the standards of the association. Counties can sign on to this as one of the standards and support it that way instead of putting it into legislation.

Mr. Kaufman noted that the way it is done now is highly centralized so geographically it is very difficult. Mrs. Watson said she felt that she is in favor of mandating training but not through the state board and not 18 hours. She would rather see it done by MABE. Mr. Lasser said that he supports the training but not hours or location. Ms. Gordon suggested sharing the Board's thoughts with MABE, and it was agreed that she would draft a letter for Board members' approval.

Scheduling

Board members discussed dates for an upcoming retreat.

Bushy Park ES/Exchange of Property with Recreation and Parks

Presenter: Mr. David Drown, Manager, School Planning.

Mr. Drown said this is a follow up to a report and a public hearing concerning a land exchange with Recreation and Parks for the Bushy Park replacement school. The school system will receive approximately 20 acres adjacent to the existing Bushy Park ES and will give Recreation and Parks approximately 14 acres adjacent to Laurel Woods ES.

Action: Mr. Kaufman moved approval of the Bushy Park ES/Exchange of Property with Recreation and Parks. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Charter for Policy 2911, Religion and Religious Materials; Policy 13111, Religious Observances; and Policy 2050, Attendance.

Presenter: Mrs. Min Kim, Coordinator, Equity Assurance/Human Relations.

Mrs. Kim presented charters for the revisions of Policy 2911, Religion and Religious Materials; Policy 13111, Religious Observances; and Policy 2050, Attendance. Mrs. Kim noted that the first two policies are scheduled for review under Policy 1001. The Attendance Policy, 2050 has been added based on the recommendation of the Superintendent's cabinet. Bringing all three policies forward at one time ensures consistency and proper alignment. Mrs. Kim said, in addition to herself, Mrs. Susan Mascaro, Director of Staff Relations, will chair the committee. Ms. Pamela Blackwell, Coordinator, Student Services, will also play a key role on the committee. Presentation of the policies is scheduled for April 16, 2006, and tentative adoption on May 21, 2006.

Discussion:

Mr. Kaufman said he would like to get full participation on issues. He felt that all voices need to be heard.

Mrs. Mascaro said staff recognizes the importance of having input on this policy. A community forum date has been scheduled for January 18, 2006. Staff will be working with Public Information and school principals to have the community aware of the forum.

Scheduling

The Board members discussed several schedule changes and additions.

Recess: The Chairman recessed the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30.

Closed Session:

Mr. Kaufman moved that the Board dismiss to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sigaty and approved by the Board 4-0.

Public Forum

There was no one to present to address Public Forum.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Report

Mrs. Ellen Giles, Chairman, CAC reported that a number of the recommendations from the CAC regarding policy development have been addressed. She added that it was a challenge to provide representatives on committees, and the scope of the policy review and the job of committees need to be clearly defined.

Minutes

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of the minutes of September 26, 2005, Closed Meeting; October 20, 2005, Closed Meeting; October 27, 2005, Regular Meeting; November 2, 2005, Closed Meeting; and November 8, 2005, Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and approved by the Board 4-0. Mr. Lasser abstained.

Approval of Attendance Area Adjustments for School Year 2006-07

Mrs. Watson explained that during the work session on November 17, the Board took straw votes on the following attendance area adjustments.

Provide Relief to Patapsco MS

Motion: Ms. Gordon moved that Burleigh Manor MS send to Dunloggin MS and Dunloggin MS receive from Burleigh Manor MS those students in Grades 6-8 (3 current and future students), who reside on Country Court, Old Annapolis Court from Columbia Road to the terminus at G.L. Shacks and all streets with sole egress to this section of Old Annapolis Road (Polygon 276).

(Writer's Note: G. L. Shacks – now, Lee Lynn's.)

Ms. Gordon stated that this reassignment will eliminate the current Policy 1675 substandard feed of less than 1% of Burleigh Manor MS into Wilde Lake HS. Mrs. Watson added that the few current students may request consideration to remain at their current school.

Action: The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Motion: Mr. Kaufman moved that Dunloggin MS send to Ellicott Mills MS and Ellicott Mills MS receive from Dunloggin MS those students in Grades 6-8 (62 current and future students), who reside on Main Street (Frederick Road) Ellicott City from Route 29 to Ellicott Mills Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Main Street; Toll House Road from Main Street (Frederick Road) to Old Columbia Pike and all streets with sole egress to this section of Toll House Road (Polygon 103). The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Mr. Kaufman stated that this move would position Dunloggin MS to receive students from Patapsco MS which is projected to have a capacity utilization next year of 118.4%. This reassignment will bring capacity utilization for Patapsco MS, Dunloggin MS, and Ellicott Mills MS within Policy 1675 standards until 2011.

Action: The motion was approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Motion: Ms. Sigaty moved that Patapsco MS send to Burleigh Manor MS and Burleigh Manor MS receive from Patapsco MS those students in Grades 6-8 (23 current and future students), who reside in the North Chatham Apartments and the North Chatham Shopping Center (Polygon 97).

Ms. Sigaty stated that Patapsco's capacity utilization is projected to be at 118.4% in 2006, and this reassignment will bring Patapsco's capacity utilization within Policy 1675 standards until 2011.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Motion: Ms. Gordon moved that Patapsco MS send to Dunloggin MS and Dunloggin MS receive from Patapsco MS those students in Grades 6-8 (45 current and future students), who reside in the Kaiser property that is north of Route 40, east of Route 29, and south of Sonia Trail; included in this area are North Ridge Road, Executive Center Drive and all streets that egress North Ridge Road and Executive Center Drive. (Polygon 106) (Note: Not included in this area is Town and Country Boulevard.)

Ms. Gordon stated that Patapsco's capacity utilization is projected to be at 118.4% in 2006, and this reassignment will bring Patapsco's capacity utilization within Policy 1675 standards until 2011.

Mrs. Watson noted that the Board received concerns from the community that this move would increase traffic in the Dunloggin area. She noted that more students are being moved out of Dunloggin MS than the number of students being moved in, and that would have a positive impact on traffic concerns.

Action: The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Motion: Mr. Kaufman moved that Centennial Lane ES send to Thunder Hill ES and Thunder Hill ES receive from Centennial Lane ES those students in Grades K-5 (4 current and future students) who reside on Country Court; Old Annapolis Road from Columbia Road to the terminus at Lee Lynn's (formerly G.L. Shacks) and all streets with sole egress to this section of Old Annapolis Road. (Polygon 276).

Mr. Kaufman stated that the rationale for the reassignment is that the redistricting is to be done in conjunction with the above middle school adjustments to eliminate the less-than-1% feed from Burleigh Manor MS to Wilde Lake HS. Mrs. Watson added that the few current students may request consideration to remain at their current school.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Motion: Ms. Sigaty moved that Mt. Hebron HS send to Centennial HS and Centennial HS receive from Mt. Hebron HS those students in Grades 9-12 (26 current and all future students), who reside in the North Chatham Apartments and the North Chatham Shopping Center. Ms. Sigaty further moved that this reassignment be phased in beginning with the rising freshmen in the 2006-2007 school year and conclude with the rising freshmen in the 2009-2010 school year (Polygon 97). The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon.

Mr. Drown confirmed that students residing in Polygon 97 have not been moved since 1990 at the high school level.

Ms. Sigaty stated that the reassignment will eliminate the small feed of 1.7% from Burleigh Manor MS to Mt. Hebron HS.

In response to Mr. Kaufman, only rising freshman will be impacted by this reassignment. Any student currently attending Mt. Hebron HS will remain at Mt. Hebron HS.

In response to Ms. Sigaty's question concerning transportation, Mr. Drown stated that this reassignment would have no impact on transportation costs, since buses currently travel on both sides of Route 40 for Mt. Hebron HS and Centennial HS and only an additional stop would be required.

Action: The motion was approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Ms. Sigaty pointed out that the elementary feed fix for this move will take place next year. Mr. Drown agreed and explained that the opening of the new Northeastern ES in 2007 will provide capacity at Northfield ES to allow the adjustment to be made next year.

Provide Relief to Fulton ES (Polygons 118, 120, 123 and 192)

Mrs. Watson stated that during the work session on Thursday, November 17, the Board removed all options that were presented concerning Fulton ES.

Mr. Kaufman recalled that he had asked for additional data concerning moving polygon 194 directly to the new Western ES, and moving polygon 207 from Triadelphia Ridge ES to the new Western ES so that the other moves from Fulton ES to Pointers Run ES and Pointers Run ES to Clarksville ES would not have to take place. Mr. Kaufman stated that his attempt to correct a feeder problem would create three schools that were either below 90% or above 110% capacity utilization.

Mrs. Watson stated that she considered the merits of delaying a move from Fulton ES for one year, but she believed the Superintendent's recommendation would align the movement of students with the opening of new schools and long-term planning. The move from Fulton ES is being caused by the new housing in the area, and she felt it made sense to move the students this year to support long-term planning.

Ms. Sigaty stated her agreement with Mrs. Watson's analysis.

Motion: Mr. Kaufman moved that Fulton ES send to Pointers Run ES and Pointers Run ES receive from Fulton ES those students in Grades K-5 (138 and future students), who reside on Route 108 from Highland Road to Guilford Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Route 108; Hall Shop Road from Route 216 to Guilford Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Hall Shop Road; Simpson Road and all streets with sole egress to Simpson Road; Pindell School Road from Simpson Road to Guilford Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Pindell School Road.

Mr. Kaufman stated that the rationale for the move is that the capacity utilization for Fulton ES is projected to be 136.7% by 2010. The reassignment will help to bring Fulton's capacity utilization both in the near-and long-term within Policy 1675 standards.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Pointers Run ES (Partial Polygon 188)

Ms. Gordon stated that moving students from Pointers Run ES to Clarksville ES will maximize the available capacity at Pointers Run ES and will utilize available capacity at Clarksville ES due to the opening of the new Western ES. Pointers Run ES available capacity will be utilized to provide relief for Fulton ES. This adjustment is configured to bring Clarksville ES, Fulton ES, and Pointers Run ES within Policy 1675 standards in 2006.

Motion: Ms. Gordon moved that Pointers Run ES send to Clarksville ES and Clarksville ES receive from Pointers Run ES those students in Grades K-5 (96 and future students), who reside in the current attendance area of Pointers Run Elementary School that is north of Route 32 and west of Summer Sunrise, included in this area are Great Star Drive from Countless Stars to Eternal Ocean and all streets with sole egress to this section of Great Star Drive. (Note: NOT included in this area are Waving Willow Path and Lilac Bush Lane.)

Action: The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Clarksville ES (Polygons 193, 195, 196, 197, 198 and 235)

Mrs. Watson stated that the new Western ES would open in 2006. The capacity utilization of Clarksville ES is projected to be 116% by 2010, and redistricting students to the new school will bring Clarksville's capacity within Policy 1675 standards in 2006.

Motion: Mrs. Watson moved that Clarksville ES send to the New Western ES and the New Western ES receive from Clarksville ES those students in Grades K-5 (222 and future students), who reside on Highland Road from Route 108 to Triadelphia Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Highland Road; Brighton Dam Road from Ten Oaks Road to the Montgomery County Line and all streets with sole egress to this section of Brighton Dam Road; Haviland Mill Road from Brighton Dam Road to the Montgomery County Line and all streets with sole egress to this section of Haviland Mill Road; Nichols Drive and all streets with sole egress to Nichols Drive; and Ten Oaks Road from Route 108 to Brighton Dam Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Ten Oaks Road.

Action: Ms. Gordon seconded the motion and it was approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Triadelphia Ridge ES (Polygons 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, and 208)

Mr. Kaufman stated that the capacity utilization of Triadelphia Ridge ES is projected to be 171.1% by 2009. This adjustment will bring the capacity utilization of Triadelphia Ridge ES within Policy 1675 standards through 2008. An addition in 2010 is scheduled which will bring the school's capacity utilization back within Policy 1675 standards. This move will also populate the new Western ES along with the polygons from Clarksville ES.

Motion: Mr. Kaufman moved that Triadelphia Ridge ES send to the new Western ES and the new Western ES receive from Triadelphia Ridge ES those students in Grades K-5 (433 and future students), who reside in the current Triadelphia Ridge ES attendance area that are west of Route 32 and south of Triadelphia Road, included in this area are all residences along the section of Triadelphia Road that is west of Route 32; also included in this area are Linden Church, Broadwater Lane, Twelve Hills, and all streets that have sole egress to Broadwater Lane, Linden Church, and Twelve Hills.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

West Friendship ES (Polygons 218 and 222)

Ms. Sigaty explained that the capacity utilization of West Friendship ES would be 126.3% in 2006, and this reassignment will bring the school's capacity utilization within Policy 1675 standards.

Motion: Ms. Sigaty moved that West Friendship ES send to Triadelphia Ridge ES and Triadelphia Ridge ES receive from West Friendship ES those students in Grades K-5 (102 and future students), who reside in the current West Friendship ES attendance area that is south of Interstate 70 and west of Route 32, included in this area is Route 32 from Route 144 to Burnt Woods Road and all streets with sole egress to this portion of Route 32; also included in this area are Fox Valley Drive, River Valley Chase and all streets with sole egress to Fox Valley Drive and River Valley Chase.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Manor Woods ES (Polygons 180 and 181)

Mrs. Watson recognized students in the audience who live in the Glenwood area and who presented the Board with a petition including 280 signatures. She expressed the Board's appreciation for the students' efforts and their involvement in the attendance area adjustment process. Mrs. Watson explained to the students that the Board would do its best to make the best decisions for the county as a whole and for all the students in

Howard County. She also assured the students that if they were redistricted to a new school, they would adjust and learn to like the new school.

Mr. Drown noted that the recommendation would move polygons 179, 178, 180, and 181 from Manor Woods ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES. Manor Woods ES will need relief in the future, and seats are available at Triadelphia Ridge ES to accommodate students from Manor Woods ES. Option G leaves polygons 179 and 178 at Manor Woods ES. Mr. Drown suggested that the Superintendent's recommendation is the stronger option in that it relieves the overcapacity at Manor Woods ES further into the future than Option G. However, Option G better aligns feeds so that no feed is less than 15% in the suggested redistricting moves.

Referring to utilization data for Manor Woods ES and Triadelphia Ridge ES, Mr. Kaufman stated that the Superintendent's recommendation better addresses capacity utilization than Option G.

Mrs. Watson noted that the community purported that the actual enrollment is slightly less than the projections for the area and that the difference is carried out through the future year projections. Mr. Drown responded that the projections are high by 12 students based on the official September 30 enrollment, and depending on the grade level of the error, the future years may or may not be affected.

Mr. Kaufman observed that the main difference between the recommendation and Option G is capacity utilization vs. feeds, and other criteria and data remain similar for either option.

Mr. Drown responded that if all affected schools were compared, Option G would result in more schools within capacity utilization range; however, five of the schools are associated with the Glenwood move. If the Glenwood move were not included, there would be eight schools within capacity utilization range compared to six schools in the recommendation.

Mr. Kaufman pointed out that the recommendation creates a 7.8% small feed from middle school to high school, but the opening of the new middle school will correct that feed. He asked if the recommendation would have been different if the opening of the new middle school were deferred to 2013 or 2014. Mr. Drown responded possibly, because there may have been different interpretations of the strengths and weaknesses of the two options. He noted that the recommendation provides some risk management because Manor Woods ES reaches a capacity utilization of 122% under Option G, but under the recommendation, the capacity reaches 112%.

Mrs. Watson noted that the capacity utilization for Manor Woods ES is projected to be 122% in 2009, and an addition will be constructed in 2010, which will decrease the capacity utilization to 102%. Mr. Drown agreed that the addition would bring the capacity utilization within Policy 1675 standards.

Mr. Kaufman questioned whether or not a new middle school would be needed in 2011, because the countywide middle school enrollment does not seem to be overcapacity in 2010. Mrs. Watson recalled that during the work sessions the Board had discussed whether or not the middle school would be needed in 2011, and the answer was that there is no guarantee that it would be needed in that year. Mr. Kaufman expressed concern that if the construction of the new middle school were deferred, it would take longer to improve the small 7.8% feed created by the recommendation.

Ms. Sigaty stated that the Board is making an assumption of the location of the new middle school and she was not comfortable in making that assumption. Mrs. Watson explained that an assumption is made by drawing a circle around a targeted area.

Mr. Lasser asked how many students are included in the 7.8% middle-to-high school feed. Mrs. Watson responded 104 students, which is approximately 25 students per grade.

Mrs. Watson stated her understanding that the recommendation would create more schools outside of the Policy 1675 capacity utilization standards than under Option G. She also observed that with Option G there are fewer feeds that are less than 15%. Mr. Drown responded that the recommended plan creates one feed that is less than the 15% target and Option G creates no feeds which are less than 15%. Option G would also correct one existing small feed.

Mr. Drown explained that the recommendation provides risk management to prevent the capacity utilization of Manor Woods ES from reaching 122%. If the prevention is not put into place now, future more difficult redistricting would be needed to provide relief to the school, and feeds which are created now will be undone.

The middle school relief will depend on the Board's decision concerning Polygons 212 and 213. Mr. Drown recognized that the Board received complaints that the community was not given proper notice concerning the move. If the Board does not consider this option this year, with the understanding that it would be revisited next year to provide relief to Glenwood MS, staffing will be affected at Folly Quarter MS. Mr. Drown stated that staff was also very concerned about the possibility of having to undo redistricting decisions that were made last year at the high school level.

Mr. Drown summarized that the recommendation is more focused on long-term planning; whereas, Option G is more favorable for the short term.

Mr. Lasser pointed out that the small 7.8% feed would continue for several years; whereas, the overcapacity at Manor Woods ES would occur for only two years.

Mr. Kaufman observed that Option G seems to have more benefits than the recommendation. He expressed concern about moving polygons 212 and 213 at this late time in the process and he loathed to reverse redistricting decisions that were made last year. He asked if the two weaknesses could be addressed. Mr. Drown responded that the

option to move polygons 212 and 213 could be deferred and an open enrollment option at the high school level could be provided for families that were redistricted last year. Ms. Sigaty pointed out that the open enrollment option would create another “Greenbridge” situation which has been in place for several years.

Mrs. Watson stated that Marriotts Ridge HS needs the students and the affected neighborhoods just went through the redistricting last year. When the new middle school is opened and the same neighborhoods are redistricted to the new school, it would make more sense for the students to attend Marriotts Ridge HS rather than River Hill HS. Mr. Kaufman noted that providing an open enrollment option for the students to attend River Hill HS, but keeping the neighborhood in the Marriotts Ridge HS service area, would avoid families from being split between two high schools for a second time.

Mrs. Watson reiterated her feeling that it was too late in the process to consider moving polygons from Glenwood MS to Folly Quarter MS. She recognized that other Board members had suggested that the decisions be deferred to allow time for a public hearing concerning the option. Mrs. Watson expressed concern about deferring the decisions because the community could present additional options that would then need to be considered by the Board and the community, extending the process even longer.

Ms. Sigaty asked what the result would be for Option G if polygons 212 and 213 were not considered for redistricting. Mr. Drown responded that Folly Quarter MS would have a capacity utilization of 81.9%. There would be no effect on the middle-to-high school feeds.

Mr. Kaufman stated that he preferred to wait a year before redistricting students from Glenwood MS to Folly Quarter MS and that he was confident that staff would develop creative solutions for staffing both schools. Another year of middle school data would also be available.

Ms. Sigaty added that she believed a public process should allow new ideas to be considered no matter when they are suggested during the process. She felt that moving students from Glenwood MS to Folly Quarter MS is potentially a good idea, but given the reaction from the community, it would be better to defer the consideration of moving the two polygons.

Mrs. Watson pointed out that without moving polygons 212 and 213, Folly Quarter MS would be overstaffed by four teachers. Mrs. Erickson assured the Board that the enrollment would not be so low as to have to assign small school staffing. Staffing would be provided to ensure the full middle school program for all students.

Ms. Sigaty asked for clarification concerning the high school assignment for polygons 180 and 181. Mrs. Watson stated that with the opening of the new middle school, it would make sense for the students in that neighborhood to attend Marriotts Ridge HS, and she did not think they should be redistricted to River Hill HS now, only to be redistricted again back to Marriotts Ridge HS.

Ms. Sigaty expressed concern that without moving 180 and 181, a very small, unacceptable, feed is created and there is an equity issue with bus transportation. Mrs. Watson responded that transportation has not been provided for those students in the Greenbridge area who choose to attend Glenelg HS; however, bus transportation could be provided for two years while the phasing associated with the opening of Marriotts Ridge HS is taking place.

Mr. Kaufman stated that considering all of the criteria in Policy 1675 and recognizing that they are guidelines, Option G is the best choice. He supported the amendments provided by staff that the capacity utilization for Glenwood MS be addressed next year and that an open enrollment option be approved for polygons 180 and 181. Mrs. Watson agreed and added that the Board should be adamant that the capacity utilization of Glenwood MS and Folly Quarter MS would be addressed next year. She suggested that the Glenwood community be active in the redistricting process next year.

Ms. Sigaty and Ms. Gordon stated their agreement with Mr. Kaufman at this day and time. Ms. Sigaty expressed concern that data may not justify the new middle school in the future. She stated her strong belief that it was more important to ensure a feed large enough for students to support each other. Mr. Kaufman asked Ms. Sigaty if, in the future the data does not support the new middle school, she would want to reconsider the high school assignment of polygons 180 and 181 and Ms. Sigaty responded yes.

Motion: Mr. Kaufman moved that Manor Woods ES send to Triadelphia Ridge ES and Triadelphia Ridge ES receive from Manor Woods ES those students in Grades K-5, (54 and future students), who reside on Carroll Mill Road from Triadelphia Road to Folly Quarter Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Carroll Mill Road; Etchison Road and all streets with sole egress to Etchison Road; Folly Quarter Road from Carroll Mill Road to Jumpers Hill Lane and all streets with sole egress to this section of Folly Quarter Road; Jumpers Hill Lane and all streets with sole egress to Jumpers Hill Lane; Mount Albert and all streets with sole egress to Mount Albert; and Canter Lane (Polygons 180 and 181).

Mr. Kaufman stated that the Manor Woods ES capacity utilization is projected to be 148.0% in 2010, this reassignment will bring the school's capacity utilization within Policy 1675 standards out to 2007. An addition to the school is scheduled for 2010 which will place the school within the standards for 2010-2011.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Sigaty and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Folly Quarter MS (Polygons 170, 178, 179)

Mrs. Watson stated that this reassignment will provide a Mount View MS-to-Marriotts Ridge HS feed for polygons 170, 178, and 179 to meet Policy 1675 standards.

Motion: Mrs. Watson moved that Folly Quarter MS send to Mount View MS and Mount View MS receive from Folly Quarter MS those students in Grades 6-8 (88 and future students), who reside on Route 144 from Folly Quarter Road to Triadelphia Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Route 144; Marriottsville Road from Route 144 to Route 40 and all streets with sole egress to this section of Marriottsville Road; Folly Quarter Road from Route 144 to Carroll Mill Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Folly Quarter Road; Carroll Mill Road east of the intersection of Folly Quarter Road; Quarterfield Drive and all streets with egress to Quarterfield Drive; Triadelphia Road from Route 144 to Carroll Mill Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Triadelphia Road; Evergreen Way and all streets with egress to Evergreen Way.

Action: The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Mount View MS/Burleigh Manor MS (Polygons 164 and 167)

Ms. Sigaty stated that this reassignment will bring Burleigh Manor MS, with a capacity utilization to be projected to be 84.6% in 2006, within Policy 1675 standards, better aligns middle schools in the western region for future growth, and will bring the Burleigh Manor MS-to-Marriotts Ridge HS feed to within Policy 1675 standards.

Motion: Ms. Sigaty moved that Mount View MS send to Burleigh Manor MS and Burleigh Manor MS receive from Mount View MS those students in Grades 6-8 (63 and future students), who reside on Bethany Lane and all streets with sole egress to Bethany Lane; Pine Orchard Lane and all streets with sole egress to Pine Orchard Lane.

Action: The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Marriotts Ridge High (Polygons 180 and 181)

Ms. Gordon stated that the Folly Quarter MS-to-Marriotts Ridge HS feed of 3.3% is created with the redistricting at the elementary and middle school levels. The opening of the new Western MS will eliminate this small feed. Future attendance area adjustments may improve this feed. An open enrollment option will provide students from the affected area to enroll at River Hill HS with a 35.2% feed from Folly Quarter MS to River Hill HS.

Motion: Ms. Gordon moved that beginning with the rising 9th-grade students for 2006-2007 school year and continuing with rising 9th-grade students, in successive years until the New Western Middle School is open or there is future redistricting to correct this small feed, who reside on Carroll Mill Road and all streets with sole egress to Carroll Mill Road; Etchison Road and all streets with egress to Etchison Road; Benson Branch Road and all streets with sole egress to Benson Branch Road (Note: Not included in this area is Carroll Mill Road east of the intersection of Folly Quarter Road.); Mount Albert Road and all streets with sole egress to Mt. Albert Road; Canter Lane; Jumpers Hill Lane

and all streets with sole egress to Jumpers Hill Lane; Folly Quarter Road from Carroll Mill Road to Jumpers Hill Road and all streets with sole egress to this section of Folly Quarter Road be given the option to open enroll at River Hill School with athletic eligibility and no transportation.

Mrs. Watson asked to amend the motion to place on the record that this option is being considered specifically because these polygons were moved just one year ago. Mr. Kaufman asked to also amend the motion that transportation will be provided to River Hill HS until the 2005 Marriotts Ridge HS redistricting phase-in is complete. Ms. Gordon agreed to both amendments.

Action: The motion, as amended, was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and approved by the members of the Board (4/0). Mr. Lasser supported the motion.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Information Items

Class Size Report