

Legislative Committee Meeting
Cafe
November 12, 2008 – 3:30 p.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
Staff: Kathy Hanks

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| I | Call to Order | 3:38 p.m. | | |
| II | Approval of Agenda | By consensus | | |
| III | Review | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Labor Relations Board: There was detailed discussion about updating the language. Mrs. French believed we should include that Howard County does not support binding arbitration. Mr. Aquino suggested we add a bullet stating maintenance of the current system wherein local Boards of Education retain responsibility for budget allocations. Findings of NSBA needs to be updated. | | |

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| | | <p>2. Legislative Curriculum and Testing: The Committee decided to take out the last sentence.</p> <p>3. School Safety and Discipline: It was added under the second bullet that Howard County supports effective prevention programs and the requisite state funding.</p> <p>4. Maintenance of Effort: No changes</p> | | |

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| | | <p>5. Retirement and Pension: No changes</p> <p>6. School Nutrition and Health: No changes</p> <p>7. Voucher, Tuition Tax Credits, Tax Deductions and Textbooks: Private should say non-public. Regarding tax credit for non-public education – Mr. Brown will investigate. Last bullet change drainage to reallocation and take out that is not productive for public school education.</p> | | |

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| | | <p>8. HSA: The Committee decided that the second paragraph should be removed. Also the last sentence of the first paragraph. What it should say is that on October 8th . . . The first paragraph needs to be a restatement of the current status. Mr. Brown should totally update the first paragraph. There was discussion on restating the first bullet.</p> | | |

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| IV | Scheduling | Next Meeting: to be determined | | |
| V | Adjournment | 4:45 p.m. | | |