

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2007

ACTION ITEMS

- Ratified and signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Home and Hospital Teachers Association
- Ratified and signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the School Food Service Association
- Approved the consent agenda including staff personnel, bids and contracts, donations and minutes of Board of Education meetings, and accepted status reports on the Operating Budget and the School Construction Fund
- Approved administrative promotions (see: "Board Approves Administrative Promotions")
- Approved a proclamation honoring Custodial, Maintenance, Grounds and Warehouse Personnel
- Approved a \$.25 increase to school lunches for the 2007- 08 school year (see: "School Lunch Prices Increase Next Year")

Board Approves Administrative Promotions

The Board approved the following administrative promotions, effective July 1, 2007:

- Nancy Thompson from Assistant Principal, Stevens Forest Elementary to Principal, Talbott Springs Elementary
- David Larner from Assistant Principal, Hammond Elementary to Principal, Clemens Crossing Elementary
- Sharon Lewandowski from Math Support Teacher, Bryant Woods Elementary to Assistant Principal, Stevens Forest Elementary
- Amanda Wind from Special Education Teacher, Clemens Crossing Elementary to Assistant Principal, Laurel Woods Elementary
- Brian Vanisko from Teacher on Special Assignment, Fulton Elementary to Assistant Principal, Hammond Elementary
- Donyall Dickey from Principal, Pimlico Middle School (Baltimore City) to Principal, Murray Hill Middle School
- Harry Anderson from Teacher, Reservoir High School to Assistant Principal, Reservoir High School

The following administrative transfers are effective July 1, 2007:

- David Adelman from Assistant Principal, Waterloo Elementary to Assistant Principal, Deep Run Elementary
- Bridget Darden from Assistant Principal, Deep Run Elementary to Assistant Principal, Waterloo Elementary
- Margaret (Peggy) Dumler from Principal, Clemens Crossing Elementary to Principal, Laurel Woods Elementary
- Rosanne Wilson from Principal, Laurel Woods Elementary to Human Resources Specialist
- Kathy McKinley from Principal, Bonnie Branch Middle School to Principal, Mt. View Middle School
- Carolyn Jameson from Principal, Murray Hill Middle School to Principal, Bonnie Branch Middle School

- Rosalie Bowen from Assistant Principal, Howard High School to Assistant Principal, Marriotts Ridge High School
- Lisa Veslany from Assistant Principal, Marriotts Ridge High School to Assistant Principal, Howard High School
- Tammy Foyles from Assistant Principal, Reservoir High School to Assistant Principal, Wilde Lake High School
- Sara Maslow from Assistant Principal, Wilde Lake High School to Assistant Principal, Reservoir High School

Board Receives Update on Wellness Policy implementation

Food Services Administrator Mary Klatko and Linda Rangos and Jackie French of the Office of Physical Education, Health Education and Dance, reported on the implementation of the Wellness Through Nutrition and Physical Activity policy. The report covered the Food and Nutrition Services Program, Nutrition, Education and Physical Activity.

Klatko reported that inTEAM Associates, Inc. was hired by the system to conduct an independent study of the Food & Nutrition Service program this year. inTEAM provided a team of two (2) professionals from the school nutrition community, both with actual experience in running Child Nutrition Programs from Fairfax County, Virginia and Chicago, Illinois. Their combined diverse experiences have provided a national perspective for comparative purposes.

Klatko reported on the recommendations of the consultants and how the school system has or intends to respond. Principal Frank Eastham reported on the results of the vending machine project piloted at Oakland Mills High School.

Linda Rangos reported on the status of the nutrition education curriculum and related professional development activities for staff. Jackie French presented an update on the physical education program and the new voluntary state curriculum for physical education. She also reported on ways that schools are incorporating physical activity into the school day.

School Lunch Prices Increase Next Year

The Board approved a \$.25 increase in lunch and breakfast prices for the 2007-2008 school year. Prices will increase as follows:

	2006 – 07	2007 - 08
Elementary Lunch	\$2.00	\$2.25
Secondary Lunch	\$2.50	\$2.75
Signature Lunch (HS)	\$3.25	\$3.50
Coaches Corner Lunch (HS)	\$3.25	\$3.50
Adult Regular Lunch	\$3.65	\$3.90
Adult Signature Lunch (HS)	\$4.00	\$4.25
Adult Coaches Corner Lunch (HS)	\$4.00	\$4.25
Student Breakfast (All Schools)	\$1.25	\$1.50
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00	\$2.25

No Redistricting for 2008; New Enrollment Projections Higher

There will be no need for attendance area adjustments for the 2008-09 school year, according to Manager of School Planning Joel Gallihue. In presenting the 2007 Feasibility Study, Gallihue recommended taking a "wait and see" approach to 2010-2013 plans as well. He indicated that future strategies would be influenced by potential changes to the methodology used to calculate school capacities and septic system constraints in the western part of the county.

Gallihue presented the latest enrollment projections, which show more enrollment growth through 2017 than previously predicted. New numbers indicate that the largest increases will be at the middle and high school levels.

The Feasibility Study is tightly linked to the Capital Budget planning process. The Board will hold a public hearing and preliminary work session on the fiscal year 2009 Capital Budget on Thursday, August 16.

Board Considers Policy Revisions

The Board held public hearings on proposed revisions to two policies. At the hearing on Policy 5100 (4111), School Health Services, Rose Dennison, Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, testified that the committee feels staff should not be given the same level of emergency medical service as students by Health Services staff. This raises questions of equity, school system liability, and confidentiality of staff medical conditions, according to Dennison. Parent Linda Turner testified that procedures should exist for parent notification when a child is sent to the emergency room.

At the hearing on proposed Policies 9030, Student Publications, Productions, and Other Media and 10010 (3131), Distribution and Display of Materials and Announcements in Schools, Josh Michael, speaking on behalf of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, reported the CAC support of the proposed revisions and the recommendation to separate Policy 3131 into two distinct policies.

Policy Specialist Ellen Miller presented a recommendation to establish a Policy Review/Revision Advisory Committee, which would review and revise policies that require only reformatting and minor changes. Equity Assurance Coordinator Min Kim presented the Committee Charter for Revision of Policy 1811, Discrimination, and Policy 1815, Sexual Harassment.

In Other Action...

The oath of office was administered to student board member Andrew Gavelek by Clerk of Court Margaret Rappaport. Gavelek's term begins July 1, 2007.

In his report to the Board, Superintendent Sydney Cousin remarked on the annual Retirement Reception, congratulated students who were awarded Robert C. Byrd Scholarships, and recognized schools that received 2007 Maryland Green School Awards.

Deputy Superintendent Sandra Erickson reported on the school system's performance on the 2007 Maryland School Assessments, noting outstanding performance at the fourth grade level and performance increases by student groups.

Middle and high school students who participated in the first Howard County Youth Summit reported on issues and recommendations identified at the event.

At Public Forum, Lisa Regnante and students from Centennial Lane Elementary School reported on the healthy snacks taste test conducted at the school's fair. Felecia Fischell addressed the Board on the benefits of aquatics programs on student fitness. Parent Linda Turner spoke about the needs of students with dyslexia.

Mary Jane Grauso, President of PTA Council of Howard County, reported on recent activities of the Council.

The Board reviewed its tentative quarterly agenda for July through September 2007.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007.