

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

April 26, 2007

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on April 26, 2007, at 5:40 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 S. 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 discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Frank J. Aquino and approved (7/0). Persons present: Board members Diane B. Mikulis, Chairman; Frank J. Aquino, Vice Chairman; Lawrence H. Cohen; Patricia S. Gordon; Sandra H. French, Ellen Flynn Giles; Janet Siddiqui, M.D.; and Superintendent Sydney L. Cousin.

ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:

1. Superintendent's recommendation to terminate a teacher's employment

Also present: Mark Blom, General Counsel.

The Board reviewed the alleged offenses as described in the letter dated March 7, 2007, from the Superintendent to the teacher. The teacher did not appeal the Superintendent's recommendation, nor did he appeal the Board's denial of his request to resign.

Action: Mr. Aquino moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the teacher's employment with the school system be terminated on the grounds of immorality, misconduct in office, and insubordination. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles.

Mrs. French clarified that if the motion passes, the Maryland State Department of Education will be notified and proceedings will begin to revoke the teacher's certification.

The motion was approved unanimously by the Board (7-0).

2. Superintendent's recommendation for a teacher's one-day suspension without pay

Also present: Mark Blom, General Counsel.

The Board reviewed the alleged offense as described in the letter dated January 24, 2007, from the Superintendent to the teacher. The teacher did not appeal the Superintendent's recommendation.

Action: Mr. Cohen moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the members of the Board (7-0).

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

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