

A Summary of the Board of Education Meeting Thursday, June 12, 2008

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved a resolution to reappoint Sydney L. Cousin as superintendent and approve another four-year contract.
- Approved a proclamation honoring Andrew Gavelek for his service as Student Member to the Board.
- Approved a restricted consent agenda including staff personnel and bids and contracts.
- Approved elementary and secondary administrative promotions for the 2008-2009 school year (see: "Board approves 13 administrative promotions").
- Approved a consent agenda including donations and minutes of regular board meetings, and received status reports on the Operating Budget and the School Construction Fund.
- Approved a 25-cent increase in school lunches for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approved revisions to Policy 9280, Students Charged with Community or Reportable Offenses, and Policy 8020, Grading and Reporting: High School.
- Approved Charters for the Board Internal Policy and Legislative Committees.
- Approved revised legislative protocols.
- Approved dates for future meetings and appeals.

Board approves 13 administrative promotions

Thirteen individuals were promoted to school-based administrative positions. Promotions at the elementary level include:

- 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

Promotions at the secondary level include:

- 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

Assistant Superintendent Linda Wise 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.

Feasibility study shows need for redistricting in 2010

Joel Gallihue, Manager of School Planning, 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.

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.

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 system-wide.

Gallihue indicated that specific schools would need relief by 2010 to reduce capacity utilization below 110%. 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% beyond 2012:

- Clemens Crossing ES
- Elkridge ES
- Harpers Choice MS

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

In other action...

In his report to the Board, Superintendent Sydney Cousin thanked staff, parents, and students for a great school year and congratulated:

- The Office of Professional Development for receiving the Maryland Council of Staff Developer's Award for Excellence for the Leadership Fellows

- Program.
- Lime Kiln Middle School and River Hill High School 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 2007-08 school year.

At Public Forum, parent Michael Holt addressed the Board regarding academic integrity and transparency in Board actions. 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.

Marilyn Davis, President of Howard County Parents for School Music, presented the organization's Music Teacher of the Year Award to Lee Stevens, band teacher at Atholton High School, who is retiring this year.

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.

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

The Board reviewed its quarterly agenda, July through September 2008.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 26, 2008.