

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

January 17, 2006

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on January 17, 2006, at 7:30 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 personnel issues and obtain legal advice. The motion was seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty 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. Consultation with legal counsel

Also present: Mark Blom, Esquire; Sue Mascaro, Director of Staff Relations/Operations.

Discussion of a pending arbitration case (HCEA vs. Board of Education of Howard County) regarding a scope of bargaining issue.

The Board deferred further discussion until January 26, 2006.

2. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation

Board presented results of mid-year evaluation form for Part One and discussed it with the Superintendent. Board was broadly pleased with the performance of the Superintendent.

Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by: _____/s/_____
Joshua M. Kaufman, Chairman