

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2006

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved a consent agenda including staff personnel, bids and contracts, and minutes of Board meetings; and received status reports on the Operating Budget and the School Construction Fund.
- Approved administrative appointments and promotions (see: “Board approves administrative promotions; transfers announced”).
- Approved an increase in school lunch prices for the 2006-07 school year (see: “School lunch prices increase next year”).
- Approved the amount of \$40,080 for Step 1 bachelor’s degree on the teachers’ salary scale for fiscal year 2007.
- Approved a proclamation in appreciation of custodial, maintenance, grounds, and warehouse personnel.
- Approved system participation in the Employees’ Contributory Pension Plan, effective July 1, 2006, to provide a uniform retirement plan for all employees.
- Appointed Board Member Mary Kay Sigaty and alternate Mark Blom, HCPSS Legal Counsel, to the MABE Legal Services Association.
- Approved revisions to Policy 3441, Student Responsibilities and Rights, with an amendment.

Board approves administrative promotions; transfers announced

The Board approved the following Administrator Promotions/Appointments effective July 1, 2006:

Elementary	From	To
Michael Caldwell	Teacher Fulton	Assistant Principal Talbott Springs
Molly Ketterer	Teacher Hollifield Station	Assistant Principal Longfellow
Jennifer Roussillon	Teacher Ilchester	Assistant Principal Laurel Woods
Paul Owens	Special Education Facilitator	Assistant Principal Hollifield Station
Debra Anoff	Teacher Forest Ridge	Assistant Principal Atholton
Ron Morris	Assistant Principal Bellows Spring	Principal Stevens Forest

High	From	To
Adam Eldridge	Teacher Wilde Lake	Assistant Principal Wilde Lake
Edward Batenga	Assistant Principal High Point High School P.G. County	Assistant Principal Long Reach
David Brown	Assistant Principal River Hill	Principal Mt. Hebron
Tina Maddox	Assistant Principal Oakland Mills	Principal Homewood

Deputy Superintendent Sandra Erickson announced the following transfers, effective July 1, 2006:

Elementary	From	To
Paul Norfolk	Assistant Principal Atholton	Assistant Principal Ilchester
Maria McNelis	Assistant Principal Bryant Woods	Assistant Principal Clemens Crossing
Amy Green	Assistant Principal Clarksville	Assistant Principal Pointers Run
Carol Debord	Assistant Principal Pointers Run	Assistant Principal Dayton
Vicki Sarro	Assistant Principal Laurel Woods	Assistant Principal St. John's Lane
Winnie Drier	Assistant Principal Clemens Crossing	Assistant Principal Bryant Woods
Edward Cosentino	Assistant Principal Hollifield Station	Assistant Principal Bellows Spring
Kaye Breon	Assistant Principal Fulton	Assistant Principal Clarksville
John Birus	Principal Stevens Forest	Principal Thunder Hill

Cindy Hankin	Principal Thunder Hill	Principal Deep Run
Secondary Debra O'Byrne	From Assistant Principal Ellicott Mills	To Assistant Principal Mount View
Tammy Goldeisen	Assistant Principal Mount View	Assistant Principal Ellicott Mills
Adrienne Nasir	Assistant Principal Long Reach	Assistant Principal River Hill
Ronnie Bohn	Principal Mt. Hebron	Principal on Special Assignment
Sylvester Burke	Principal Patuxent Valley	Principal Hammond High
Marshall Peterson	Principal Homewood	Human Resources Specialist

System prepares for paperless board meetings

Board members endorsed a recommendation by Webmaster Brian Duvall to pilot BoardDocs, a paperless board meeting system, over the next school year. Duvall proposes a kickoff presentation by the BoardDocs vendor in July, followed by a distribution of PDF Maker to staff members who generate board reports. Training of board members and staff is scheduled to take place throughout October and November. In November, Board meeting agenda and would be online and in hard copy. With the agreement of the Board, meetings would go paperless in December.

Website enhancements

Webmaster Brian Duvall reported on recent and upcoming changes to the HCPSS web site. He shared information gathered through interviews with Board members, the Superintendent's Cabinet members, and other school department heads and how that information has been translated into web enhancements.

Duvall indicated that the newly designed site would go live in July. He explained the organization of the new homepage and how format consistency from page to page would make the site more user-friendly. Future enhancements include adding live web casts, an online application process, and templates for school and teacher sites. Data collection on use and feedback from end users will be ongoing.

School lunch prices increase next year

Based on the current and anticipated financial position of the Food and Nutrition Services Program, the Board approved an increase in lunch and breakfast prices for the 2006-07

school year. Elementary school lunch prices will increase by 25 cents to \$2.00 and secondary lunch prices by 50 cents to \$2.50. Breakfast prices also will increase by 25 cents to \$1.25. The cost of a la cart milk increases from 40 to 50 cents.

Policy hearings draw no public comment

No one spoke at public hearings on revisions to Policy 2050, Attendance, and Policy 2331, Field Trips/Foreign Travel Study. At a brief work session on both policies, the Board sought clarification on various aspects of the revisions.

In other action...

In his report to the Board, Superintendent Sydney Cousin congratulated the school system's 3600 graduates and thanked the 103 employees who will retire from the system this year. He remarked on his attendance at a ceremony at Clarksville Middle School honoring the school system for raising more than \$21,000 for the Children's Cancer Foundation and specifically Clarksville Middle for raising \$7500. Dr. Cousin also announced that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded the HCPSS with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Director of Finance Beverly Jones was recognized with an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

At Public Forum, students Chelsea Mayo, Oakland Mills Middle, and Sebastian Beckman, Murray Hill Middle School, presented the Board with copies of "Our Voice," a publication of middle school student writings and visual art. Joy Jennifer, Oakland Mills High School, addressed the Board regarding high school start times. Cedar Lane School PTA President Bob Siepel reported on the first year in the school's new facility. He praised staff from Cedar Lane and the three other schools on the campus—Fulton, Lime Kiln, and Reservoir—for making the year so successful.

The Board reviewed its tentative quarterly agenda for July through September 2006 and set dates for the Superintendent's annual review.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006.