

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

April 12, 2007

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on April 12, 2007, at 2:35 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 Frank Aquino that the Board go into closed session pursuant to 10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss school site acquisition. The motion was seconded by Ellen Flynn Giles and approved (4/0). Persons present: Board members Diane B. Mikulis, Chairman; Frank J. Aquino, Vice Chairman; Lawrence H. Cohen; Sandra H. French (arrived 2:40 p.m.); Ellen Flynn Giles; Janet N. Siddiqui (arrived 2:40 p.m.); and Superintendent Sydney L. Cousin.

**ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:**

1. Marriottsville Road/Route 40 school site (St. John Evangelist Baptist Church property)

Also present: Joel Gallihue, Ray Brown, Ken Roey, Sandra Erickson.

Mr. Gallihue explained that the sales contract with St. John Evangelist Baptist Church for the school system to purchase the property at (south of) Route 40 and Marriottsville Road includes a contingency that HCPSS would be able to obtain a sewer easement to serve the property. The process to obtain the easement will not be concluded before the settlement date for HCPSS to obtain ownership of the property.

Dr. Cousin requested that the Board authorize staff to waive the contingency in the SJEBC sales agreement so that settlement for the purchase of the property by the school system may occur.

*Action:* Mrs. French moved to authorize staff to waive the contingency in the sales agreement with St. John Evangelist Baptist Church so that settlement for the purchase of the property by the school system may occur. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

Adjourned: 2:50 p.m.

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