

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

June 11, 2009

The Board of Education of Howard County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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
Arlene Conway, Recording Secretary

Chairman Frank Aquino called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and Ms. Bademosi led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum

Ms. Carmen Young expressed concerns about the lack of summer academic interventions at Hollifield Station ES and the restrictions regarding those who are allowed to attend summer school.

Mayfield Woods MS students Evan Spotte-Smith and Ainsley Ashman presented information on their G/T research investigation, Elect Out, which involved the modernization of the nation's electrical power grids.

Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Move Item 8.A. to Item 2.A. – Proclamation: Student Member to the Board of Education – Action
- Delete Item 5.F. – Closed Meeting Minutes

Regular Consent Agenda Meeting Minutes include:

- May 4, 2009 (BOE Policy Committee)
- May 12, 2009 (Regular Meeting)
- May 20, 2009 (BOE Legislative Committee)
- May 21, 2009 (Regular Meeting)
- June 1, 2009 (Approval of FY 2010 Budget)

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

Recognition of Student Member of the Board of Education

Board members recognized the contributions of Ms. Adejire Bademosi, Student Member, and presented her with the following proclamation:

Proclamation: Student Member to the Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

HONORING

ADEJIRE BADEMOSI

2008-2009 STUDENT MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS Adejire Bademosi has served in an outstanding manner as Student Member to the Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS Adejire demonstrated genuine interest in education issues and brought an informed student perspective to Board deliberations and discussions; and

WHEREAS Adejire distinguished herself as an able advocate for student participation by working tirelessly to increase the number of students serving on system-level advisory committees and by promoting leadership opportunities for middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS Adejire made significant contributions to Marriotts Ridge High School through her participation in the school's Debate Club, the African American Awareness Club, the Model United Nations Club and the Mentor Club; and as an officer of the Advocacy Club for Habitat for Humanity and the Multicultural Club; and

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WHEREAS Adejire has been actively involved in student government at the school, county and state levels, serving as a member of the Executive Boards of the Marriotts Ridge Student Government Association, the Howard County Association of Student Councils and the Maryland Association of Student Councils; and

WHEREAS Adejire is to be commended for her selection by Bentley University as one of 25 outstanding high school juniors from around the world to be named a 2009 Tomorrow25 winner and

WHEREAS Board meetings have been brightened by Adejire's vibrant smile and sparkling personality;

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education of Howard County expresses appreciation to Adejire Bademosi for her commitment and responsible participation during her term as Student Member to the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this document be adopted by the Board of Education of Howard County and entered into the official record, and that Adejire receive a copy in appreciation for her outstanding service on behalf of the students of the Howard County Public School System.

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

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

Ms. Bademosi expressed appreciation to her mother, the Board (including former Board member Diane Mikulis), and staff members of the HCPSS for the warmth that was shed upon her this past year. She stated that she looks forward to working with Josh Manley, the new Student Member for next year, and spoke about the worthwhile experience of being a member of the Board.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Aquino thanked Ms. Bademosi for her service and noted that the new Student Member will be sworn in during the first Board meeting in July.

Appointment – Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE)

Mr. Carl Smith, Executive Director of MABE, recognized the Howard County Board of Education for being the first school board in the state to attain Master Board status. He presented the Board and individual Board members with plaques acknowledging the accomplishment.

The MABE Master Board Program is designed to hone the skills of school boards in areas of team building, communication, problem solving, and decision-making. Board Master courses are based on the eight Action Areas in the Key Work of School Boards, as identified by the National School Board Association (NSBA). The Key Work of School Boards is a framework of eight interrelated action areas to focus and guide school boards in their work. The Key Work components are Vision, Standards, Assessment, Accountability, Alignment, Climate, Collaboration and Community Engagement, and Continuous Improvement.

The Howard County Board of Education earned Master Board status before former Board member Diane Mikulis left the Board in December 2008. As the first to complete the program, the Howard Board helped shape the process.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cousin reported on the performance of Howard County's Class of 2009 on High School Assessments and the Retiree Reception held on June 10, 2009. He also congratulated the following individuals:

- Pupil Personnel Worker Peggy Schultz, who has been named the 2009 Pupil Personnel Worker of the Year by the Maryland Association of Pupil Personnel Workers.
- Diane Martin, Director of Student, Family and Community Services, who was honored by the Alpha Foundation of Howard County with the 2009 Silas E. Craft Parental Recognition Award.
- Gail Love, first year Spanish teacher at Patapsco MS and Mt. Hebron HS, for being named the winner of the 2009 Maryland Foreign Language Association's Celeste Carr Teacher Study Abroad Scholarship.
- Mary Zagaris, cafeteria manager at Cradlerock School, for receiving the first Carole MacPhee Community Service Award at the Community Homes After-School Enrichment Program Banquet.

- The Centennial HS "It's Academic" Team for winning this year's Baltimore/District of Columbia It's Academic Competition.

Dr. Cousin also introduced Michelle Mursch of the Coca-Cola Company, who presented the Coca Cola Scholars Award to Centennial HS student Henry Zheng and the Educator of Distinction Award to Centennial HS G/T teacher Michelle Bagley.

Student Representative's Report

There was no Student Representative present to report to the Board.

Board Members' Reports

Board members spoke about their experiences with the Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH) that were recently held at various elementary schools. Mrs. Gordon noted that 34 out of 39 elementary schools held hearings, and Board members attended multiple sessions. It is hoped that the SCH program will be expanded to include all elementary schools next year.

Board members also commented on the recent high school graduations and the wonderful job everyone does to ensure successful events.

Dr. Siddiqui reported on her attendance at the volunteer appreciation breakfast held at Atholton HS, at which the culinary arts students provided refreshments. She also noted that she represented HCPSS at the recent Healthy Howard Day.

Ms. Bademosi reported on her work with various student government organizations, specifically the Maryland Association of Student Councils. Next year, she will be working with the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) in the capacity of president of the organization.

Mrs. Giles noted that culinary arts students also provided food for backstage celebrations at many high school graduations, and she noted the growth of that program. Mrs. Giles also saluted the students who participated in the "Our Voice" competition, which is an adjudicated art and writing competition at the middle school level.

Mrs. French noted that Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Maryland State Superintendent, purchased two works of art from the recent HCPSS senior art show that will be displayed at MSDE. Mrs. French also reported on her attendance at the Green School celebration held at Deep Run ES.

Consent Agenda (Restricted*)

Staff Personnel; Bids and Contracts; Donations; Operating Budget Monthly Report; and School Construction Monthly Report.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the Restricted Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siddiqui 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
Bailey, Ryan	VES	Elem Ed.	Other Employment	2.0	06/19/09
Balachowski, Jennifer	AHS	Science	Relocation	2.0	06/19/09
Bowie, Valerie	PRES	SLP	Relocation	9.0	06/19/09
Brady, Rebecca	LRHS	English	Relocation	2.0	06/19/09
Carver, Vance	ReHS	WLA	Personal	8 months	05/29/09
Chung, Elizabeth	CHS	English	Family Obligations	1.0	06/19/09
Edun, Pamela	VES	Spec. Ed.	Relocation	3.0	06/19/09
Fox, Michelle	AHS	English	Continue Education	2.0	06/19/09
Friel, Lindsay	BSES	Spec. Ed.	Relocation	3.0	06/19/09
Hopkins, Lindsay	CCES	SLP	Relocation	1.0	06/19/09
Johnson, Kimberly	LWES	Rdg. Spec.	Pursue Other Career	17.0	06/19/09
Moreno, Melissa	HOHS	Math	Relocation	1.0	06/19/09
Murphy, E. Kelly	HC	Science	Relocation	2.0	06/19/09
Pincus, Shawna	FES	Art	Pursue Other Career	5.0	06/19/09
Schaeffer, Richard	CRS-U	Spec. Ed.	Personal	5.0	06/19/09
Strumm, Melissa	CLS	Spec. Ed.	Personal	1.0	06/19/09
Ware, Heather	PVMS	Math	Relocation	6.0	06/19/09
Welty, Kelsey	OMMS	Science	Personal	1.0	06/19/09

Leaves of Absence

Name	School	Grade or Subject	Years in Howard County	Effective Date
Grice, Jacqueline	VES	Tech. Ed.	5.0	08/25/09
Jordan, January	HSES	Elem. Ed.	9.0	04/23/09
Levine, Rebecca	HAHS	Art	7.0	08/25/09

McDonald, Jennifer	DRES	Oc. Therapist	5.0	07/01/09
Messick, Cally	NOES	Music	7.0	08/25/09
Weedlun, Morag	HOHS	English	6.0	02/20/09
Wilkins, Artis	OMHS	Spec. Ed.	8.0	04/23/09

Retirements

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade or Subject</u>	<u>Years in Howard County</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ames, Emma	OMHS	Math	31.5	07/01/09
Bottamiller, Eileen	RES	Music	33.8	07/01/09
Cammarata, Kathryn	BMMS	Music	30.0	07/01/09
Fales, Carol	EES	Elem. Ed.	20.8	07/01/09
Fink, Barbara	JHES	Kindergarten	6.9	07/01/09
Green, Rona	AHS	Business Ed.	10.0	07/01/09
Greene, Joyce	CRS-U	English	22.0	07/01/09
Gross, Linda`	ReHS	English	30.0	07/01/09
Hooker, Patricia	MHHS	Media	31.9	07/01/09
Liang, Naomi	NOES	Music	19.7	07/01/09
Maxwell-Jones, Geraldine	WLHS	Facilitator	32.0	07/01/09
Morningstar, John	IES	Principal	34.0	07/01/09
Morrell, Monterey	BBES	Principal	31.4	07/01/09
Morris, Beatrice	HC	FCS	34.0	07/01/09
O'Brien, Patricia	STD SVCS	PPW	28.8	07/01/09
O'Connell, Margaret	MWMS	Soc. Studies	22.9	07/01/09
Pfister, Joyce	HAHS	English	36.8	07/01/09
Power, Anna	LKMS	ESOL	28.0	07/01/09
Russell, Marcia	EMMS	Math	24.0	07/01/09
Sullivan, Susan	MVMS	Rdg. Specialist	36.0	07/01/09
Thomas, Brenda	LKMS	Principal	23.0	07/01/09

Bids and Contracts – Approved by the Board.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor/Agency/Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PR-1	Bad Check Collection Services	Salem City Schools, Salem Virginia Bad check collection services – Infinity Business Group (IBG) Expires: April 11, 2011 Savings/Revenues: Based on uncollected checks, the savings will be approximately \$20,000 \$0 annually.	

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
P-1	MEDIA CIRCULATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG SYSTEMS	\$40,186

The Library Corporation

P-2	PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BLEACHERS FOR HAMMOND AND WILDE LAKE HIGH SCHOOLS T. J. Distributors, Inc.	\$191,300
P-3	NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC PURCHASING Constellation New Energy South River Consulting, LLC Pepco Energy Services TOTAL AWARD	\$3,000,000 7,000 <u>17,000</u> \$3,024,000
P-4	MASONRY WALL REPAIRS AT CLARKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL American Restoration, LLC	\$4,103,800

Donations – Approved by the Board.

Manor Woods ES: PTA, in the amount of \$1,000, designated for the purchase of ink cartridges and poster maker paper.

Running Brook ES: Johns Hopkins Howard County General Hospital, in the amount of \$2,000, designated for the purchase of subscriptions to Time Magazine and National Geographic, and to assist with the cost of field trips.

St. John's ES: PTA, in the amount of \$1,799.18, designated for the purchase of carts and computer software.

Folly Quarter MS: Friends of Folly Quarter Musicians, in the amount of \$1,000, designated to have a music piece composed for students in the symphonic band.

Atholton HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$800, designated to subsidize the cost of the Cappies Gala tickets for students in the Drama Club.

L.G.B. Associates, Inc. (Balfour), in the amount of \$500, designated for the Principal's Scholarship Award.

Marriotts Ridge HS: Boosters, in the amount of \$4,455.53, (\$759.53) designated for the purchase of refreshments for Junior Interview Day, (\$1,800) designated for the purchase of lacrosse jerseys, and (\$1,896) designated to pay for FBLA and Tech Team competition fees.

The following companies donated food or gift cards valued at \$2,500 for the Howard County Wrestling Tournament: Shannon's Restaurant, Serafino's Restaurant, Lancaster Foods, LLC., Aida Bistro, Safeway, Weis in Waverly Woods, Great Harvest Bread Company, Giant in Chatham and Dorsey Search, Costco, Mars Foods, and KFC in Long Gate.

Neschen Americas, donated the printing of banners for the Howard County Wrestling Tournament valued at \$500.

Sandy Spring Mortgage, donated the printing of the Howard County Wrestling Tournament programs valued at \$800.

Oakland Mills HS: Supreme Cuts, LLC, in the amount of \$1,000, designated for the Supreme Cuts Community Scholarship Award.

River Hill HS: Neil L. Levy and Lauren J. Levy, in the amount of \$1,687.50, designated for the purchase of uniforms for the JV Boys' soccer team.

Operating Budget Monthly Report – Accepted by the Board.

School Construction Monthly Report – Accepted by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Regular BOE Meeting Minutes of May 12 and May 21, 2009; Minutes of June 1, 2009, on the Adoption of the FY 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets, FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program, and the FY 2010-2019 Long Range Master Plan; BOE Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2009; and the BOE Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2009.

The minutes of the BOE Policy Committee Meeting and BOE Legislative Committee Meeting were pulled for voting purposes.

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the Regular BOE Meeting Minutes of May 12 and May 21, 2009; and the Minutes of June 1, 2009, on the Adoption of the FY 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets, FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program, and the FY 2010-2019 Long Range Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Giles and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

BOE Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2009

Action: Dr. Siddiqui moved approval of the BOE Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by committee members Mr. Aquino, Dr. Siddiqui, and Mrs. French (3/0).

BOE Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2009

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the BOE Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 3/0 by committee members Mrs. French, Mrs. Giles, and Mrs. Gordon.

Administrative Appointments and Promotions*

Presenter: Mrs. Erickson, Deputy Superintendent.

Mrs. Erickson presented the following recommendations for administrative appointments and promotions at the elementary level, effective July 1, 2009:

- Molly Ketterer from Assistant Principal at Longfellow ES to Principal at Swansfield ES.
- David Adelman from Assistant Principal at Deep Run ES to Principal at Ilchester ES.
- Vicky Sarro from Assistant Principal at St. John's Lane ES to Principal at St. John's Lane ES.
- Carol Hahn from Assistant Principal at Manor Woods ES to Principal at West Friendship ES.
- Laurel Marsh from Math Support Teacher at Swansfield ES to Assistant Principal at Longfellow ES.
- Nancy Richardson from Leadership Intern at Bellows Spring ES to Assistant Principal at Manor Woods ES.

- Anthony Esposito from Grade Three Team Leader at Longfellow ES to Assistant Principal Elkridge ES.
- Julie Moraz from Grade Two Team Leader at Rockburn ES to Assistant Principal at Deep Run ES.

Action: Mrs. French moved approval of the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Mrs. Erickson presented the following recommendations for administrative appointments and promotions at the secondary level, effective July 1, 2009:

- Gina Stokes from Assistant Principal at Elkridge Landing MS to Principal at Elkridge Landing MS.
- Melissa Shindel from Assistant Principal at Patuxent Valley MS to Principal at Clarksville MS.
- Carol Ketterman from Special Education Teacher at Patapsco MS to Assistant Principal at Patapsco MS.
- Josh Wasilewski from Health Teacher at Mayfield Woods MS to Assistant Principal at Patuxent Valley MS.
- Lisa Smith from Leadership Intern at Dunloggin MS to Assistant Principal at Dunloggin MS.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dyer and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Administrative Transfers

Presenter: Mrs. Erickson, Deputy Superintendent.

Mrs. Erickson announced the following transfers of school-based administrators, effective July 1, 2009:

- Debbie Jagoda from Principal at St. John's Lane ES to Principal at Bushy Park ES
- Corita Oduyoye from Principal at West Friendship ES to Principal at Gorman Crossing ES
- Becky Straw from Principal at Bushy Park ES to Principal at Northfield ES
- Jonathan Davis from Principal at Swansfield ES to Principal at Bollman Bridge ES

- Cheryl Logan from Principal at Gorman Crossing ES to Assistant Principal at River Hill HS
- Connie Stahler from Assistant Principal at Waverly ES to Assistant Principal at Guilford ES
- Anne Swartz from Assistant Principal at Guilford ES to Assistant Principal at St. John's Lane ES
- Denise Lancaster from Assistant Principal at Waterloo ES to Assistant Principal at Waverly ES
- Tom Saunders from Principal at Elkridge Landing MS to Principal at Wilde Lake MS
- Scott Conroy from Principal at Wilde Lake MS to Principal at Lime Kiln MS
- Sue Brown from Principal at Mayfield Woods MS to Principal at Harpers Choice MS
- JoAnn Hutchens from Principal, Clarksville MS to Principal at Mayfield Woods MS
- Lori Willoughby from Assistant Principal Dunloggin MS to Assistant Principal at Burleigh Manor MS
- Julie Rout from Assistant Principal at Folly Quarter MS to Assistant Principal at Elkridge Landing MS
- Tammy Goldeisen from Assistant Principal at Ellicott Mills MS to Assistant Principal at Folly Quarter MS
- Nancy Eisenhuth from Assistant Principal at Patapsco MS to Assistant Principal at Ellicott Mills MS
- Bill Neugebauer from Assistant Principal at Oakland Mills HS to Assistant Principal at Mt. Hebron HS
- Dale Castro from Assistant Principal at Atholton HS to Assistant Principal at Oakland Mills HS
- Adrienne Nasir from Assistant Principal at River Hill HS to Assistant Principal at Atholton HS

2009/2010 School Lunch Prices*

Presenter: Ms. Mary Klatko, Director, Food and Nutrition Services.

Based on the current and projected financial condition of the Food and Nutrition Service Program, it is recommended that lunch and breakfast prices for the school year 2009/2010 remain the same as the 2008/2009 school year.

	<u>2008/2009</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>
Elementary Lunch	\$2.50	\$2.50
Secondary Lunch	\$3.00	\$3.00
Signature Lunch (High)	\$3.75	\$3.75

Coaches Corner Lunch (High)	\$3.75	\$3.75
Adult Regular Lunch	\$4.25	\$4.25
Adult Signature Lunch (High)	\$4.50	\$4.50
Adult Coaches Corner Lunch (High)	\$4.50	\$4.50
Student Breakfast (All Schools)	\$1.75	\$1.75
Adult Breakfast (All Schools)	\$2.50	\$2.50

Discussion:

Mrs. Klatko stated that the number of FARM (free and reduced meals) applications increased by approximately 1 percent this school year. Efforts are being made to allow online applications in the future.

Board members expressed appreciation to the Food and Nutrition Services staff, who ensure that students who participate in the program receive a hot, healthy lunch every day and breakfast for those who qualify.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved approval of the recommendation to keep the current school lunch prices for next year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (7/0*).

Hammond ES and Hammond MS Renovations – Presentation of Schematic Design*

Presenter: Mr. Bruce Gist, Director, School Construction.

Mr. Gist introduced Mr. James Emr, Amolen Emr + Associates Architects, to present an overview of the additions/renovations to Hammond elementary and middle schools.

The project scope of work focuses on the elementary school, including the conversion of open-space teaching pods into individual classrooms and replacing as needed the mechanical, electrical, and information technology systems.

The elementary and middle schools' administrative office areas, health suites, and guidance areas will be reconfigured. The existing roof for the entire building will be replaced, and mechanical and electrical systems common to both portions of the building will be addressed.

Add alternates for the project include a four classroom elementary addition, additional parking, and a stage for the elementary

gymnasium. A limited amount of additional work on the middle school side will be considered as the budget allows.

Discussion:

Dr. Cousin noted that the proposed 100-seat addition as an add alternate allows the school system to make the addition an integral part of the project and is a cost-effective way of addressing capacity issues as well.

Mr. Dyer asked why LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification was not being pursued for this project. Mr. Emr explained the requirements for obtaining LEED certification and noted that the renovation would be much more extensive and costly in order to qualify for LEED certification. He also spoke about other prerequisites that must be met when seeking LEED certification. It has been determined that attempting to achieve LEED certification would greatly increase the cost of this project.

Dr. Cousin pointed out that LEED certification is a very complicated process, and every renovation project in the county cannot meet the requirements. If additional funds are put into this renovation, then other projects will not be funded or will have to be deferred. He noted the importance of keeping projects on a reasonable schedule and meeting the programmatic needs of the school system while honoring the educational specifications. Dr. Cousin also stated that the school system will do everything to ensure that its buildings are as efficient and effective as possible.

Mr. Dyer asked about the possibility of building a new school, rather than performing a renovation. Staff noted that a new building would cost approximately two to three times the amount of this renovation. It was also noted that many of the school system's buildings are older than Hammond elementary and middle schools and are functioning very well. Mrs. French pointed out that a documented need for a new school must be provided in order to receive state funding. Mr. Aquino spoke about various facts that would have to be considered for replacing a school, including the displacement of students and the site of construction.

Dr. Cousin explained that the development process allows the Board additional occasions for input on the project.

Action: Mrs. Giles moved acceptance of the schematic design document for the Hammond ES and Hammond MS renovation and addition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by a vote of 6/1*, with Mr. Dyer voting no.

Quarterly Agenda – July – September 2009

Presenter: Mrs. Kathy Hanks, Administrative Specialist.

Board members discussed various items related to the quarterly agenda and made suggestions for changes/additions. The Board is scheduled to take action on the final document on June 25, 2009.

Policy – 1060 Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation

Presenter: Ms. Pamela Blackwell, Director of Student Services.

This policy was developed in response to state law and sets specific expectations for the implementation of prevention and intervention strategies. The implementation procedures specify how incidents of bullying, harassment, or intimidation are to be handled.

Discussion:

Various changes were suggested to the policy and implementation procedures. A definition will be included for cyberbullying, and the name of the policy will be changed to Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation.

Mrs. Blackwell indicated that continuous bullying is an important issue and can be addressed in the context of schoolwide prevention and intervention strategies that create a safe climate in which students can report incidents. She also stated that addressing bullying is needed in order to create respectful climates at all schools and will be a part of staff development and Goal 2 School Improvement Plans.

Action: Mrs. Gordon moved approval of Policy 1060 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. French and approved by the members of the Board (8/0).

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Monthly Report

Mr. John Hannay, PTACHC President, provided an end-of-year report on PTA activities. He expressed appreciation to the Board and

staff for the opportunity of a constructive partnership with the school system.

Mr. Hannay also spoke about plans for next year, including focusing on revitalizing working committees, expanding the use of designated representatives on committees, expanding capacity to reach and engage the diverse array of families served by the schools, and strengthening the partnership between PTAs and the school system at the local school level.

Community Advisory Council (CAC) End-of-Year Report

Mr. Chris Wertman, CAC Chairman, presented the CAC Annual Report for the 2009/2009 school year. He stated that the year focused on sustaining and expanding the roles and responsibilities that the CAC had taken on during the previous year. CAC members have served on many policy review and advisory committees, worked with school system staff in reviewing the educational budget, joined with the PTACHC in informal discussions with the Board and staff regarding system initiatives and community concerns, and provided various presentations to the Board throughout the year.

On behalf of the CAC, Mr. Wertman expressed appreciation to the Board, administration, and staff of HCPSS for their demonstrated commitment to community participation and transparency in the operation of schools.

Adjournment – By Board consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Information Items

- A. Food and Nutrition Service Financial Report
- B. Policy 3030 Research Involving Employees and Students

*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.