

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY
CLOSED MEETING

March 12, 2009

The Board of Education of Howard County met in closed session on March 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board Planning Room of the Department of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD. A motion was made in public in the Board Room by Sandra French that the Board go into closed session pursuant to 10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consult with counsel regarding litigation. The motion was seconded by Patricia Gordon and approved 4-0. Persons present: Board members Frank J. Aquino, Chairman; Ellen Flynn Giles, Vice Chairman; Lawrence H. Cohen; Allen Dyer, Esq.; Sandra H. French; Patricia S. Gordon; and Janet Siddiqui, M.D. (Mr. Aquino, Mr. Dyer, and Dr. Siddiqui joined the meeting shortly after the vote to close was taken.)

ITEMS CONSIDERED, ACTION TAKEN, AND RECORDED VOTES:

Also present: Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent; Mark Blom, General Council; Edmund J. O’Meally, Esq.; and Lisa Y. Settles, Esq., both of the law firm Hodes, Pessin & Katz, P.A.

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Review and report on litigation.

Counsel advised the Board of the status of pending litigation, made recommendations for Board consideration and sought Board approval for future handling.

ACTION

The Board by consensus gave direction and authority to counsel and the Superintendent to act on certain issues related to the litigation.

Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Frank J. Aquino, Chairman
Board of Education

Approved – April 30, 2009