

## **Summary of the Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2005**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approved a consent agenda including donations and minutes of Board of Education meetings.
- Approved the list of projects totaling \$55,892,000 to be appealed to the State Interagency Committee on December 8, 2005.
- Approved the PreK-12 essential curriculum and curriculum-based assessments and the addition and deletion of courses for the Catalog of Approved High School Courses for 2006-07.
- Approved the exchange of land with Recreation and Parks to provide for the Bushy Park Elementary replacement school.
- Approved attendance area adjustments for the 2006-07 school year (see: Board Sets Attendance Areas for 2006-07, Draws Boundaries for New Elementary School).

### **Board Sets Attendance Areas for 2006-07, Draws Boundaries for New Elementary School**

In a unanimous decision, the Board set the attendance area for the new Western Elementary School, which will open in Dayton next fall. The new school will enroll Clarksville Elementary students in Grades K-5 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.

The new Western Elementary will also receive Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School students in Grades K-5 and future students, who reside in the current Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School 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.

As a result, Manor Woods will send to Triadelphia Ridge Elementary students in Grades K-5 and future students, who reside on Carroll Mill from Triadelphia Road to Folly Quarter 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.

The Board also agreed to send to Triadelphia Ridge Elementary students in Grades K-5 and future students, who reside in the current West Friendship Elementary School 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.

The decision also provides Clarksville Elementary School with space to receive students in Grades K-5 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, but not Waving Willow Path and Lilac Bush Lane.

Pointers Run Elementary School will then receive those students in Grades K-5 and future students who reside in the Fulton Elementary attendance area 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.

In addition, Thunder Hill Elementary School will receive from Centennial Lane Elementary those students in Grades K-5 and future students, who reside on Country Court; Old Annapolis Road from Columbia Road to the terminus at J.L. Shacks and all streets with sole egress to this section of Old Annapolis Road.

### ***Middle school changes affect the northern schools***

At the middle school level, the Board agreed to send to Dunloggin Middle, Burleigh Manor students in Grades 6-8 and future students, who reside on Country Court, Old Annapolis Court from Columbia Road to the terminus at J.L. Shacks and all streets with sole egress to this section of Old Annapolis Road to Dunloggin Middle. The Board asked that staff give consideration to the small number of current students affected.

In addition, Dunloggin Middle School will send students to Ellicott Mills Middle School. This affects students in Grades 6-8 and future students, who reside on Main Street in 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 to Old Columbia Pike and all streets with sole egress to this section of Toll House Road.

Based on Board action Patapsco Middle School will send students to both Burleigh Manor Middle and Dunloggin Middle. Burleigh Manor will receive students in Grades 6-8 and future students, who reside in the North Chatham Apartments and the North Chatham Shopping Center. Dunloggin Middle School will receive students in Grades 6-8, 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. This does not include Town and Country Boulevard.

Burleigh Manor Middle School also will receive Mount View Middle School students in Grades 6-8 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.

The Board postponed making adjustments to the Glenwood Middle School attendance area until next year. The Board indicated that decisions regarding capacity issues at Glenwood will be addressed during next year's Attendance Area Adjustment Process and will involve moving students out of Glenwood for the 2007-08 school year.

### ***Board Decides Against Moving Area Sent to Marriotts Ridge Last Year***

The Board agreed to provide Marriotts Ridge students entering ninth grade for 2006-07 school year with the option to open enroll at River Hill High School if they 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, with the exception of 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. The open enrollment option will continue for the area until the new Western Middle School opens or there is future redistricting to correct the small feed from Folly Quarter Middle to Marriotts Ridge.

In addition, the Board voted to send to Centennial High School, students in Grades 9-12 and all future students, who reside in the Mt. Hebron attendance area the North Chatham Apartments and the North Chatham Shopping Center. This reassignment will 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. This same area will be considered for redistricting at the elementary level in 2007.

### **Technology Plan Begins with Standardization**

In presenting Phase I of the system's Technology Replacement Plan, Assistant Superintendent Bob Glascock stated that the HCPSS would begin leasing computers in February 2006 in order to reach a goal of equitable distribution of instructionally valid computers at each school. The technology plan establishes a replacement plan that leverages current resources and ensures that standards can be sustained.

The plan defines "instructionally valid" technology and sets standards for the software and hardware to be used across the system. Phase I of the plan calls for:

- All instructionally valid PC computers to be upgraded to the Microsoft Windows XP operating system.
- All instructionally valid Macintosh computers will be upgraded to the OS X-Tiger operating system.

- All computers to have a standardized software configuration.
- Each middle and high school to have at least two instructionally valid mobile labs.
- Each elementary school to have at least one instructionally valid mobile lab.
- Each school to have an instructionally valid general-purpose lab for instructional use.
- Each school to have instructionally valid computers for research and multimedia production.
- Each teacher to be provided with a laptop computer.
- Each school to have a teacher/student server configuration.

Planning for Phases 2 and 3 of the Replacement Plan will begin in April 2006. The stability resulting from standardization provides time to research and plan a well-funded replacement system to begin with the 2007-08 school year.

### **School Staff Cite Benefits of Cultural Proficiency Training**

Director of Professional and Organizational Development Jackie Conarton reported on the status of the Cultural Proficiency Initiative. She indicated that five more school teams would be receiving training. Also this year, 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 underway to train other new staff.

Next steps involve infusing principles of cultural proficiency into curriculum and instruction and training students in the tools of cultural proficiency. Conarton noted that as implementation accelerates, a formal evaluation would be implemented and used to refine and improve practices for the future.

### **In Other Action...**

In his report to the Board, Superintendent Sydney Cousin noted that Howard County students selected to participate in the 2006 All State Junior Orchestra and All State Junior Band make up 32 percent of the orchestra and 43 percent of the band. He also issued an invitation to the student art exhibit in the Central Office Gallery; congratulated the West Friendship Elementary School community on the celebration of the school's 80th birthday; and noted that President Bush welcomed students, teachers and parents who attended the annual pardoning of the Thanksgiving turkey, and he congratulated them on raising over \$17,000 for the Red Cross Katrina Relief Fund.

Sue Mascaro, Director of Staff Relations, presented a Charter for the combined revision of Policy 2050 (Attendance), Policy 2911 (Religion and Religious Materials), and 13111 (Religious Observance). She indicated that a Community Forum on the policies would be held on January 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the Department of Education.

Ellen Giles, Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, reported that she is pleased to note that a number of the recommendations from the CAC regarding policy development have been addressed. She made several additional suggestions for improving the process.

The Board reviewed the proposed Board of Education tentative quarterly agenda for January through March 2006, set dates for meetings with community groups, and discussed a proposal to legislate training for Board of Education members.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2005.**