

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

June 12, 2008

The Board of Education of Howard County held a regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 4:00 p.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.
Andrew Gavelek, Student Member

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

Chairman Frank Aquino called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., and Ms. Adejire Bademosi, Marriotts Ridge HS, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointment of Superintendent

Board members read a Resolution to Appoint the Superintendent and Approve the Superintendent's Contract for another four years.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY **RESOLUTION**

TO APPOINT THE SUPERINTENDENT and APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has exhibited leadership and skill in managing the Howard County Public Schools in accordance with the directions established by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that the initiatives put in place by the Superintendent to raise student performance will progress under Dr. Cousin’s continued leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously announced its intention to appoint Dr. Sydney L. Cousin to a second four-year term as Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cousin has agreed to serve another four-year term as Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Superintendent have negotiated a contract for the new four-year term beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2012, and it is the parties’ intent to approve the newly negotiated contract;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Dr. Sydney L. Cousin to a four-year term as Superintendent of the Howard County Public Schools commencing July 1, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the contract negotiated with Dr. Cousin to serve as Superintendent and authorizes the Board Chairperson to execute the contract on behalf of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this reappointment and the contract of employment are contingent upon the written approval of the State Superintendent as provided by law.

Frank J. Aquino, Chairman

Ellen Flynn Giles, Vice Chairman

Lawrence H. Cohen, Board Member

Sandra H. French, Board Member

Patricia S. Gordon, Board Member

Diane B. Mikulis, Board Member

Janet Siddiqui, M.D., Board Member

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of the Resolution to Appoint the Superintendent and Approve the Superintendent’s Contract. The motion was seconded unanimously and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Dr. Cousin signed the contract for four more years and said it would be his pleasure to serve as the Superintendent of Schools in Howard

County. He thanked the Board members for their confidence and support. He said that although there will be challenges in the future, working with the Board, staff, and the community, would be an opportunity for him to improve what is already a very good school system to a great school system. He added that he is fortunate to work in a community that supports education the way the citizens of Howard County support the HCPSS and stated that the staff members are the very best in the nation.

Board members expressed their support and confidence in Dr. Cousin's ability to lead the school system for the next four years and thanked him for continuing his role as Superintendent of the HCPSS.

Public Forum

Mr. Michael Holt, parent, addressed the Board regarding academic integrity and transparency in Board actions.

Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Delete: Item X.E. Closed Meeting Minutes.
- Add to Item XI.B. – Minutes of April 24, 2008; May 8, 2008; and May 15, 2008.
- Delete and defer to next BOE meeting Item XII.B. Leadership Intern Unit Composition.
- Add to Item XVII.B. Scheduling Board Meetings and Other Activities – Record in the minutes any scheduled dates of meetings or activities and record as an ACTION item.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gavelek and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Recognition of Student Member of the Board of Education

Board members read a Proclamation in Recognition of the Student Member of the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY
PROCLAMATION
HONORING

ANDREW GAVELEK

2007-2008 STUDENT MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS Andrew Gavelek has served in an outstanding manner as Student Member to the Board of Education for the 2007-2008 school year; and

WHEREAS during his term Andrew demonstrated genuine interest in education issues and brought an informed, responsible student perspective to Board deliberations and discussions; and

WHEREAS Andrew was conscientious and capable in his role as the first student member of the Board to exercise partial voting rights; and

WHEREAS Andrew distinguished himself through his articulate, insightful participation; and

WHEREAS Andrew was actively involved throughout high school as a scholar athlete, a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee, Treasurer of the Student Government Association and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS Andrew is to be commended for his involvement in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corp and his acceptance to the United States Coast Guard Academy; and

WHEREAS the members of the Board of Education want to congratulate Andrew for his numerous accomplishments and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education of Howard County expresses sincere appreciation to Andrew Gavelek for his commitment and responsible participation during his term as Student Member to the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this document be adopted by the Board of Education of Howard County and entered into the official record, and that Andrew receive a copy in appreciation for his outstanding service on behalf of the students of the Howard County Public School System.

Frank J. Aquino, Chairman
Board of Education of Howard County

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

Action: Mr. Aquino moved approval of the Proclamation in Recognition of the Student Member of the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (7/0).

Mr. Gavelek, whose term ends June 30, 2008, said he has always had a passion for government and education. He thanked his family, Board members, staff, and the students for their support over the last year. He especially noted the support he received from Mr. Roger Plunkett, Business, Community and Government Relations Officer, and thanked him for being his mentor during the past school year.

Board members and Dr. Cousin thanked Mr. Gavelek for the important contributions he has made as the first Student Board Member with voting rights and for providing a voice for the students. Board members also expressed admiration for Mr. Gavelek's integrity and leadership abilities.

Mr. Aquino recognized County Council Vice Chairman and former HCPSS Board member, Mary Kay Sigaty, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Music Educator of the Year Award

Marilyn Davis, President of Howard County Parents for School Music, presented the organization's Music Teacher of the Year Award to Mr. Lee Stevens, band teacher at Atholton HS, who is also retiring this year. Ms. Davis also thanked the Board for allowing the Howard County Parents for School Music to present their 14th annual award for Music Educator of the Year.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cousin thanked staff, parents, and students for a great school year and expressed congratulations to the following:

- The Office of Professional Development for receiving the Maryland Council of Staff Developer's Award for Excellence for the Leadership Fellows Program.
- Lime Kiln MS and River Hill HS for being selected along with 34 other Maryland schools as 2008 Green Schools by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education.
- The 25 HCPSS schools that received the Maryland Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Recognition Awards for the 2007/2008 school year.

Student Representative's Report

Ms. Mary Wong reported that she will be serving as the President of the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) for the 2008/2009 school year. She thanked the members of the Board for allowing the students to have a voice in their education. She introduced the slate of officers for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Vice President – Chloe Heckman of Centennial HS.
- Secretary – Robert Bostick of River Hill HS.
- Treasurer – Sadhvi Saxena of Centennial HS.

Ms. Heckman presented an award to Mr. Gavelek for his outstanding leadership and to Mr. Phil Lasser, current HCASC President.

HCPSS Student Government Association (SGA) Presidents and Vice-Presidents introduced themselves. Ms. Cindy Drummond, former Wilde Lake HS teacher, reported on the SGA representatives' summer program plans.

Board Members' Reports

No reports were presented.

Consent Agenda – Restricted*

Staff Personnel, Bids and Contracts, Administrative Appointments and Promotions, and Administrative Transfers.

Administrative Appointments, Promotions, and Transfers were pulled for discussion.

Ms. Linda Wise, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration, presented the Administrative Transfers and Promotions for the Elementary level, which will be effective July 1, 2008:

- Katherine Kreidler – from Assistant Principal to Principal at Worthington Elementary.
- Chanel Morris – from Assistant Principal to Principal at Triadelphia Ridge Elementary.
- Cathy Nowack – from Assistant Principal at Thunder Hill Elementary to Principal at Longfellow Elementary.
- Martha Bowen – from Instructional Team Leader at Manor Woods Elementary to Assistant Principal at Thunder Hill Elementary.

- Deborah Caldwell – from Instructional Team Leader at Hollifield Station Elementary to Assistant Principal at Triadelphia Ridge Elementary.
- Kevin Mulroe – from Gifted/Talented Teacher at Clemens Crossing Elementary to Assistant Principal at Running Brook Elementary.

Action: Mrs. French moved that the Board adopt and approve the promotion recommendations from the Superintendent and Mrs. Wise for the elementary level. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikulis and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Mrs. Wise also presented the following secondary administrator promotions for the Board's approval:

- Claire Hafets – from Assistant Principal at Bonnie Branch Middle to Principal at Burleigh Manor Middle.
- Scott Ruehl – from Secondary Mathematics Coordinator to Principal at Mt. Hebron High.
- Anne Brown – from Teacher at Mt. View Middle to Assistant Principal at Bonnie Branch Middle.
- Audra Butler – from Teacher at Mayfield Woods to Assistant Principal at Cradlerock School.
- Lisa Smithson – from Teacher at Elkridge Landing Middle to Assistant Principal at Wilde Lake Middle.
- Lori Gambino – from Teacher at Mt. Hebron High to Assistant Principal at Reservoir High.
- Kedré Fairly – from Teacher to Assistant Principal at Howard High.

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of the secondary administrator promotions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Mrs. Wise also announced the following administrator transfers:

- Principal Heidi Balter from Rockburn Elementary to Atholton Elementary.
- Principal Lauren Bauer from Atholton Elementary to Rockburn Elementary.
- Principal Susan Webster from Triadelphia Ridge Elementary to Waterloo Elementary.
- Assistant Principal Troy Todd from Running Brook Elementary to Waterloo Elementary.

- Assistant Principal Charles Keith West from Pointers Run Elementary to Worthington Elementary.
- Principal David Brown from Mt. Hebron High to Glenwood Middle.
- Principal Carl Perkins from Folly Quarter Middle to Centennial High.
- Principal Richard Wilson, Jr., from Glenwood Middle to Folly Quarter Middle.
- Assistant Principal Gregory Letora from Patapsco Middle to Murray Hill Middle.
- Assistant Principal John DiPaula from Glenelg High to River Hill High.
- Assistant Principal Nick Novak from River Hill High to Glenelg High.
- Assistant Principal John Cheek from Reservoir High to Mt. Hebron High.

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of the Restricted Consent Agenda, including Staff Personnel and Bids and Contracts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Staff Personnel – Approved by the Board.

Resignations:

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Reason	Years in Howard County	Effective Date
Bresnick, Sandra	WLMS	Health	Career Change	9.0	06/12/08
Brinkman, Jean	GES	SLP	Relocation	1.0	06/12/08
Burdette, Kimberly	CRS	Elem. Ed.	Relocation	1.0	06/12/08
Dembin, Lucy	GHS	Counselor	Relocation	4.0	06/30/08
Dougherty, Nancy	MWMS	Counselor	Relocation	7.0	06/12/08
Feldman, Alan	HoHS	Math	Relocation	3.0	06/12/08
Heck, Ida	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Family Obligations	18	06/30/08
Jeran, Susan	HCMS	Reading	Other Employment	2.0	06/12/08
Jones, Dafnette	PVMS	Science	Personal	4.0	06/12/08
Kramvi, Marina	MRHS	Art	Family Obligations	1.0	06/12/08
Kruse, Brian	HOME	Tech. Ed.	Other Employment	3.0	06/12/08
Levenson-Smith,Becky	ReHS	Spec. Ed.	Personal	2.0	06/12/08
Matthews, Mark	MHHS	Spec. Ed.	Relocation	1.0	06/12/08
McCoy, Jessica	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Family Obligations	7.0	06/12/08
Mooney, Andrea	DRES	Elem Ed.	Personal	1.0	06/30/08

Murphy, David	LES	Elem. Ed.	Other Employment	3.0	06/12/08
O'Mailey, Renee	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Family Obligations	5.0	06/30/08
Peters, Donna	LoES	OT	Career Change	5.0	06/12/08
Redden, Lucinda	LWES	Music	Relocation	1.0	06/12/08
Reed, Simon	HCMS	Spec. Ed.	Relocation	1.0	06/12/08
Rossiter, April	HoHS	Science	Relocation	3.0	06/12/08
Schalik, Michell	Fr. Leave	Art	Family Obligations	12.0	06/30/08
Schroeder, Elizabeth	AHS	Spec. Ed.	Relocation	1.5	06/12/08
Scott, Romy	WLMS	Phys. Ed.	Other Employment	1.0	06/12/08
Sikorski, Tiffany	HaHS	Science	Personal	1.0	06/12/08
Suriani, Jennifer	AHS	Math	Relocation	2.0	06/12/08
Voss, Meghan	GHS	English	Relocation	4.0	06/12/08
Wright-Bonaparte, LaToya	WES	Spec. Ed.	Other Employment	1.0	06/12/08
Yoon, Christine	MWES	Elem. Ed.	Relocation	1.0	06/12/08

Leaves of Absence:

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Years in Howard County	Effective Date
Ritchotte, Jennifer	DRES	Reading	11.0	08/18/08
Waltman, Erin	ELMS	Spec. Ed.	3.0	08/18/08

Retirements:

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Years in Howard County	Effective Date
Adams, Chrystie	ELMS	Elem. Ed.	29.0	07/01/08
Bertak, John	HAHS	English	11.0	07/01/08
Bungert, Mary	WFES	Spec. Ed.	4.0	07/01/08
Doyle, Deborah	C.O.	Resource Teacher	33.0	07/01/08
Evert, Mary	AHS	Spec. Ed.	25.0	07/01/08
Feldmesser, Linda	MWES	GT Resource	27.0	07/01/08
Gibson, Stephen	BMMS	Principal	31.5	07/01/08
Griffin, James	MVMS	Science	30.5	07/01/08
Harrison, Yvonne	WOES	Principal	35.0	07/01/08
Holman, Eleanor	GES	Reading Specialist	23.0	07/01/08
Kierzkowski, Thomas	C.O.	Director, School Facilities	23.5	07/01/08
Nawrocki, Edward	OMHS	Science	36.0	07/01/08
Perrine, Stephen	AHS	Art	39.0	07/01/08
Pigo, Myrna	WLHS	Foreign Language	37.0	07/01/08
Stevens, Lee	AHS	Music	32.0	07/01/08
Weed, Janice	SWES	Spec. Ed.	22.0	07/01/08
White, David	C.O.	Budget Officer	17.5	07/01/08
Williford, Deanna	TRES	Elem. Ed.	8.0	07/01/08

Bids and Contracts – Approved by the Board.

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
P-1	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	
	Scott Whitehead	57,558.60
	North County Bus Co., Inc.	58,725.00
	Mina Transportation	59,400.00
	Ashwell Transportation, Inc.	59,580.00
	CBM Transportation, LLC	61,338.60
	HOB Enterprises, LLC	63,882.00
	TOTAL AWARD	\$360,484.20
P-2	ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONTROLS – INSTALLATION AND SERVICES	
	Electrical Automation Services, Inc.	\$154,900 est.
	Johnson Controls	216,880 est.
	t.a.c. Critical Systems Division	218,780 est.
		\$590,560 est.
P-3	ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES	
	Kernan Hospital – Kernan Physical Therapy	\$20,000/school
	Maryland SportsCare & Rehab	\$20,000/school
P-4	HANDICAP RAMP IMPROVEMENTS AND PARKING LOT ADDITIONS – GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL	
	Greenbridge Construction, Inc.	\$41,340
P-5	INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT SERVICES	
	Superior Engineered Products, Inc.	\$100,000/year
P-6	COMMISSIONING, SPRINKLER ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING SERVICES	
	Forman Building Commissioning	\$82,000 est.
	Facility Dynamics Engineering	82,000 est.
	Lutz Engineering	86,000 est.
	Gasser Associates	75,000 est.
	Aria Environmental, Inc.	26,000 est.
	Penniman & Browne, Inc.	24,000 est.
	TOTAL AWARD	\$375,000 est.
P-7	STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	
	KEV Group, Inc.	\$27,050

Consent Agenda

Donations; Minutes of Regular Meetings of April 24, May 8, and May 15, 2008; Operating Budget Monthly Report, and School Construction Monthly Report.

Mrs. French asked that the parking lot expansion for Longfellow ES also be noted in the School Construction Monthly Report. Staff agreed to make the correction on the next report.

Action: Mr. Gavelek moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Donations – Approved by the Board.

Bushy Park ES: Haloti Ngata, in the amount of \$900.00, designated for the purchase of health and fitness books for students in the third grade.

Clemens Crossing ES: General Mills, in the amount of \$514.28, designated for the purchase of manipulatives and books.

Fulton ES: General Mills, in the amount of \$669.82, designated for the purchase of laminating film, construction paper and other consumable materials.

Hollifield Station ES: Box Tops for Education, in the amount of \$641.00, designated to pay Beth Colbett, a professional development guest speaker.

Manor Woods ES: PTA, in the amount of \$1905, (\$700) designated for the "Yojo" Cultural Arts Program, and (\$1205) designated for the "Class Acts Art" Cultural Arts Program, and for Field Day.

General Mills, in the amount of \$525, designated for the purchase of computer and technology supplies.

- Running Brook ES: The Honorable Alice P. Clark, in the amount of \$500, designated for professional development, field trips and Arts integration.
- Stevens Forest ES: Kaiser Permanente, in the amount of \$2500, designated for PBIS rewards and incentives and to assist with the cost of field trips.
- Hammond MS: PTA, in the amount of \$2500, designated to assist with the cost for students attending outdoor education.
- Mayfield Woods MS: PTA, in the amount of \$815, designated for the "JP Somersaulter, Filmmaker" Cultural Arts Program.
- Atholton HS: L.G.B. Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$500, designated for the Balfour Principal's Scholarship Fund.
- Atholton Youth Recreation Association, Inc., in the amount of \$500, designated for the baseball team.
- Glenelg HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$12,220.45, designated for the following: coaches' clinics, tournament fees, varsity letters, JV awards, state championship banners, soccer equipment, field hockey equipment, volleyball equipment, basketball equipment, golf equipment and wrestling equipment.
- Hammond HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$749, (\$1500) designated to assist with expenses for Prom and Class Night, (\$3495) designated for the purchase of a Yamaha convertible tuba, (\$1000) designated to assist with expenses for a reception for Champions and fees for an architectural contest, and (\$1500) designated for the purchase of a sound system for the football field.
- Marriotts Ridge HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$2549.67, (\$540) designated to pay for the repair of the light

board, (\$600) designated for FBLA National Conference Registration and trip fees, and (\$1409.67) designated to assist with the cost of the printing of the magazine "The Buzz."

Reservoir HS: Touchdown Club, in the amount of \$9505.48, designated to purchase equipment and uniforms for the football team.

Minutes of Regular Meetings of April 24, May 8, and May 15, 2008 – Approved by the Board.

Operating Budget Monthly Report – Accepted by the Board.

School Construction Monthly Report – Accepted by the Board.

School Lunch Prices – 2008/2009

Presenter: Mrs. Mary Klatko, Food and Nutrition Services.

It was recommended that lunch and breakfast prices for the school year 2008/2009 be increased as follows:

	<u>2007 - 2008</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>
Elementary Lunch	\$2.25	\$2.50
Secondary Lunch	\$2.75	\$3.00
Signature Lunch (High)	\$3.50	\$3.75
Coaches Corner Lunch (High)	\$3.50	\$3.75
Adult Regular Lunch	\$3.90	\$4.25
Adult Signature Lunch (High)	\$4.25	\$4.50
Adult Coaches Corner Lunch (High)	\$4.25	\$4.50
Student Breakfast (All Schools)	\$1.50	\$1.75
Adult Breakfast (All Schools)	\$2.25	\$2.50

Based on the current and anticipated financial posture of the Food and Nutrition Service Program, it is recommended that there be an increase in lunch prices for the 2008–2009 school year. The recommended increase on all student meals is 25 cents. Costs to the program are continually rising in the following areas: salaries (9%) and health care benefits (8%). Transportation and fuel surcharges rose from \$8.00 to \$15.00 per stop this year and will continue to be adjusted as fuel prices increase. Food and supply costs continue to rise from last school year (10% to 20%).

Discussion:

Mrs. Mikulis pointed out that the food services operation is designed to be self-supporting, where the money that is taken in covers all costs.

Mr. Ray Brown, Chief Operating Officer, stated that a report will be brought back to the Board regarding offerings of isotonic beverages and iced tea.

Dr. Cousin explained that with every increase in lunch prices, participation decreases, and the percentage of decrease varies from year to year. The question is what type of contingency plan needs to be in place for food services to continue to operate on a self-sustaining basis, and if prices do not increase, then the operating budget must make up that difference.

Mrs. Klatko noted that two pre-pay programs are offered to students. A five-day discount is given for the first year, and a ten-day discount is given to repeat customers. It was also noted that supplements from the federal program and the sale of ala-carte items also helps sustain the school lunch program.

Motion: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the recommendation to raise school lunch prices for the 2008/2009 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen.

Mrs. French pointed out that the school lunch program still provides a balanced meal at a bargain price. She indicated the need to review possible ways to help individual students who cannot afford lunch due to price increases and emphasized the need to recognize that good nutrition is important to a student's success.

Action: The motion was approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Capital Budget/Redistricting Feasibility Study

Presenter: Mr. Joel Gallihue, Manager of School Planning.

Mr. Gallihue presented an overview of the 2008 Feasibility Study, which provides the Board of Education with long-term capital planning options and redistricting scenarios. The annual student enrollment projection is introduced in this report along with scenarios that are

intended to provide a comprehensive look at suggested capital additions, renovations, and any attendance area adjustments that are anticipated within the ten-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) period. Plans examined in this document may only be implemented through the Board's approval of both the Capital Budget and any change to current school attendance areas.

Mr. Gallihue explained that the presentation of the report is the starting point for the annual process of developing the capital budget. He noted that the document presents multiple scenarios and a new comparison scorecard. The scorecard is a first attempt at showing how scenarios compare to the eleven policy considerations in Policy 6010 – School Attendance Areas. The scorecard is intended as a new aid for the Attendance Area Review Committee and may evolve as the process requires.

Mr. Gallihue stressed that the planning document and the recommendations presented for review are not final. Redistricting proposals are not certain until approved by the Board of Education. No redistricting is recommended for the Board of Education to consider in the fall of 2008.

This study tests three scenarios, including one similar to that which appeared in the 2006 and 2007 Feasibility Studies. Scenario One moves a similar number of students as those presented in the 2007 study. Focus remains on enrollment growth in the Southeast and Western Regions. However, stronger regional growth in the Northeast Region and Columbia require new attention to those areas. Scenario Two seeks to make better use of available capacity in the Western Region. Scenario Three seeks to create stronger feeder relationships systemwide.

Mr. Gallihue indicated that specific schools would need relief by 2010 to reduce capacity utilization below 110 percent. In order to minimize the number of students moved in any given year, redistricting plans like the scenarios in this report should be incorporated into long-term goals and phased in over a projected time period. At a minimum, the following schools' attendance areas should be adjusted by 2010:

- Bellows Springs ES
- Guilford ES
- Laurel Woods ES
- Phelps Luck ES

- Thunder Hill ES
- Murray Hill MS
- Howard HS
- Reservoir HS

The following schools would be under consideration for potential redistricting as their projections are trending well above 110 percent beyond 2012:

- Clemens Crossing ES
- Elkridge ES
- Harpers Choice MS

Although Atholton HS is projected to be above 110 percent capacity in 2010, it is not included in the listing because it trends back downward in future years.

Discussion:

It was noted that current policy does not include a sibling rule, and there are currently no hard and fast rules about rising students at any grade level.

Board members commented on the value of this report and noted the importance of the public reviewing the three scenarios that have been set out.

Mr. Gallihue noted that high school capacity issues exist in the northeast region. He pointed out that schools are built where the opportunities exist, and locations do not always have the best geography to fit the need.

Mrs. French commented on looking forward to conversations about whether or not there should be more realistic capacity numbers for high schools based upon the schools and their particular programs.

Regarding the revitalization of the Route 1 corridor, Mr. Gallihue noted that thousands of residential units will be constructed, and it is important that capital facilities are in place in order to meet demand and neighborhood turnover in the area. It is believed that two elementary school sites will be needed, as well as one middle school, in the future as a conservative estimate.

Mr. Gallihue provided a brief overview of the three scenarios presented in the report. He noted that conversations will occur with principals regarding capacity issues at individual schools.

Quarterly Agenda – July – September 2008

Board members reviewed the Proposed Quarterly Agenda for July – September 2008.

Recess: The meeting was recessed by the Chairman at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Public Forum

Ms. Laura Smit, Executive Director of HC DrugFree, and Tina Owens, Chairman of HC DrugFree's Teen Job & Volunteer Fair, presented information about the activities of the organization and thanked the Board and school system for supporting their efforts.

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

Mrs. Mary Jane Grauso, President of PTA Council, addressed the Board about school system communication and suggested that PTA work with the school system to develop a welcome publication for parents. She also suggested that the school system could increase parent involvement by scheduling department committee meetings at times when parents can attend.

Community Advisory Council (CAC)

Mr. Chris Wertman, Chairman of the Community Advisory Council, presented the annual report of the CAC.

Policy 9280 – Students Charged with Community or Reportable Offenses

Presenter: Dr. Craig Cummings, Coordinator, Alternative Education Programs.

Dr. Cummings noted that some minor changes had been made to the policy due to input from Board members. The Board agreed with the changes.

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved approval of Policy 9280 as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Policy 8020 – Grading and Reporting: High School

Presenter: Ms. Ellen Miller, Policy/Charter School Specialist.

Ms. Miller noted that changes have been made to the previous recommendation due to public testimony and input from Board liaisons.

Ms. Gordon noted the benefits of having the function of a policy committee and expressed hope that the committee was successful in making the policy more open and understandable not only to Board members but to the community at large.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the recommended changes to Policy 8020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Board Committee Structure

Presenter: Ms. Ellen Miller, Policy/Charter School Specialist.

Ms. Miller reported that staff was asked to draft charters for internal Board of Education committees for Policy and Legislation for the Board's consideration. With regard to the policy committee, the draft is essentially the same as presented to the Board on October 26, 2006, and uses an approach parallel to that used in authorizing the Audit Committee. With regard to the legislative committee, the draft is also based on the presentation to the Board on October 26, 2006, and is also similar to the Audit Committee. On August 16, 2007, the Board adopted legislative protocols, and a modification of the protocols has been drafted for the Board's consideration.

Discussion:

Policy Committee:

Mrs. Giles expressed her preference to establish committee assignments at the last Board meeting in June to mirror the fiscal year. She also indicated the need to establish the Board Cluster Assignments in June so that Board members are ready to visit their

schools in August. In addition, Mrs. Giles noted that MABE and LSA committees also run on school-year basis, and any adjustments needed due to an election year can be made in December.

Mr. Mark Blom, General Counsel, noted that a quorum would involve five Board members, so that four members could attend a committee meeting without having the meeting noticed according to the Open Meetings Act.

Board members and staff discussed various aspects of committee structure, terms of office, and how information would be provided to the Board as a whole.

Legislative Committee:

Board members noted that legislative issues are requested to be presented to the Howard County Delegation in September. The need to clarify reporting requirements from committee members to the Board as a whole was also discussed.

Board members proposed various changes to the language in the charter, including appointments of Board members and the Student Member.

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved adoption of the Charters for the BOE internal Policy and Legislative Committees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon, and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Action: Mrs. Mikulis moved approval of the revised legislative protocols. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Scheduling

By consensus, the Board agreed to schedule the following meetings/events:

June 17, 2008 - 5:30 p.m. – Closed Meeting.

June 26, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. - BOE Appeal.

August 15, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. – BOE Appeal

August 22, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. – Master Board Meeting Retreat

October 10, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. – Master Board Meeting Retreat

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 9:08 p.m.

Information Items:

- A. Community Use of Schools – Fees for 2008/2009
- B. Food and Nutrition Service Financial Report

*Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires the affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.