

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

June 26, 2007

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on June 26, 2007, at 7:00 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 Frank J. 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 matters related to negotiations. The motion was seconded Sandra H. French and approved (5/0). 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 (arrived 7:30 p.m.); and Superintendent Sydney L. Cousin.

ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:

1. Negotiations – HCEA and HCEA/ESP Agency Fee

Also present: Mark C. Blom, General Counsel; Sue Mascaro, Chief Negotiator; Sandra Erickson, Deputy Superintendent; Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer; and Mamie Perkins, Chief of Staff.

Sue Mascaro reviewed the status of negotiations for the agency fee and referred to each parameter set by the Board and the specific areas of difference. The Board discussed staff recommendations concerning issues related to the representation fee and provided direction to staff for continuing negotiations.

2. Resolution

Ms. Mascaro reviewed proposed resolutions that would be adopted by the Board to govern employee salaries and benefits if contract negotiations for HCEA and HCEA/ESP do not come to a resolution.

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions and directed staff to make changes to specific items and language in the resolutions. The Board approved the resolution language for HCEA and HCEA/ESP, as amended, for adoption by the Board if necessary.

Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Diane B. Mikulis, Chairman