

UNOFFICIAL - OPEN SESSION
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WORCESTER COUNTY
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March 4, 2008

The Board of Education of Worcester County met in **closed session** pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland at 9:37 a.m. at the Worcester Educational Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, with the following persons present: Mr. Garry L. Mumford, President, Mr. Robert G. Hulburd, Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan C. Cook, Mr. J. Douglas Dryden, Mr. Robert A. Rothermel, Jr., Mr. Donnie L. Shockley, Mrs. Sara D. Thompson, Mr. Jim Almand, Board Attorney, and Dr. Jon M. Andes, Superintendent of Schools.

At this closed session, the Board discussed personnel and legal issues.

The Board of Education of Worcester County met in **open session** in the Board of Education Meeting Room at the Worcester Educational Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 10:19 a.m. with the following persons present: Mr. Garry L. Mumford, President, Mr. Robert G. Hulburd, Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan C. Cook, Mr. J. Douglas Dryden, Mr. Robert A. Rothermel, Jr., Mr. Donnie L. Shockley, Mrs. Sara D. Thompson, Dr. Jon M. Andes, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ed Barber, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Richard Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. Also present were: Ms. Brittany Cottman, Pocomoke High School Student Representative, Mr. Daniel Pilchard, Snow Hill High School Student Representative, and Ms. Emily Meadows, Stephen Decatur High School Student Representative.

These student representatives participated in the open session and voted on certain matters; however, all student comments and votes are unofficial and non-binding in accordance with Board policy.

The meeting was **called to order** by the President, Mr. Mumford, and a **quorum** was declared. Mr. Vince Tolbert, Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, Maryland, gave the **invocation** and was followed by the **pledge of allegiance**.

On the motion of Mr. Shockley, seconded by Mr. Hulburd, the **agenda** was approved. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Cook, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

Student Representative Vote (Unofficial) - Voting for approval: Ms. Meadows, Ms. Cottman, and Mr. Pilchard.

On the motion of Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dryden, the **minutes** of the meeting held on February 19, 2008, were approved. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Cook, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

Student Representative Vote (Unofficial) - Voting for approval: Ms. Meadows, Ms. Cottman, and Mr. Pilchard.

Dr. Andes discussed **House Bill 1518 and Senate Bill 850**. Under current law, the local Board of Education and the Maryland State Board of Education are given the authority to determine scope of bargaining issues. HB 1518 and SB 850 would remove this authority from local Boards of Education and the Maryland State Board of Education and transfer this authority to a new agency to be created titled the "Public School Labor Relations Board". In addition, the bill would add discipline and discharge to areas that would be mandatory subjects of negotiation. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Rothermel, seconded by Mr. Hulburd, the Board authorized the Superintendent to send letters to Legislators in opposition to HB 1518 and SB 850. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Cook, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

The Board reviewed the **Proposed Superintendent's FY 09 Operating Budget**. Dr. Andes presented an overview of the budget development process, a summary of the parent survey priorities, budget goals, challenges, as well as an overview of the budget requests from each school. Negotiations with the Worcester County Teachers Association and the Worcester County Educational Support Personnel Association have not been completed; therefore, salary information was not available.

The Board reviewed and discussed **all categories and line items** in the proposed budget. A request from Board members was made to include the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program in the budget.

Mr. Eddie Lee, President of the NAACP, requested time to address the Board at the March 18th Board of Education Meeting to discuss the NAACP report card. Mr. Lee also encouraged the inclusion of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program in the budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. March 4 – Lunch with County Commissioners – noon
- B. March 18 – Board of Education Meeting
 - 4:00 p.m. – Tour of WTHS
 - 5:00 p.m. – Closed Session
 - 7:00 p.m. – Open Session

The motion to meet in **closed session** on March 18, 2008 to discuss personnel and legal matters was made by Mrs. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Hulburd. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Cook, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

The motion to **adjourn** this meeting at 11:40 p.m. was made by Mr. Dryden, and seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Cook, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

Jon M. Andes, Secretary