

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

January 11, 2007

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on January 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board Planning Room of the Department of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD. A motion was made in public in the Board Room by Ellen Giles that the Board go into closed session pursuant to 10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to engage in collective bargaining negotiations and to discuss school site acquisition. The motion was seconded by Frank Aquino and approved (6/0). Persons present: Board members Diane B. Mikulis, Chairman; Frank J. Aquino, Vice Chairman; Lawrence H. Cohen; Sandra H. French; Ellen Flynn Giles Patricia S. Gordon; and Superintendent Sydney L. Cousin.

ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:

1. Negotiation parameters for contract changes for AFSCME

Also present: Mrs. Sue Mascaro, Director of Staff Relations and Chief Negotiator; Sandra Erickson, Deputy Superintendent; Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer; and Mamie Perkins, Chief of Staff (arrived 2:30 p.m.).

Mrs. Mascaro presented proposed contract changes and the rationale for each and asked for direction from the Board. Mrs. Mascaro responded to questions from the Board members to clarify proposed contract language changes and/or the Superintendent's recommendation.

Proposed changes to contract language were approved by the Board in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendations.

2. Negotiation parameters for Memorandum of Understanding – Home & Hospital Teachers

Proposed changes to language in the Memorandum of Understanding were approved by the Board in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendations.

3. Negotiations - Other

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Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

The Board requested staff to look into the cost of certification.

- Sick leave payout – Mrs. Mascaro presented information from other counties. No action taken.

4. School Site Acquisition – Property adjacent to an Existing School Site

Mr. Joel Gallihue, Manager, School Planning, presented information on the property for sale next door to an existing school site. By consensus, the Board asked that Mr. Gallihue continue discussions with the seller to consider the site.

Adjourned: 3:42 p.m.

Submitted by: 
Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent

Approved – January 25, 2007