

Legislative Committee Meeting  
ML2  
November 10, 2008 – 8:00 a.m.

Committee: Janet Siddiqui, Chairman; Frank J. Aquino; Sandra H. French  
Staff: Raymond H. Brown, CFO

Attendees: Janet Siddiqui, Frank J. Aquino, Sandra H. French  
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I	Call to Order	8:03 a.m.		
II	Approval of Agenda	By consensus		
III	Review	<p>1. <b>Legislative Platforms:</b> was discussed in great detail. Mr. Brown stated that he received comments from Mr. Aquino, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. French and Mr. Cohen. He also stated that he incorporated their suggested changes into his report that he submitted. The committee decided to go over the entire document page by page.</p>	<p>Mr. Brown is to verify the front page with Mrs. Giles. He will also check on the PBIS mandate. We support PBIS but not any state mandates.</p>	

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		<p>2. <b>Public Charter Schools:</b> Mr. Brown will incorporate Mrs. Giles' changes and state the current requirements. The committee also wants to add that they oppose any negative financial impact on the Howard County School System.</p> <p>3. <b>Compulsory Attendance/ Student Discipline Mandates:</b> It was decided that this needs to be updated. Mr. Brown will add updated Task Force information. The law is cited improperly and</p>		

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		<p>we will state current law instead.</p> <p>4. <b>Federal Support of Public of Education:</b> Mrs. French questioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet. It was decided to simplify it. The last bullet needs to be updated. This is from 2007. Mr. Brown will investigate and verify.</p> <p>5. <b>Federal No Child Left Behind Re-Authorization:</b> There was some discussion.</p>		

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		<p>6. <b>School Board</b> <b>Authority:</b> Committee agreed to change the title to Authority of Local School Boards. There was discussion regarding clearer statement on legislative initiatives that circumvent local board authority. Mr. Aquino and Mr. Brown will discuss wording and bring back to the committee.</p>		

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		<p>7. <b>Funding Adequate Public School</b> <b>Funding:</b> Mrs. French stated the title should be Adequate Funding for Public School Education. She also stated the third paragraph needs to be updated. The committee agreed and it will be changed. The last four lines of the next paragraph in the fourth paragraph also needs updated. Mr. Brown will handle. The first bullet needs to be updated to FY10. The last bullet says private and should say</p>		

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		<p>non-public. The committee decided to add a bullet on the Teacher Retirement Program under Retirement and Pension.</p> <p>8. <b>High School Assessments:</b> This was discussed at great length and will be revisited. Mr. Brown will work on appropriate language.</p>		

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IV	Scheduling	Next Meeting: 11/12/08, 3:30 p.m.		
V	Adjournment	9:00 a.m.		