

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

February 26, 2008

The Board of Education of Howard County held an Adoption of FY 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets and FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Education, located at 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, Maryland. The following were present:

Frank J. Aquino, Chairman
Ellen Flynn Giles, Vice Chairman
Lawrence H. Cohen
Sandra H. French
Patricia S. Gordon
Diane B. Mikulis
Janet Siddiqui, M.D.

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer
Sandra Erickson, Deputy Superintendent
Patti Caplan, Director, Public Relations
Barbara Bowers, Recording Secretary

Chairman Aquino called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and Mrs. Giles led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. David White, Budget Officer, reported that the health insurance actuarial study update was in and the changes would be discussed during that portion of the budget.

FY 2009 Operating Budget Request

Administration

Action: Mr. Cohen moved approval of Administration in the amount of \$11,633,190. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Mid-Level Administration

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of Mid-Level Administration in the amount of \$51,785,570. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikulis and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Instructional Salaries

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of Instructional Salaries in the amount of \$278,248,350. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siddiqui and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Instructional Texts/Materials

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of Instructional Texts/Materials in the amount of \$13,757,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Instructional Other

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of Instructional Other in the the amount of \$2,768,760. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Special Education

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved approval of Special Education in the amount of \$81,736,140. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikulis and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Pupil Personnel

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of Pupil Personnel in the amount of \$2,798,800. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Health

Action: Mr. Cohen moved approval of Health in the amount of \$5,707,900. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Transportation

Action: Mrs. Gordon moved approval of Transportation in the amount of \$32,655,320. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Operation of Plant

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of Operation of Plant in the amount of \$43,829,530. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Maintenance of Plant

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of Maintenance of Plant in the amount of \$24,511,640. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikulis and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Fixed Charges

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of Fixed Charges in the amount of \$104,554,920. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siddiqui and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Community Services

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved approval of Community Services in the amount of \$6,176,920. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Capital Outlay

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of Capital Outlay in the amount of \$923,480. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Summary - FY 2009 Operating Budget Revenues

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

County Appropriation	\$458,794,610
State Sources	191,839,110
Federal Sources	370,000
Other Sources	<u>10,084,300</u>
Total Revenue Request	\$661,088,020

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Revolving Funds

Food and Nutrition Services Fund

Action: Mr. Cohen moved approval of Food and Nutrition Services Fund in the amount of \$11,477,280. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund in the amount of \$2,171,730. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikulis and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Printing and Duplicating Fund

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of Printing and Duplicating Fund in the amount of \$2,621,210. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Information Management/Computer Services Fund

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of Information Management Computer Services Fund in the amount of \$5,164,120. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Health and Dental Self-Insurance Fund

Discussion: Mr. White explained the dollar amount changes in this particular budget, including the additional positions added to the budget, and the updated estimate received from the outside actuaries.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of Health and Dental Self-Insurance Fund in the amount of \$85,594,120. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikulis and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Grants Fund

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved approval of Grants Fund in the amount of \$25,000,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

FY 2009 Capital Budget Request

Discussion: Mrs. Mikulis requested that the Waverly ES Phase II addition be deferred until FY 2010. Mr. Roey, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Management, reported that Phase I has been completed and the need to build the addition is not urgent today, but will be needed eventually. He added that there is some additional money left from Phase I to be used for the planning of Phase II.

Mrs. French said she agreed that Phase II is not needed this fiscal year, but she wanted to make it clear that the project will be needed when the students will be more readily available at Waverly ES.

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of FY 2009 Capital Budget Request in the amount of \$113,800,000, with the deferral of the Phase II Waverly Elementary School addition in the amount of \$4,245,000, maintaining the planning money for that addition in Phase I, from FY 2009 to FY 2010. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program Request

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program Request in the amount of \$513,962,000 reflecting the deferral of the Waverly ES Phase II addition in the amount of \$4,245,000, bringing FY 2010 to \$122,256,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

FY 2009-2018 Long-Range Master Plan

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the FY 2009-2018 Long-Range Master Plan reflecting the deferral of Waverly ES Phase II addition from FY 2009 to FY 2010, in the amount of the Ten-Year Long-Range Master Plan of \$930,582,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

FY 2009-2014 Long-Range Systemic Renovation Projects

For information only.

Comments by Board Members

Mrs. Mikulis expressed her appreciation to everybody and thanked them for putting together a very realistic, no frivolous budget that the Board can very confidently defend to anyone that might want to cut the budget.

Mrs. French said she wanted to thank everyone involved in the budget. She said what impresses her time and again is how the staff have already thought of things way in advance and have looked at how they can accomplish the mandate or the goal by reallocation of resources.

Dr. Siddiqui thanked the Superintendent, the staff, the operating budget review committee, and the Board members for all of their input.

Mr. Cohen thanked the Superintendent, staff and his fellow Board members for fulfilling their obligation to the people.

Mrs. Giles thanked her fellow Board members, the budget review committee, and the staff for doing their very best in a fiscally responsible way. She said by recognizing that the obligation is to the students in the system and by honoring the commitments and protecting our investment, shows in the budget.

Ms. Gordon thanked the Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent for being aware of the needs of the county. She said she felt proud of the program, the future plans, and the staff. She also expressed thanks to the staff and her fellow Board members.

Mr. Aquino thanked the staff for creating a defensible and realistic budget. He expressed his appreciation to the staff for answering all of the Board members questions.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Attachments

- FY 2009 Operating Budget Request Summary
- FY 2009 Capital Budget Request
- FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program Request
- FY 2009-2018 Long-Range Master Plan
- FY 2009-2014 Long-Range Systemic Renovations Projects