

**JOINT MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY
CCPS CENTRAL OFFICE BOARDROOM
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND
AUGUST 23, 2006 – 1:00 P.M. (APPROVED)**

ATTENDANCE

CCPS Board Members:

Gary Bauer, Vice President
Tricia Gadberry
Tom Hiltz, President
Scott Stone
Charles Ecker, Superintendent

Absent: Cindy Foley

County Commissioners:

Perry Jones
Dean Minnich

Absent: Julia Gouge

Mr. Hiltz gave greetings and called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jones thanked Dr. Ecker for arranging a community tour of several high schools. He was impressed with the maintenance and upkeep of the buildings he saw and considered them in relatively good condition.

The tour was arranged so that community members from the South Carroll area could see the school facilities of Century, Francis Scott Key, Liberty, and South Carroll High Schools. All three Commissioners were at South Carroll. Representatives from the media, a number of citizens, and several central office staff visited all of the high schools. Everyone recognized that South Carroll needs upgrades to the auditorium, band room, wrestling room, and a new fine arts area.

Mr. Minnich thanked Dr. Ecker for the packet of background information on South Carroll High School. The Commissioners would like to do more for the aging school; however, the state has not recognized the need or approved funding for a fine arts renovation at South Carroll High School. At this time, it is approximately a 17 million dollar project for construction with an additional 1 million dollars for planning. The state's share would be approximately 7 to 8 million dollars.

Ray Prokop, Director of Facilities for CCPS, reported an outside firm is currently evaluating all school facilities, and the report to the Board should be complete in January or February 2007.

Mr. Minnich thanked the community for taking the time to become informed on the school funding process and encourages citizens to continue to get involved in local issues.

Mr. Hiltz announced that the Board of Education would resume an earlier closed session. This part of the closed session, with the Carroll County Board of Commissioners, is to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Minnich, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto with the Board of Education of Carroll County.

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AUGUST 23, 2006 - CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY FOR APPROVED BOARD MINUTES – JOINT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Both Boards and their appropriate staff met to discuss matters directly related to the acquisition of real property for a public purpose.

In attendance: Gary Bauer, Tricia Gadberry, Tom Hiltz, Scott Stone, Chuck Ecker, Lorraine Fulton, Steve Guthrie, Teresa Richards, Ed O’Meally, Jim Doolan, Ray Prokop, and Don Pyles. Absent: Cindy Foley.

Commissioners: Perry Jones, Dean Minnich, and various County government staff.
Absent: Julia Gouge.

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