

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

May 24, 2007

The members of the Board of Education of Howard County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Department of Education, located at 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, Maryland, to adopt its FY 2008 Operating Budget and FY 2008 Capital Budget, FY 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program, and Ten-Year Long-Range Master Plan. The following were present:

Diane B. Mikulis, Chairman	Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent of Schools
Frank J. Aquino, Vice Chairman	Raymond Brown, Chief Operating Officer
Lawrence H. Cohen	Mamie Perkins, Chief of Staff
Sandra H. French	Robert Glascock, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction
Ellen Flynn Giles	Linda Wise, Assistant Superintendent, School Administration
Janet Siddiqui, M.D.	David White, Budget Officer
	Patti P. Caplan, Public Relations Officer
	Susan A. Shown, Recording Secretary

Chairman Diane Mikulis called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., and the meeting was opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Agenda

Action: A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Aquino, and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

Introduction

Mr. White stated that the Revenue and the Fixed Charges categories reflect the County Council's \$2,368,824 reduction in the Board's requested FY 2008 operating budget.

FY 2008 Operating Budget

Revenues

Action: Mrs. French moved to approve revenue sources from:

County Appropriation	\$427,176,316
State Sources	178,465,300
Federal Sources	380,000
Other Sources	<u>116,881,004</u>
Total Revenue Request	\$612,902,620

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

Operating Budget Categories

Administration	\$10,590,250
Instructional Salaries	256,389,040
Instructional Supplies	12,556,320
Instructional Other	2,687,270
Pupil Services	2,600,070
Health Services	5,109,390
Transportation	31,618,370
Operation of Plant	38,934,360
Maintenance of Plant	20,100,720
Fixed Charges	102,406,180
Mid-Level Administration	47,354,300
Community Services	5,667,810
Capital Outlay	957,020
Special Education	<u>75,931,520</u>
	\$612,902,620

Mr. White pointed out that the only change was the \$2,368,820 reduction in the payment to the health insurance account to offset the reduction in county revenue.

Action: Mr. Cohen moved to approve the FY 2008 operating budget as shown. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

Action: Mrs. Giles moved to approve the amount of each operating budget category as shown on page 16 of the score sheets (see above) for a total of \$612,902,620. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

Tuition Rates for Noncounty Resident Students

Mr. White stated that tuition rates are based on the cost per pupil using projected enrollment and the approved budget.

Estimated enrollment:	48,444
County funding	\$427,176,316
Operating Budget Total	\$612,902,620
In-State	
Elementary/secondary	\$8,820
Special education	\$26,460
Out-of-State	
Elementary/secondary	\$12,650
Special education	\$37,950

Mrs. Mikulis noted that it is not common for out-of-county students to be permitted to pay tuition to attend the Howard County public schools. Mrs. Giles added that most cases are court-appointed placements.

Action: Mr. Aquino moved to approve the FY 2008 tuition rates as indicated. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siddiqui and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

FY 2008 Capital Budget Request (Attachment A)

Mr. Brown explained that the FY 2008 capital budget reflects a reduction in the Mt. Hebron HS Renovation project of \$17,751,000 and a reduction in the Site Acquisition and Construction Reserve account of \$1,200,000, for a total of \$80,654,000.

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of the FY 2008 Capital Budget Request in the amount of \$80,654,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

FY 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program Request (Attachment B)

Mr. Brown explained that funds for construction and equipment for the Mt. Hebron HS renovation project are requested in FY 2009 and FY 2010. Mrs. Mikulis noted that the funds for the project have essentially increased by \$1,200,000 because the construction funding in FY 2009 was not decreased by the amount of the planning money approved in FY 2008.

Mrs. French stated that she did not believe the funds requested in FY 2009 and FY 2010 are sufficient, given the scope of the project that is being recommended. Mr. Brown responded that it is difficult to request a specific amount until the Board makes a decision on the scope of the project. He noted that there would be an opportunity to increase the funding request in the FY 2009 Capital Budget.

Mrs. French stated that the Mt. Hebron HS community requested that the Board hold a separate meeting to receive the recommendations of the Facility Needs Assessment, and a separate meeting for the Board to receive the Superintendent's recommendation for the scope of the Mt. Hebron HS renovation project. Mr. Brown responded that in response to direction from the Board, staff will present the findings of the Facility Needs Assessment and would not make any particular recommendation at that time.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the FY 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program for the total amount of \$461,147,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

FY 2008-2017 Long-Range Master Plan (Attachment C)

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved to approve the FY 2008-2017 Long-Range Master Plan for the total amount of \$837,201,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (6/0).

FY 2008-2013 Long-Range Systemic Renovation Projects (Attachment D)

For information only.

Beginning Teachers’ Salary (Step 1)

Mr. Kirk Thompson, Director of Human Resources, presented the following recommended Step 1 salaries for teachers:

PD	A	B	C	D	E
Provisional Degree Certificate	Standard Professional Certificate	Bachelor’s Degree Plus APC or 30 Credit Hours	Master’s Degree	Master’s Degree Plus 30 Credit Hours	Earned Doctorate
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\$31,480	\$42,407	\$43,581	\$45,138	\$46,694	\$48,251

Mr. Thompson stated that the Step 1 salaries are not negotiated; however, for the past three years, Step 1 and Step 2 have been the same.

Mr. Cohen asked how the recommended Step 1 salaries compared to surrounding counties. Mr. Thompson responded that the salaries from other counties are being received slowly; however, at the present time only Montgomery County offers a higher salary than Howard County.

Mrs. French stated that the decision of the former Board to include new teachers on Step 2 was a wonderful decision because it helps to attract good teachers to the county.

Action: Mrs. French moved to approve the Step 1 teacher salaries as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the Board (6/0).

Closing

Board Members expressed their appreciation to staff for the smooth budget process and for their response to questions and requests for additional information.

Board Members also thanked the County Executive, the County Council, parents, and the community for their support of the school system and the education of county students.

Dr. Cousin expressed appreciation to staff for their hard and diligent work to develop a responsible budget request. He also stated his gratitude to the County Executive, County Council, and the Howard County community for their support of the school system.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Attachments

- A - FY 2008 Capital Budget Request
- B - FY 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program Request
- C - FY 2008-2017 Long-Range Master Plan
- D - FY 2008-2013 Long-Range Systemic Renovation Projects

FY 2008-2017 LONG-RANGE MASTER PLAN

Board of Education Approved

Project	Occupancy Date	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Glennelg High Add./Ren./Auditorium	Dec. 07/08	10,904 (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centennial Lane Elem. Add./Cafetorium	Aug-08	5,019 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elkridge Elem. Addition/Cafetorium	Aug-09	787 (P)	6,285 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Hebron High Renovation	Aug-09	1,200 (P)	18,951 (C,E)	12,634 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance/Warehouse Facility	Aug-09	1,100 (P)	20,124 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OLD Cedar Lane Addition/Renovation	Aug-09	1,020 (P)	9,835 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waverly Elem. Addition Phase II	Aug-10	300 (C,E)	4,145 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Western Middle	Aug-13	0	0	0	3,240 (P)	31,304 (C,E)	0	0	0	0	0
Full-Day Kindergarten		11,694 (P,C,E)	10,142 (P,C,E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educational Specification Modernization		1,500 (P)	5,000 (P)	30,000 (P,C,E)	30,000 (P,C,E)	30,000 (P,C,E)	30,000 (P,C,E)	30,000 (P,C,E)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Systemic Renovations		32,104	28,185	37,184	31,652	23,846	26,168	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Relocatable Classrooms		1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Playground Equipment		200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Site Acquisition & Construction Reserve		3,800	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Technology		5,726	6,226	6,726	6,500	7,000	7,500	8,000	8,500	9,000	9,500
Roofing Projects		3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
School Parking Lot Expansions		1,000	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Barrier Free		200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
TOTALS		\$80,654	\$118,993	\$93,644	\$78,492	\$99,250	\$70,768	\$73,100	\$73,600	\$74,100	\$74,600
Ten-Year Long-Range Master Plan =				\$837,201							
(P) Planning (C) Construction (E) Equipment											

FY 2008-2013 LONG-RANGE SYSTEMIC RENOVATION PROJECTS

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Project	FY 2008		FY 2009		FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012		FY 2013		TOTALS
Worthington Elementary	6,639	(C)	0		0		0		0		0		6,639
Clarksville Middle	9,962	(C)	0		0		0		0		0		9,962
Clemens Crossing Elementary	6,062	(C)	6,062	(C)	0		0		0		0		12,124
Waterloo Elementary	4,520	(C)	4,520	(C)	0		0		0		0		9,040
Northfield Elementary	618	(P)	5,766	(C)	4,530	(C)	0		0		0		10,914
Administration Building (Central Office)	603	(P)	5,628	(C)	4,422	(C)	0		0		0		10,653
Hammond Elem/Middle	0		1,800	(P)	16,800	(C)	11,200	(C)	0	0	0		29,800
Bollman Bridge Elementary	0		709	(P)	6,618	(C)	5,200	(C)	0	0	0		12,527
Deep Run Elementary	0		0		453	(P)	4,226	(C)	3,321	(C)	0		8,000
Mayfield Woods Middle	0		0		661	(P)	6,171	(C)	4,848	(C)	0		11,680
Forest Ridge Elementary	0		0		0		476	(P)	4,442	(C)	3,491	(C)	8,409
Burleigh Manor Middle	0		0		0		679	(P)	6,335	(C)	4,977	(C)	11,991
Thunder Hill Elementary	0		0		0		0		600	(P)	7,000	(C)	7,600
Stevens Forest Elementary	0		0		0		0		600	(P)	7,000	(C)	7,600
Other Systemic	3,700	(C)	3,700	(C)	3,700	(C)	3,700	(C)	3,700	(C)	3,700	(C)	22,200
TOTALS	\$32,104		\$28,185		\$37,184		\$31,652		\$23,846		\$26,168		\$179,139
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