

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

February 15, 2007

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on February 15, 2007, at 4:00 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 Patricia Gordon 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. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Cohen and approved 4/0. Persons present: Board members Diane B. Mikulis, Chairman; Frank J. Aquino, Vice Chairman (arrived 4:05 p.m.); Lawrence H. Cohen; Ellen Flynn Giles; Patricia S. Gordon; and Superintendent Sydney L. Cousin.

ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:

Also present: Mrs. Sue Mascaro, Director of Staff Relations and Chief Negotiator; Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer; Mamie Perkins, Chief of Staff; and Mark Blom, Legal Counsel.

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.

1. Negotiation parameters for the Howard County Education Association

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

2. Negotiation parameters for Howard County Education Association/ESP

Proposed changes to contract language in specific contract articles for HCEA/ESP were approved by the Board in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendations.

Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

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