

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

January 11, 2007

The Board of Education of Howard County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Department of Education, located at 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, Maryland. The following were present:

Diane Mikulis, Chairman
Frank Aquino, Vice Chairman
Lawrence Cohen
Sandra H. French
Ellen Flynn Giles
Patricia Gordon
Wossen Ayele, Student Member
Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer
Sandra Erickson, Deputy Superintendent
Patti Caplan, Director, Public Relations
Florence Jackson, Recording Secretary

Chairman Mikulis called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., and Mrs. Giles led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum

There was no one present to address Public Forum.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Cousin made the following changes to the agenda:

Add: VII. I. Bridge To Excellence Annual Report
Add: Minutes of Work Session of November 16, 2006; Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006; Closed Meeting both Public and Confidential of December 14 and 15, 2006.
Add: VIII. G. Administrative Appointment
Add: VIII. H. Scheduling

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cousin reported on the following areas of achievement:

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Forty-two Howard County elementary and middle schools have received recognition through the Maryland State Department of Education's 2006 School Performance Recognition Program. The Maryland School Performance Recognition Program awards schools for overall achievement and/or subgroup improvement. The following nine Howard County schools were recognized for both:

- Bellows Spring ES
- Burleigh Manor MS
- Folly Quarter MS
- Fulton ES
- Glenwood MS
- Mayfield Woods MS
- Pointers Run ES
- Thunder Hill ES
- Waterloo ES

Additionally, five Title 1 elementary schools will receive financial awards of \$2,745 each for improving the performance of student groups on the 2006 Maryland School Assessments. These schools include:

- Bryant Woods
- Phelps Luck
- Running Brook
- Stevens Forest
- Swansfield

Deep Run ES also was recognized for subgroup improvement. Twenty-seven schools were recognized for overall achievement alone.

Congratulations went to county music teachers and music students. Howard County was well represented on the 2007 All State Music performing groups.

Marriotts Ridge HS and Hammond HS were selected to perform at the Maryland State Dance Showcase on January 5, 2007, at Goucher College.

Student Member's Report

Mr. Ayele reported on the following activities:

- Twenty-four student leaders attended a recent meeting of Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC).
- Applications for the 2007-2008 student members to the Board of Education will be available next week.
- Met with Howard County Board of Elections to develop a comprehensive plan for the student election process.
- Student leaders have been invited to a pre-inaugural forum with Governor-Elect O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown. Fourteen students will be attending.

- Student leaders have become very aware of the importance of service projects.

Student Representative's Report

Ms. Emily Wilson, student, Centennial HS, reported on the following activities:

- SGA financially supports school programs.
- Students volunteer in community activities.
- Students regularly attend HCSAC events.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Mikulis congratulated Dr. Cousin for being honored with an award from the Maryland State Teachers Association Minority Recognition Award for Leadership at the MSTA Annual Commemorative Martin Luther King Breakfast.

Additionally, Dr. Cousin will be honored as Public School Superintendent of the Year with a Special Recognition Award presented by the Fullwood Foundation. This award is presented to outstanding individuals who have pursued and achieved excellence in many initiatives that benefit others.

Consent Agenda

Staff Personnel; Bids and Contracts; Operating Budget Monthly Report; School Construction Monthly Reports; DANYA International, Inc. Research Request; Howard County Connections/Horizon Foundation Youth Summit Request; Donations; Minutes of Work Session of November 16, 2006; Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006; Closed Meeting both Public and Confidential of December 14, 2006; Closed Meeting both Public and Confidential of December 15, 2006; Bridge to Excellence Annual Report.

Mrs. French requested that Bids and Contracts, P-2, be pulled.

Mrs. French requested that DANYA International, Inc. Research Request be pulled.

Mrs. Mikulis requested the Bridge to Excellence Annual Report be pulled.

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Mrs. French questioned P-2 under Bids and Contracts, Renovation of Clarksville MS and the effect on the new wood gymnasium floor due to the installation of bleachers. Mr. Douglas Pindell, Purchasing Officer, responded that the old bleachers will be taken out and replaced with new bleachers which will not have an affect on the new flooring.

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of Bids and Contracts, P-2, Purchasing Bids Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Mrs. French requested an explanation of Danya International, noting that this is a voluntary program, and what will be required of the teachers who volunteer. Ms. Patricia Daley, Coordinator, Special Education, said if teachers choose to be part of the Danya workshop, they would do that outside of the school workday. It is totally voluntary, and they are compensated by Danya.

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the Danya International, Inc. Research Request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Mrs. Mikulis asked for clarification on a data item in the Bridge To Excellence Annual Report, and commented that it was a wonderful report.

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of the Bridge to Excellence Annual Report 2005-2006. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Staff Personnel – Approved by the Board.

Resignations-Violation of Contract

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Reason	Howard County	Years in Effective Date
Shade, Michele	SFES	Elem. Ed.	Dissatisfied	1.4	12/22/06

Resignations

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Reason	Howard County	Years in Effective Date
Batman, Alison	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Family Obligations	8.0	06/30/06
Choi, Eric	ReHS	Math	Personal	3 months	12/06/06
Lockwood, Michelle	FRC	SMHT	Relocation	7.5	01/26/07
Peters, Stacey	GMS	Science	Relocation	4.5	01/23/07
Williams, Jean	PMS	FACS	Family Obligations	5 months	01/18/07

Contracts

Name	Grade or School	Subject	Place of Last Teaching Assignment	Grade/ Step	Effective Date
Barker, Kathleen	OMMS	SPE	--	A-01	01/02/07
Berzenski, Lisa	RHS	MTH	Prince Georges County	B-12	01/18/07
Buck, Katherine	FQMS	MTH	Montgomery County	C-04	12/14/06
Coughlan, Michael	OMHS	CRD	HCPSS – IA	A-06	01/02/07
Durlach, Kathryn	EES	SLP	--	C-01	12/11/06
Dyer, Denise	GMS	SPE	--	A-01	01/02/07
Greenberg, Benedicte	GHS	WLA	--	E-01	12/22/06

Hackeling, Ann	WLMS	SPE	Anne Arundel County	C-15	12/18/06
Hunt, Margaret	OMHS/GHS	WLA	Cambridge, MA	C-08	01/09/07
Keefover, Jennifer	CLES	ELE	--	A-01	01/02/07
Meeder, Elizabeth	ELES	ELE	--	A-01	12/19/06
Richardson, Amanda`	GMS	SCI	--	C-01	01/11/07
Stern, Zahava	CO	PSY	New Jersey	B-01	12/19/06
Thompson, Misty	HSES	ESOL	--	B-01	01/08/07
Wien, Russell	OMMS	SPE	Baltimore County	C-07	12/12/06

Leaves of Absence

Name	Grade or School	Subject	Years in Howard County	Effective Date
Luckett, Amy	HSES	ESOL	12.4	12/21/06
Moran, Adrienne	EES	Elem. Ed.	6.4	12/20/06
Randhawa, Anshu	FQMS	Math	7.3	12/08/06
Smith, Geri-Marie	TRES	Elem. Ed.	2.6	02/15/07

Retirements

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Years in Howard County	Effective Date
Harrison, Ellen	ELMS	English	13.0	10/01/06
Heck, Karen	HOME	Bus. Ed.	30.3	02/01/07
Himmelheber, Virginia	LRHS	Soc. Studies	21.5	02/01/07

Bids and Contracts – Approved by the Board.

	Description	Amount
P-1	Renovation of Worthington ES The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co., Inc.	\$10,960,900
P-2	Renovation of Clarksville MS Barton Malow	\$14,358,505
P-3	Physical Education Supplies BillFritz Sports Corporation Riddell S & S Worldwide Gopher Sports Football America Pyramid School Products Passon's Sports TOTAL AWARD	\$ 4,500 est. 4,500 est. 6,000 est. 13,500 est. 15,000 est. 34,500 est. <u>72,000 est.</u> \$150,000 est.
P-4	Paper Ris Paper	\$ 16,480

	Xpedx, Inc.	<u>697,353</u>
	TOTAL AWARD	\$713,833
P-5	CCTV Security Camera Systems Eclipse Security, Inc.	\$177,000
P-6	Grounds Equipment Precision Small Engines, Inc.	\$32,588
P-7	HVAC Air Filters Air Filter Maintenance, Inc.	\$50,000 est.

Operating Budget Monthly Report – Accepted by the Board.

School Construction Monthly Reports – Accepted by the Board.

Howard County Connections/Horizon Foundation Youth Summit Request – Approved by the Board.

Donations – Approved by the Board.

The following schools have received the following donations:

Clarksville Elementary: IBM Corporation, a Laptop-IBM Thinkpad 1847.

Stevens Forest Elementary: Corporate Office Properties, in the amount of \$1000, designated to purchase a digital camera and agenda books.

Centennial High: Boosters, in the amount of \$24,422, (\$1450) designated for various school club appropriations; (\$19,972), designated for the following athletic teams: (\$6592) boys lacrosse, (\$2500) girls softball, (\$428) for boys outdoor track, (\$2080) tennis, (\$6000) baseball (dugouts), and (\$372) designated for the drill team; (\$5000) designated to purchase inserts, certificates, varsity letters, banners and to pay for tournament fees and coaches clinics.

HCYP Program, Inc., in the amount of \$3000, designated for dugouts.

Long Reach High: Anonymous, in the amount of \$1000, designated to support the Renaissance Program which supports student achievement.

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Clarke F. Ahlers, P.C., in the amount of \$1000, designated for the purchase of uniforms for the boys' basketball team.

Marriotts Ridge High: Boosters, in the amount of \$3599, (\$899) designated for the purchase of a performance floor for the color guard, (\$2700) designated for the purchase of a "Mustang" mascot costume.

Anonymous, in the amount of \$3000, designated for the purchase of a sound system.

Oakland Mills High: Fein Properties, Inc., in the amount of \$1000, (\$800) designated for the boys basketball team and (\$200) designated for halftime prizes.

K.A. Perdue Greenfield, in the amount of \$1000, designated for the purchase of a field hockey scoreboard.

River Hill High: Boosters, in the amount of \$535, designated for cross-country invitational entry fees.

Matthew J. Hauser & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$675, designated for a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) school assembly.

Kay Scanlan, in the amount of \$4200, designated for the purchase of weight training equipment.

Minutes of Work Session of November 16, 2006; Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006; Closed Meetings both Public and Confidential of December 14, 2006 and December 15, 2006. – Approved by the Board.

Writer's note: The approval of the minutes of the Work Session of November 16, 2006 and the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006 were rescinded on January 25 and approved by the subcommittee of the Board (Mrs. Mikulis and Ms. Gordon).

Proclamation: Employee Appreciation Week

Mr. Brown read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES
OF THE
HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, it is the mission of The Howard County Public School System to ensure excellence in teaching and learning so that each student will participate responsibly in a diverse and changing world; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes this goal can only be achieved when all employees acknowledge and accept this mission as their own; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to thank the employees of the Howard County Public School System for their individual and collective commitment to the realization of this shared vision for education in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the Board also wishes to acknowledge each teacher, administrator and support staff member for their personal contribution in maintaining a public education system that is not only a source of local pride, but is also recognized as one of the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express sincere appreciation to all school system employees for their devotion to children, their dedication to excellence in teaching and learning, and their commitment to continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed request of the Board of Education that this proclamation serve to launch meaningful recognition activities in all schools and for each employee group as a way to celebrate our successes, acknowledge our achievements and encourage ongoing recognition of the valuable contributions of all employees;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education of Howard County designates the week of February 5 through February 9, 2007 as Employee Appreciation Week; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be displayed in each school facility as a token of appreciation from the Board of Education to the 7,319 employees of the Howard County Public School System.

Diane Mikulis, Chairman
Board of Education of Howard County

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of the Proclamation: Employee Appreciation Week. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Proclamation: African American History Month

Dr. Cousin read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION**DESIGNATING FEBRUARY
AS
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the theme for National African American History Month 2007 is: "From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Africans in the Americas;" and

WHEREAS, we find in the lives and voices of Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington, Benjamin Banneker, and others who, rising above slavery, brutality and bigotry, became great American champions of liberty, equality and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the power, beauty, and unflinching words of poets and writers like Maya Angelou, Gwendolyn Brooks, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Toni Morrison, and Lucille Clifton challenge every American to live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, visionary leaders like Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King Jr. possessed a clarity of purpose and were instrumental in exposing and addressing the issues that threatened this country's founding principles; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that, despite our progress, racial prejudice still exists in America and that we must be vigilant in responding to discrimination wherever we find it; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System is committed to promoting understanding and opportunity, and efforts to build a society where every person of every race and ethnicity can realize their potential; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System recognizes the importance of educating students about the struggles for equality that are part of America's history so that this generation, and those that follow, will not take our hard-earned freedoms for granted;

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education hereby designates February 2007 as African American History Month in the Howard County Public School System; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this document serves to reinforce our commitment to recognizing the significant contributions of African Americans and to ensuring that all children see themselves in the Howard County curriculum.

Diane Mikulis, Chairman

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent

Board of Education of Howard County

Howard County Public School System

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of the Proclamation: African American History Month. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Proclamation: National School Counseling Week

Mrs. Erickson read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 5-9, 2007
AS
NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

WHEREAS, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and use community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs that enable all students to achieve success in school are considered an integral part of the educational process;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 5 - 9, 2007 as National School Counseling Week in the Howard County Public School System; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that school counselors accept our sincerest gratitude for the essential services they provide in support of children and their education.

Diane Mikulis, Chairman
Board of Education of Howard County

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

Action: Mr. Cohen moved approval of the Proclamation: National School Counseling Week. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Legislative Report/2007 General Assembly

Presenter: Mr. Roger Plunkett, Officer, Business, Community, Government Relations.

Mr. Plunkett asked for Board input on the following bills:

Howard County – Board of Education – Qualifications and Election of Student Member
Ho. Co. 12-07

Discussion:

- Suggested change of language adding by *appointment of the Board of Education*.
- Voting rights of the student member are too restrictive.
- Clearer language needs to be addressed as to what type of closed meetings the student member would be expected to attend.
 - Previously Board members felt that students should not vote on student appeals, employee matters, and collective bargaining.
 - Land acquisition, donations were added due to the close association with the budget.
 - The former Board considered this policy in detail, and it would not be fair to them to rewrite this policy.

Action: Mrs. French moved amendment to E2 to add the words and *appointment by the Board of Education*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen.

Board members discussed the appropriateness of the word *appointment* versus *confirmation*.

Mrs. French amended the word *appointment* to *confirmation*. The motion was approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved amendment to E6 to add the words *addressing matters on which the student is excluded from voting in accordance with section E-7*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the Board 5-1 with Ms. Gordon dissenting. The student member supported the motion.

Action: Mrs. French moved to strike number III Employment of Architects and number IV Donations under number 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen. The motion failed 5-1. The student member voted in support of the motion.

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval to vote in favor of supporting the proposed bill Howard County 12-07 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Howard County – Certificated and Noncertificated Public School Employees – Service or Representation Fee Ho. Co. 11-07

Mr. Plunkett noted that this bill authorizes the Board of Education to negotiate a reasonable service fee to charge to nonmember certificated and noncertificated employees. Two years ago this bill came before the Board and was voted upon 5-0 in favor of the bill.

Discussion:

- A contribution should be made if an employee profits by the coverage.
- The law mandates that the organization represent all employees.
- A number of the services provided include:
 - Access to the administrative and professional staff and the benefits they are paid in the negotiations process.
 - Nonmembers use the grievance process.
- Membership is approximately 4500.
- Employees choose not to belong for a number of reasons including:
 - Political reasons.
 - They do not want to pay the fee.
 - The representation is available without paying.
 - They do not feel they need the protection.
 - Religious beliefs - donation to a charity is an option.

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of Ho. Co. Bill 11-07 Howard County – Certificated and Noncertificated Public School Employees – Service or Representation Fee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon.

Mrs. French requested the amendment that adds the provisions of the subsection shall apply only to employees who are hired on or after July 1, 2006, or 2007. Mr. Blom said July 1, 2008, would be the most appropriate.

Mr. Aquino did not accept the motion.

Mrs. Mikulis noted that there is a motion to support Ho Co Bill 11-07 as written and called for a vote. The vote was 3 in support with Mr. Aquino, Mr. Cohen, and Ms. Gordon supporting the motion and 3 abstaining - Mrs. Mikulis, Mrs. French and Mrs. Giles. The student member did not support the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Blom said the recommendation of July 1, 2008, was based on implementation of making it prospective. The rationale of making it prospective is due to the fact that the agency fee was not part of the condition of employment.

Mrs. Mikulis noted that there is a motion to support Ho Co Bill 11-07 with the amendment to insert a new section that will apply only to employees who were hired on or after July 1, 2008 in Howard County. The motion was supported 5-0 with Mrs. Mikulis abstaining.

Ho. Co. 13-07 Howard County – County Superintendent of Schools – Termination of Contract

Mr. Plunkett stated that this bill authorizes the Board of Education to terminate the contract of the county superintendent of schools under certain circumstances specifically after February 1 when the Board has chosen not to renew the superintendent's contract.

Discussion:

- This bill was first proposed as a statewide bill.
- Last year it was proposed as only a Howard County bill, and again this year it is only Howard County.
- The delegation approved it but met opposition at the state level.
- Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) did not endorse this bill.

Action: Ms. Gordon moved that the Board not support Ho Co 13-07.

- Suggestion was made to take no position.
- Ms. Gordon withdrew her motion.
- Legislation that the Board may be in favor of but may not be supported should not be the deciding factor.

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval to support Ho Co Bill 13-07. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen. The motion failed 1-5 with Mr. Aquino supporting the motion. The student member abstained.

Action: Mrs. French moved that the Board take no position on this bill. Mrs. Giles seconded the motion and was approved by the Board 4-2 with Mr. Aquino and Ms. Gordon opposing the motion.

Mr. Plunkett spoke about the Prevailing Wage bill after receiving an inquiry from Mr. Aquino. The prevailing wage platform states that the prevailing wage becomes relevant when 50% or more of the construction costs are state funded and that does not apply to Howard County.

Discussion:

- MABE and the Howard County Board of Education did support the other counties who were affected by the prevailing wage.

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the entire 2007 legislative platform as presented in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon. Mr. Aquino asked for background information.

- Counties where it does apply generally pay a premium for the contracts at the prevailing wage.
- There has not been an impact on Howard County because the prevailing wage rate does not apply as school construction funds are less than 50%.
- Language clarification was requested.

Action: Mrs. French restated the motion to approve the entire document as written but asked staff to bring back new and improved language regarding prevailing wage. The Board will then take action on that issue. The Board voted 2-4 and the motion failed. The student member did not support the motion.

Action: Mrs. French moved that the Board approve the entire document except for p.9 on prevailing wage and asked staff to bring that back in a new and improved version for action later. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

School Site Acquisition

Presenter: Mr. Joel Gallihue, Manager, School Planning.

Mr. Gallihue presented a proposal for the Board of Education to acquire 41 acres of land at 2865 Marriottsville Road, currently owned by St. John Evangelist Baptist Church, in exchange for a 10-acre plot owned by the school system at the intersection of Tamar Drive and Maryland Route 175 and a monetary amount to be determined. A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for February 8, 2007.

Discussion:

- St. John Evangelist Baptist Church is in favor of this exchange for convenience to the church membership.
- The exchange is also of value to the HCPSS.
- This exchange has been worked on for a while, and it is the Board's intent that this go smoothly for the church as well as for the school system.
- There will be a public hearing on January 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Security Assistants – Unit Composition

Presenter: Mrs. Susan Mascaro, Director, Staff Relations.

Mrs. Mascaro stated that the new Security Assistant position in the school system's 2007 Operating Budget must be placed into one of the existing units for collective bargaining purposes. This process is called "unit designation," and it is a function of the Board to make this designation. Based on the elements of the job description and meetings with the above parties, staff is recommending that the new position category of Security Assistant be designated within the HCEA/ESP bargaining unit. The rationale for this placement is based on the job description for the position, including essential job functions, education requirements, and salary parameters.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the Security Assistants – Unit Composition for designation in the HCEA/ESP bargaining unit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Appointment

Mrs. Erickson read the following appointment:

Name:	From:	To:
Katherine Kreidler	GT Resource Teacher Harper's Choice MS	Assistant Principal Worthington ES

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Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the promotion of Ms. Kreidler to Assistant Principal of Worthington ES. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Scheduling:

Board members discussed dates for future schedules.

Recess: The Chairman recessed the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Public Forum

Ms. Anna Szczepaniec-Bilas, parent, spoke about her positive experience in participating in the International Parent Leadership Program (IPLP). The program enabled her to have a better understanding of all the programs that are available within the school system.

Ms. Teresa Norman, parent, spoke about the knowledge and confidence the IPLP gave her to participate in her children's school activities.

Mrs. Linda Turner, parent, complimented Atholton HS on their parent-orientation program for incoming ninth graders. She also spoke about the needs of children with learning disabilities and the extra resources available in Title 1 schools.

Appointment – PTA Council of Howard County Monthly Report

Mrs. Mary Jane Grauso, President, noted that the PTA is pleased to see the increase for maintenance and technology in the Superintendent's proposed budget. She mentioned PTA involvement on the Backpack Weight Committee and a motion passed by the PTA Council asking the Board to consider having a consistent early release day like the Arlington, VA School System.

Public Hearing

Policy 1211 – Citizens Advisory Committees to the Board of Education and School System

Policy 1221 – Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education

Mr. Josh Michael, Chairman of the CAC Policy Subcommittee

- CAC advocates retaining two separate policies to make it easier for the public to understand the requirements of each body and to minimize any confusion regarding the implementation of these policies.
- Members of the Policy Review Committee have expressed concern that occasionally final recommendations to the Board have not been representative of the full work of the committees.

Mrs. Rose Dennison, Chairman, CAC

- Revisions to Policy 1221 include changing the name to the Community Advisory Council to distinguish the CAC from other advisory committees.
- The committee also supports including a member from the Howard County Association of Student Councils on the CAC and requiring Board review of bylaws for all Board committees.

Public Hearing – Policy 11200 – Public Hearings

Mr. Josh Michael, CAC

- CAC concurs with the superintendent's recommendations for an updated version of this policy.
- CAC adds a recommendation for on-line registration for Public Hearings via the school system's website.

Mrs. Rose Dennison, CAC

- CAC would like to expand use of the school system's website to improve participation in Public Hearings.

Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Information Items

- A. Food and Nutrition Services Financial Report
- B. Career Research and Development Program.