

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

January 5, 2006

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on January 5, 2006, at 8:15 p.m., in the Board Room of the Department of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD. A motion was made in public in the Board Room by Courtney Watson that the Board go into closed session pursuant to 10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss land acquisition for school sites. The motion was seconded by Diane Mikulis and approved (5/0). Persons present: Board members Joshua M. Kaufman, Chairman; Diane B. Mikulis, Vice Chairman; Patricia S. Gordon; Mary Kay Sigaty; and Courtney Watson; and Superintendent Sydney L. Cousin.

**ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:**

1. Identification and possible acquisition of property for future school sites

Also present: Mr. Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. David Drown, Manager of School Planning.

The Board discussed with staff the possible site alternatives for the proposed 2011 Western MS.

The Board discussed with staff the possible elementary school sites for western Howard County.

The Board approved (5/0) staff recommendations to begin negotiations with the property owners of a site for the 2011 New Western MS and a site for a potential new elementary school.

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent