

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

March 23, 2006

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on March 23, 2006, at 3:00 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 consult with staff and to discuss site acquisition and pending litigation matters. 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. Site Acquisition

Also present: Mr. Ken Roey, Executive Director of School Planning and Facilities; Mr. Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. David Drown, Manager of School Planning; Dr. William Brown, Director, School Planning and Construction; Mr. Bruce Gist, Construction Program Manager.

Discussed the exchange of a church-owned property and HCPSS-owned property. Four contingencies are associated with the transfer of property:

1. Church sale of development rights.
2. Sewer connection from adjacent development.
3. Rezoning of HCPSS property to allow for church property.
4. The church will hire an engineering firm to conduct a study and to ensure that the public utilities available to the property are sufficient for the utility needs of the church.

Action: Ms. Gordon moved to grant permission for the Superintendent to draft a contract for the exchange of property with the contingencies described. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Watson and approved by the members of the Board (5/0).

2. Manor Woods ES Mediation with Contractor – Proposed settlement

Also present: Mr. Ken Roey, Executive Director of School Planning and Facilities; Mr. Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. William Brown, Director of School Planning and Construction; and Mr. Bruce Gist, Construction Program Manager.

Dr. Cousin reviewed the chronology of the project and discussed mediation proceedings and findings. He recommended settlement in the amount of \$67,500.

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved to approve the settlement offer recommended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Watson and approved by the members of the Board (5/0).

Adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent and
Secretary/Treasurer