

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

March 12, 2009

The Board of Education of Howard County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009, 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, Esq., Chairman
Ellen Flynn Giles, Vice Chairman
Lawrence H. Cohen
Allen Dyer, Esq.
Sandra H. French
Patricia S. Gordon
Janet Siddiqui, M.D.
Adejire Bademosi, Student Member

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

Chairman Frank Aquino called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m., and Mr. Andrew Gavelek, former Student Board Member, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum

There was no one present to address the Board.

Approval of Agenda

The following notations were made to the consent agendas. Approval of minutes includes:

- Closed Meeting - January 8, 2009 (Official and Confidential).
- Regular Meeting - February 12; Budget Work Session III - February 17; Budget Work Session IV - February 19; and Adoption of the Budget - February 24, 2009.

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

Approved – April 16, 2009

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cousin introduced Ms. Melissa Shindel, Assistant Principal at Patuxent Valley MS, and congratulated her on her selection as National Assistant Principal of the Year. He also reported that the Maryland School Performance Recognition Program honored 37 HCPSS schools for their performance on the 2008 Maryland School Assessments and High School Assessments. For the fifth consecutive year, the culinary team from the ARL's Hotel and Management Academy took first place in the state Culinary and Management Competitions.

Mrs. Perkins, Chief of Staff, recognized the following HCPSS teachers who recently received National Board Certification:

Katherine Copanic – Folly Quarter MS
Deborah Duggan Finley – Glenelg HS
Kathleen Harkness – Running Brook ES
Rachel Kastner – Stevens Forest ES
Stephanie Keenan – Lisbon ES
Amanda Knab – West Friendship ES
Andrew Law – Patapsco MS
Laarni Lucero – Howard HS
Ann Monroe – Reservoir HS
Kendall Morton – Glenelg HS
Laura Parsons – Howard HS
Sarah Robertson – Veterans ES
Amy Ruffing – Oakland Mills HS
Stacey Smith – Lisbon ES
Kacy Valentine – Cradlerock School
Jennifer Walker – ARL
Kelly Zilliox – Marriotts Ridge HS

Board members and Dr. Cousin expressed congratulations appreciation to the teachers. Dr. Cousin also thanked HCEA (Howard County Education Association) for their role in supporting and encouraging teachers to pursue certification.

Student Representative's Report

Mr. Sam Henig, Hammond HS Student Government Association (SGA), reported on conditions and changes at Hammond HS:

- The Principal's Advisory Council purchased new lockers and replaced the school sign this year.

- With the help and cooperation of the PTA and class sponsors, the SGA sponsored the first homecoming parade in a decade.
- The SGA created a new Pep Club called the Golden Bear Project or GBP.
- The SGA sponsored a "hats-on" day and raised \$600 for research in the prevention of cancer.

Board Members' Reports

Mr. Cohen reported that nominations are being accepted until May 29, 2009, for positions on the MABE Board of Directors. He also added that Governor O'Malley attended and read at the "Read across America" celebration on March 5, 2009, at Running Brook ES.

Dr. Siddiqui reported that she, Mrs. French, and Mrs. Giles attended the Howard County Drug-Free Job Fair.

Mrs. French reported that Board members attended a Homewood School meeting with representatives from HCEA.

Mrs. Gordon reported on the NAACP dinner that most of the Board members attended. She also reported on the Association of Community Services (ACS) meeting that she and Mrs. French attended.

Mrs. Giles reported that she attended Family Science Night at the National Air and Space Museum with families from Patuxent Valley MS and Patapsco MS. She attended the FIRST Robotics Competition presentation, and she and other Board members participated in the Middle School Debate Program.

Mr. Aquino reported that he and other Board members attended the Blue Ribbon Celebration at Hammond MS. He and Dr. Cousin attended the dinner and celebration in Annapolis to recognize Hammond MS and the other Blue Ribbon School Awardees. He also added that he had the privilege of moderating a panel discussion at a recent PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meeting.

Ms. Bademosi reported that she has been working with the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) to develop a "new look" for the Student Member of the Board of Education process. She added that she has also been working with the Horizon Foundation and different schools in Howard County with the "Change Matters" campaign.

Mr. Dyer recognized Mr. Aquino and staff members who participated on the PFLAG panel and commented on their leadership in the community.

Consent Agenda (Restricted*)

Staff Personnel; Bids and Contracts; Donations; Operating Budget Monthly Report; School Construction Report; School Bus Contract Terminations; and Closed Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2009 (Official and Confidential).

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved approval of the Restricted Consent Agenda, including the closed minutes of January 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen 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
De Los Santos, Xeng	Fr. Leave	Science	Relocation	7.0	09/30/08
Dinning, Kimberly	Fr. Leave	Music	Family Obligations	7.0	06/30/09
Frankovic, Karen	Fr. Leave	SLP	Family Obligations	8.0	06/30/09
Gundling, Jennifer	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Relocation	8.0	06/30/09
Haavik, Lorien	OMHS	Math	Personal	1.4	12/19/08
Lee, Kimberly	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Family Obligations	12.0	06/30/09
Morrow, Heather	Fr. Leave	Pre K	Family Obligations	9.0	06/30/09
Mott, Lori	Fr. Leave	Rdg. Spec.	Relocation	6.0	06/30/09
Raspa, Stephanie	Fr. Leave	Elem. Ed.	Personal	6.0	02/28/09
Thompson, Michael	PVMS	Tech. Ed.	Other Employment	1.0	06/16/09
Tiffany, Donna	Fr. Leave	Spec. Ed.	Other Employment	15.0	06/30/09
Van Benten, Kelly	Fr. Leave	Phys. Ed.	Family Obligations	8.0	06/30/09

Contracts

Name	Grade or School	Subject	Place of Last Teaching Assignment	Grade/Step	Effective Date
Bhanot, Rashmi	LES	ESOL	HCPSS – IA	B-02	09/18/08
Bradshaw, Elisa	ELMS	SCI	--	C-01	02/04/09
Geary, Todd	PMS	GUI	--	C-01	01/22/09
Iovine, Stacia	OMHS	MAT	Florence, KY	C-06	02/06/09
King, Erica	SJES	ELE	--	A-01	01/20/09
Shannon, Tamara	AES	SLP	HCPSS	C-07	12/17/08
Vogel, John	HWS	MAT	Anne Arundel Co.	C-04	02/06/09

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Leaves of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade or Subject</u>	<u>Years in Howard County</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Biskey, Joseph	WES	Elem. Ed.	3.7	03/30/09
Grey, Robin	MRHS	English	7.6	03/02/09

Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade or Subject</u>	<u>Years in Howard County</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lindenmayer, Janet	OMHS	Foreign Languages	31.6	02/13/09

Bids and Contracts – Approved by the Board.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor/Agency/Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PR-1	Modular Building Relocation Services	Harford County Public Schools – Contract No. Package #1, Expires 05/19/2009	\$150,000

(Savings: Approx. \$17,500 – Administrative. Expenses Saved)

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
P-1	TRANSPARENCIES & SUPPLIES Nicholas Pipino Associates Standard Stationary Ace Office Supplies Pyramid School Products	\$ 304 8,450 10,250 59,375 <hr/> \$ 78,379
P-2	LAMINATING FILM Integrity School	\$57,915
P-3	JOINT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A DEFERRED COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc.	
P-4	WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT GLENELG HIGH SCHOOL Maryland Environmental Service	\$133,412

Donations – Approved by the Board

Northfield ES: Northrop Grumman, in the amount of \$750, designated for the third grade mathematics and science program.

Walmart Store #2412, in the amount of \$1,000, designated for the purchase of (4) Elmo desktop cameras. This donation is an award given in honor of Treva Hilliard, a team three teacher, who is the Walmart Foundation Teacher of the Year.

Atholton HS: HCPSS/Partnership with Howard County General Hospital, in the amount of \$1,100, designated to assist with the expenses of students in the FEA (Future Educators Association) to attend the National Conference in Denver.

Boosters, in the amount of \$2,250, (\$1,800) designated for the purchase of track uniforms, (\$250) designated for tournament fees for the girls' basketball team, and (\$200) designated for the POMS squad.

Centennial HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$5,100, (\$300) designated for the drill team, (\$1,500) designated for the Robotics Club, (\$1,000) designated for the marching band, (\$1,100) designated for the boys' lacrosse team, and (\$700) designated for the girls' lacrosse team.

Long Reach HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$3950, (\$700) designated to assist with the purchase of a batting cage for the baseball team, (\$1,000) designated for the purchase of a smart board, (\$1,000) designated for the purchase of gym chairs that have the LRHS logo, (\$750) designated for the purchase of football uniforms, and (\$500) for the purchase of first aid kits to be used by the athletic trainer.

AFCEA CMD Education Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000, designated for the purchase of engineering materials and tools.

Honeywell Technology Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$3,000, designated for the Rocketry Club.

Northrop Grumman, in the amount of \$750, designated for the purchase of robotics equipment.

Mt. Hebron HS: Viking Backers, in the amount of \$5850, (\$1,500) designated for the baseball team, (\$1,000) designated for the boys' lacrosse team, (\$1,000) designated for the softball team, (\$1,500) designated for the tennis team, (\$200) designated for the science fair, and (\$650) designated for the math team.

River Hill HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$730, designated to pay tournament entry fees for the indoor track team.

Wilde Lake HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$1,225, designated to assist with expenses for the 2009 prom.

Operating Budget Financial Report as of January 31, 2009 – Accepted by the Board.

FY 2009 School Construction Monthly Report – Accepted by the Board.

School Bus Contract Terminations – Approved by the Board.

Due to Hill Transportation losing possession of school buses as called for in their contracts, all contracts have been temporarily reassigned to other contractors for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year. These contracts will be rebid for school year 2009/2010 (Contracts #199, #204, #266, #270, #278, #279, and #483).

Closed Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2009 (Official and Confidential)
Approved by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of Regular Meeting - February 12; Budget Work Session III - February 17; Budget Work Session IV - February 19; and Adoption of the Budget - February 24, 2009.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda with the adjustments approved by Board consensus. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bademosi and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Proclamation: Music In Our Schools*BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY***PROCLAMATION**

DESIGNATING MARCH 2009

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MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

WHEREAS the National Association for Music Education (MENC) has established Music In Our Schools Month to underscore the importance of music education, to acknowledge the contributions of music educators and to celebrate the musical accomplishments of students; and

WHEREAS the *No Child Left Behind Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001* identifies music as a core subject and a challenging subject in which all students should demonstrate competency; and

WHEREAS music performance, comprehension, composition, and aesthetic criticism is embedded in the Voluntary State Curriculum and Essential Learner Outcomes for all students in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS music provides a universal language for the expression of ideas and the emotions of the human spirit and, at the same time, provides a unique means of understanding the diversity of cultures; and

WHEREAS the study of music connects students to our history, traditions and heritage; and

WHEREAS music education effectively equips students with higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills, creativity and other habits of mind that are increasingly critical to their success in learning, in the workplace and in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS our community's music and other arts organizations and resources are important partners for our music teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS music students of the Howard County Public School System continue to excel at the local, state, and national levels;

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education designates March 2009 as Music in Our Schools Month in the Howard County Public School System; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education supports the study and performance of music as essential to a well educated, cultured society and most importantly as a means to nourish the human spirit.

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

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

Legislative Report/2009 General Assembly

Presenter: Mr. Brown, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Walsh, Director, Special Education; and Dr. Janet Siddiqui, Legislative Committee Chairman.

The following bills were presented with recommended positions by the Legislative Committee for discussion/approval by the Board:

SB480/HB1148 – Operating Budget – Elimination of Inflation Adjustments

Recommended Position: **Oppose**

Rationale: Repeal of the inflation adjustment would be a major strike to the commitments undertaken by the Bridge to Excellence (BTE) Act.

HB694 – Education – Special Education Services – Children in a Home School Setting

Recommended Position: **Oppose**

Rationale: Unfunded mandate.

SB754/HB934 – Vehicle Laws – School Buses – Prohibition on Permitting Sitting on Floor or Standing

Recommended Position: **Oppose**

Rationale: Language in the bill focuses on that which is contrary to HCPSS transportation practices and procedures.

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved that the Board uphold the recommendations by the Legislative Committee to oppose HB1148, HB694, and HB934, and the associated cross-file bills in the Senate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

2009-2010 Anticipated School Opening/Closing Times

Presenter: Mr. David Drown, Director, Pupil Transportation.

Mr. Drown reported that the operating window for schools would not change for next year. There are no changes recommended for middle or high schools. At the elementary level, a 15-minute change is recommended for Veterans ES, which would move the school's start time from 9:10 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. and end time from 3:40 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. A change is also recommended for one nonpublic school (St. Augustine School). The school's start time would change from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and end time from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Discussion:

Ms. Bademosi expressed concern about traffic problems, including accidents that exist due to the closeness of opening times for Marriotts Ridge HS and Mt. View MS. Mr. Drown explained that this problem has been reviewed, but due to the buses serving that area, combined with other schools and trips, a change could not be made at this time.

Mr. Cohen asked about the proposed changes to Veterans ES and the St. Augustine School. Mr. Drown explained that the previous schedule resulted in buses making three trips to the nonpublic schools in that region, and this change will allow for greater efficiency.

Mr. Dyer asked about information that has been accumulated over time regarding the high school start times. Mr. Drown stated that he could provide the information as requested.

Dr. Siddiqui asked about the possibility of having all middle schools on a more uniform starting time. Mr. Drown stated that many factors determine where schools fall within particular time areas, and in order to make the schedule work geographically and logistically, staggering the times for middle schools is necessary.

2009/2010 Schedule of Board Meetings

Presenter: Mrs. Patti Caplan, Director of Public Relations

Mrs. Caplan presented the proposed schedule for Board meetings for the 2009/2010 school year. The schedule includes dates for the anticipated Attendance Area Adjustment (AAA) Process. The 2009/2010 schedule will be brought to Board for approval on March 26, 2009.

Discussion:

It was noted that state law requires the Board of Education to hold two Board meetings a month, with the exception of July and August. The Board also holds three Coffee and Conversation meetings a year and two meetings with student leaders.

Ms. Bademosi suggested that one additional meeting be held with students, and it was agreed that the suggestion could be considered when planning the 2010/2011 calendar.

Changing the December 22, 2009, BOE meeting to an earlier date was discussed, and Mrs. Caplan agreed to check with staff to determine the best accommodation for the Board and staff.

Assignment of Relocatable Classrooms

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

Mr. Gallihue recommended relocating 8 units for capacity and program needs as follows: one each to Atholton, Laurel Woods, Running Brook, and Veterans elementary schools; and two each to Waterloo ES and Hammond HS. Additionally, 7 units will be moved to Northfield ES and 14 units to Mt. Hebron HS to accommodate students during renovations at those schools.

Plans are to remove one unit each from Centennial Lane, Lisbon, and West Friendship elementary schools; two each from Glenelg HS and Hollifield Station ES; three from St. John's Lane ES; and five from Triadelphia Ridge ES. The school system currently has an inventory of 207 relocatable units.

The Board is scheduled to take action on the recommendation on March 26, 2009.

Discussion:

Mr. Cohen suggested that information be included in the report next year regarding the requests made by principals, including those for removal of units.

Mrs. French stated that the report appeared inconsistent with regards to the issue of changing high school capacities. Mr. Aquino indicated that any inconsistencies could be discussed prior to Board approval.

Activity Fees & Cost of Materials and Supplies

Presenter: Mrs. Linda Wise, Chief Academic Officer.

Mrs. Wise reported on procedures developed after a comprehensive review of school supply lists and activity fees. The procedures address the need for a more uniform and equitable system of assessing student fees.

Effective for the 2009/2010 school year, schools may not charge activity fees or science insurance fees. Schools will be allowed to charge for the following:

- Field trip expenses to cover only the student's actual cost to attend.
- A fee of \$15 for a high school parking pass.
- A fee of \$4 for each official transcript.
- A per-page copy fee for copies of student records (currently 20 cents per page).
- The cost of personal items kept by the student after participation in extracurricular athletic and performance programs, the cost of personalized items imprinted with the student's name, and the cost of maintaining items (e.g., dry cleaning marching band uniforms).

Fees also may be charged by outside organizations for their services (e.g., Advanced Placement, SAT, and academic and industry certifications).

Parameters have also been developed for elementary, middle, and high school student supply lists to assure that school and classroom needs are being met adequately and equitably. The school system's FY 2010 Operating Budget Request includes additional funds of \$300,000 in supplies and materials to support the implementation of these procedures.

Discussion:

It was noted that most safety items, such as goggles, are provided by the school system. Items that may be personal in use (steel-toed shoes, recorders for music class, and property that a student wishes to retain) are not provided by HCPSS. It was agreed that language in the guidelines be changed for clarification purposes.

Staff stated that it would be necessary to add a line item of \$15,000 in the school system's budget if the Board intended to provide recorders to every third-grade student for music classes. It was previously determined that reissuing recorders would not be a good practice due to sanitary issues. Parents have indicated their willingness to pay for recorders rather than jeopardize the curriculum due to budget constraints. Parents were also in agreement about sanitary issues.

Mr. Dyer expressed concern about requiring students to pay for recorders and indicated his support to include \$15,000 in the budget for this purpose so that all students would be able to participate. Staff noted that recorders are provided to students in need, and requests have been minimal over the years. Dr. Siddiqui stated her preference of keeping with current procedures rather than making changes to the budget at this time.

Staff was asked to clarify language in the guidelines in terms of accidental versus intentional/negligent breakage with regards to science lab equipment.

Dr. Cousin stated that the school system has come a long way in addressing the issue of fees, and anything that is required as part of the curriculum should be provided by HCPSS. Consistency is needed from school to school as well in dealing with supplies and materials and the collection of fees. He noted the importance of trying out the guidelines first and then making adjustments if needed. A report will be provided to the Board on the effectiveness of the guidelines after implementation.

Quarterly Agenda – April – June 2009

Presenter: Mrs. Kathleen Hanks, Administrative Specialist to the Board.

Board members discussed the proposed quarterly agenda for April – June 2009. Approval is scheduled for March 26, 2009.

Policy 6060 – Improvements to School Sites or School Facilities

Presenter: Mr. Wayne Crosby, Manager, Building Services.

Highlights of Proposed Changes:

Policy

- Revises the policy statement to align with Policy 2020 (Policy Development and Adoption) guidelines.
- Updates language in the policy statement and throughout the document.
- Adds definitions for “petitioners” and “permanent change.”
- Moves detailed statements from Standards to Implementation Procedures.
- Adds the Chief Operating Officer as the authorizing agent.
- Adds a purpose statement.
- Adds the statement “Within the context of this policy, the following definitions apply” to introduce the definitions.
- Adds a compliance statement.
- Adds a reference to Policy 4010 (Donations).

Implementation Procedures

- Adds the Office of Risk Management as part of the process for ensuring compliance with all imposed regulations.
- Updates language, position titles, and roles.

Discussion:

Board members asked that language be changed in the policy to reflect that buildings and facilities are owned by the Board of Education rather than HCPSS. It was also suggested that legal advice be sought on this issue.

Board members discussed changing the name of the policy to clarify that it concerns community involvement in improvements to school sites or school facilities.

Approved – April 16, 2009

A public hearing will be held on April 16, 2009, with action scheduled for May 12, 2009.

Policy 6070 – Closing of Schools

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

Mr. Gallihue explained that additional changes have been made to adjust the policy to reflect Policy 2040 (Public Participation in Meetings of the Board). Edits were made for consistency with state regulations. General Counsel indicated the importance of consistent language in the event of an appeal.

Board members asked that the policy statement include elaboration on the factors that are considered before the use of a school is discontinued rather than "on occasion."

It was also recommended that language be changed to reflect that the Board of Education would be the party to decide to discontinue a school's use, rather than HCPSS. Mrs. French pointed out some information in the Implementation Procedures that should be contained as part of the Standards in the policy. She suggested that "to the Superintendent" be added to the last sentence of the paragraph under Advisory Committee to clarify that the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the Superintendent.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the following statement be added to Section V. Compliance (under letter C): "The Board reserves the right to adopt or to modify any school closing alternatives and/or recommendations presented to it by the Superintendent or the Howard County community."

A public hearing on Policy 6070 will be held on April 16, 2009, with action scheduled for May 12, 2009.

Policy 9000 – Enrollment, Residency, Student Assignment, and Admission to Pre-K and Kindergarten

Presenter: Mrs. Pamela Blackwell, Director, Student Reassignment and Student Services.

This policy revision clarifies enrollment ramifications for students who become nonresidents during the school year because the parents

with whom they reside move out of Howard County. The policy revision further clarifies that students are classified as juniors or seniors after the last day of their sophomore or junior year, as applicable.

By consensus, the Board agreed to take action on the policy, which would become effective immediately.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the recommended changes to Policy 9000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Policy 7090 – Administrative Transfer of Teachers

Presenter: Mrs. Fran Albert, Specialist, Policy/Charter Schools.

After discussion on January 8, 2009, The Board adopted Policy 7090 with the recommendation that final documents be reviewed by the Board Policy Committee. After review, the policy committee recommended the following changes:

Policy:

- Title changed to "Transfer of Teachers."
- Add a standard to incorporate process.

Implementation Procedures:

- Add the process for voluntary transfers.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the recommended modifications to Policy 7090. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Policy 7130 – Substitute Teachers

Presenter: Mrs. Fran Albert, Specialist, Policy/Charter Schools.

After discussion on February 12, 2009, The Board adopted Policy 7130 with the recommendation that final documents be reviewed by the Board Policy Committee. After review, the policy committee recommended the following changes:

Policy:

- Add a standard stating that substitute teachers comply with all Board policies.

- Add the job description in the reference section.
- Order the policies numerically in the reference section.

Action: Ms. Bademosi moved approval of Policy 7130 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siddiqui and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Process for Revising Policy 6020 – School Construction Program Update

Presenter: Dr. Terry Alban, Chief Operating Officer.

Using a process that includes collaboration with the Health Department and other school systems, Policy 6020 will be revised and supplemental documents outlining guidelines for construction and renovation projects will be developed. The policy and supplemental documents will be brought to the Board of Education for approval in the summer of 2009.

Recess: The meeting was recessed by the Chairman at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Public Forum

Mr. Douglas Lea informed the Board of a partnership between National Union and the Howard County Education Association (HCEA).

Public Hearing – Policy 1050 – Tobacco-Free Environment and Public Hearing – Policy 9240 – Student Use and Possession of Tobacco

Mr. Steven Estomin, Policy Coordinator of the Community Advisory Council (CAC)

- Stated that CAC supports Board adoption of both policies, subject to the Board's consideration of CAC suggestions.
- Presented suggestions and recommendations on the following topics:
 - Consistency of Definitions.
 - Constructive Possession (Policy 9240).
 - Definition of "School Bus Stop" (Policy 9240).

- Policy 9240 - Standards.
- Policy 1050 - Implementation Procedures – Consequences, Other Persons.
- Expressed appreciation to the committee for their work and to the Board for the opportunity to convey CAC's positions.

Public Hearing - Policy 7060 – Royalties

Mr. Steven Estomin, Policy Coordinator of the Community Advisory Council (CAC)

- Expressed appreciation to the committee for their work on this policy.
- Suggested two modifications to the policy before adoption by the Board.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Board consensus at 8:30 p.m.

Information Items

- A. Food and Nutrition Service Financial Report
- B. Policy 9000 Enrollment, Residency, Student Assignment, and Admission to Pre-K and Kindergarten (Revised Implementation Procedures)

*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.