

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CARROLL COUNTY
THOMAS G. HILTZ, PRESIDENT
CHARLES I. ECKER, SUPERINTENDENT
FEBRUARY 8, 2006 - BOARD MINUTES (APPROVED)**

PRESENT

Thomas G. Hiltz, President
Gary W. Bauer, Vice President
Cynthia L. Foley
Patricia W. Gadberry
C. Scott Stone
Brendan Schlauch, Student Representative
Charles I. Ecker, Superintendent
Rochelle Eisenberg, Legal Counsel
Dean Minnich, Commissioner

President Hiltz convened the Board of Education in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 5:03 p.m. in the Board meeting room. Mr. Hiltz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance; all remained standing for a moment of silent meditation.

Mr. Hiltz asked for approval of the agenda. Moved by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Gadberry, Mr. Hiltz asked to amend the agenda by adding Action Item 3.02 – Approval of the Superintendent’s Contract and moving Action Item 5.01 – Approval to Transfer 5th Grade Students to North Carroll Middle School to the last item under Preliminary Items. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Foley, the Board voted unanimously to approved the January 11, 2006 Board Minutes.

**APPROVAL OF
JANUARY 11, 2006
BOARD MINUTES**

Brendan Schlauch, Student Representative, read letters from Doug Dennison and Andy McEvoy, former Student Board Representatives for the Board of Education of Carroll County, and a student representative from the Montgomery County Board of Education. All three are in support of voting rights for student board members.

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TO AND FROM BOARD
MEMBERS**

He also received letters from Dr. Nancy Grasmick, State Superintendent, and Mr. Edward Root, President of the State Board of Education, both in support of student voting rights.

Mr. Stone reported that Senate Bill 519 is being introduced at the Legislative Assembly regarding property tax assessment. He indicated that this would have a high impact on the school system by putting school construction projects in jeopardy.

Mr. Hiltz reported that the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Teacher Award. All nominations should be sent directly to the Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (concerning 5th Grade Move to North Carroll Middle)

Mr. Bauer reviewed the guidelines for citizen participation.

1. Mr. Saul Clark-Braverman spoke to the Board to express his opinion concerning the January 25 work session on Library/Media Books. The Board took a short break at this time.
2. The following parents spoke opposing the move of 5th grade students from Hampstead Elementary and Manchester Elementary Schools to North Carroll Middle School: Brenda Boudreau, David Bell, Pamela & Joseph Cook, Amy Miller, Laurie Vozzella-Bell, Lisa Kriete, Amy Day, Deb Levy, Karen Cappa, Donna Oursler, Lisa Sweitzer, and Stacey Walsh.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bauer, to approve the transfer of 5th grade students to North Carroll Middle School. Commissioner Dean

<p>APPROVAL TO TRANSFER 5TH GRADE STUDENTS TO NCMS</p>
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Minnich explained that it takes six years of planning for school construction. For the last three years, Carroll County has provided funds for schools. The state is informing counties that if

funds are needed for schools, counties should increase property taxes. Mr. Minnich urged citizens to contact their delegates and senators with their concerns for school construction.

Mr. James Doolan, Director of Transportation Services, spoke about how the committee came to the recommendation of transferring 5th grade students from Hampstead Elementary and Manchester Elementary Schools to North Carroll Middle School. Concerns from parents were regarding bus and bathroom safety, negative influence of middle school students, communication to the building from the relocatables, and 5th grade celebrations among many others. Mr. Doolan addressed each concern and responded with a proposed recommendation.

Mrs. Foley asked what the cost would be for sewer hook-up for the portables at North Carroll Middle School. Mr. Albert Eilbacher, Supervisor of Construction, indicated that the cost is estimated at \$65,000. He also stated that if the portables would be moved, the sewer lines would be capped.

Mr. Hiltz asked Mrs. Theresa Ball, Principal of Hampstead Elementary School, and Mr. Robert Mitchell, Principal of Manchester Elementary School, what would happen if students were kept at their respective schools for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Ball indicated that Hampstead Elementary would be able to maintain the students; however, there would not be extra classrooms available. Mr. Mitchell indicated that Manchester Elementary already has classes doubled and tripled (some classes are being held in the gymnasium). Some teachers must travel with carts to another teacher's classroom in order to teach a class.

Mr. Stone made a motion to amend the main motion and delay moving students one year, seconded by Mrs. Foley. The Board voted 4-1 in favor of amending the motion; yea – Foley, Gadberry, Hiltz, Stone, Schlauch (student representative); nay – Bauer.

After further discussion, the amended motion was that current 3rd graders will go to North Carroll Middle School as 5th graders in the 2007/2008 school year. The Board voted 4-1 against the motion: yea – Stone, Schlauch (student representative); nay – Bauer, Foley, Gadberry, Hiltz.

Mr. Hiltz clarified that the Board has taken no action on this item. (ADDENDUM #1)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)

3. The following students spoke in favor of student voting rights for the Board of Education student representative: Brad Cohn, President of Carroll County Student Government Association, Maggie McEvoy, Liberty High; Kevin Terval, Westminster High; Jen Jupitz, Winters Mill High; Brad Dodson, Liberty High; Edward Dawson, South Carroll High; and Daniel Brown, Liberty High. Others speaking in favor of student voting rights were Marsha Blank, social studies teacher at North Carroll Middle; Dustin Jeter, former student Board Representative with Montgomery County Public Schools; Mayor Haven Shoemaker of Hampstead; and Mr. Mike Michaelson, a retired Montgomery County teacher and Student Government Association advisor.

Student Representative Brendan Schlauch reported that members of the Maryland Association of Student Government toured a Digital High School in Baltimore City. There were over 800 students from across the state, 45 students from Carroll County, in attendance. He also reported that on January 25, the Board met with student leaders of Carroll County, he thanked the Board for a very productive meeting and expressed his appreciation for the continued open dialogue.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT**

Mr. Barry Potts, President of Carroll County Education Association (CCEA), reported about a letter he submitted to the Board of Education regarding the reduction of

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EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION**

teacher workload. He also referenced a climate survey to relay to the Board about school working conditions. This information should be sent to Dr. Ecker and the Board.

Ms. Sharon Fischer, President of Carroll Association of School Employees (CASE), welcomed Dr. Lorraine Fulton, Assistant

**CARROLL ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

Superintendent of Instruction, to Carroll County Public Schools. She indicated that she concurs with the letter that Mr. Potts spoke about and was looking forward to Dr. Ecker's response.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Ecker recommended the appointment of Mr. David Watkins, Guidance Counselor at South Carroll High School, to Acting Assistant Principal of South Carroll High School. Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel appointment.

**PERSONNEL
ACTION ITEMS**

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/CURRICULUM FOCUS REPORT

Student Representative Brendan Schlauch presented his report on Student Voting Rights. He explained the process of how a student member is elected and trained as a Student Representative to the Board. In his presentation, he continued to explain the role of a student member, levels of voting privileges and what they are seeking. He reported that Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties and the State Board of Education have granted partial voting rights to the student members. The Anne Arundel County student representative has full voting rights. Mr. Schlauch introduced Shawn Stelow, Youth Development Branch Chief at the Maryland State Department of Education and the Executive Director of Maryland Association of Student Councils, and Josh Michaels, Student Member of the State Board of Education and a senior at Centennial High School in Howard County. Both Ms. Stelow and Mr. Michaels spoke in support of student voting rights. In closing, Mr. Schlauch

**STUDENT VOTING
RIGHTS**

discussed the benefits of voting rights to the student member, the school board, and to the community.

Mr. Steven Johnson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Ms. Cynthia Creekmore, Coordinator of Modern and Classical Languages. Ms. Creekmore provided an overview of the program and information on the Maryland Content Standards. These standards, Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities,

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LANGUAGE**

are the reasons for studying foreign languages. During the 2005-2006

school year, Carroll County had 7040 students enrolled in a foreign language class. Ms.

Creekmore introduced Heather Reuthledge, a freshman at Gettysburg College and former Liberty High School student. Ms. Reuthledge spoke about her skills and knowledge of French while in high school enabling her to study in France next year. Ms. Creekmore said the next steps for the program include writing Level III curriculum of all languages in 2007 and piloting middle school enrichment programs in French and Latin in 2006/2007.

Mr. Donald Pyles, Acting Director of High Schools, introduced Sgt. Walt Sitarek, JROTC instructor at Century High School, and he introduced Cadet Lt. Col. Kara Bergen, Battalion Commander at Century High School. Cadet Bergen

**JROTC – CENTURY
HIGH SCHOOL**

reviewed her first year in the JROTC program and gave an update on their program and goals for the next year. The goals for next year include increasing enrollment, increasing the amount of activities, improving on annual Command Inspection, earning the status of The Honor Unit with Distinction, establishing a drill team and raider team, and competing at various competitions with success.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Gadberry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Transfer of School Bus Contract.

APPROVAL OF
TRANSFER OF BUS
CONTRACT

(ADDENDUM #2)

Moved by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Foley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's Contract. The contract is valid for four years beginning July 1, 2006. The Superintendent's contract includes an increase in salary to \$165,000 per year, an increase in the vehicle monthly allowance by \$100 per month, and life insurance is now covered by Carroll County Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF
SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT

DISCUSSION

CCPS 2006-2007 Goals, Indicators, Objective, and Expectations – The proposed 2006-2007 CCPS Goals are unchanged from the 2005-2006 CCPS Goals. The Goals of Carroll County Public Schools are established and maintained to provide direction for overall performance and improvement throughout the school system. The CCPS goals will remain aligned with the Objectives and Indicators of the CCPS Comprehensive Master Plan and Annual Update. The CCPS 2006-2007 Goals will be returned for Board action on March 8, 2006.

Family Life and Human Development Instructional Material-Elementary School – The Family Life and Human Development Instructional Materials for the spring of 2006 include the following:

- **Kids Next Door** – Teaches viewers about AIDS and that children with HIV are just like them. Intended for 4th grade students.

- **Looking Ahead: About Girls** – designed to give straightforward answers to the questions girls 8-11 have about what’s happening to their minds and bodies as they enter or are about to enter puberty. Intended for 5th grade girls.
- **Looking Ahead: About Boys** – designed to give straightforward answers to the questions boys 8-11 have about what’s happening to their minds and bodies as they enter or are about to enter puberty.

These materials will be returned for Board action on March 8, 2006.

Family Life and Human Development Instructional Materials – Middle School – The Family Life and Human Development Instructional Materials for the spring of 2006 include the following:

- In the existing policy Family Life classes are coed for 7th and 8th grade and 6th grade classes are separate. The proposed change would give the health teacher and administrator the option to have 6th grade coed classes. Also, the Family Life and Human Sexuality unit would explain how various methods of contraception are intended to prevent pregnancy and reduce the risks of contracting HIV/AIDS and STI’s including effectiveness (abstinence, chemical/hormonal methods, barrier methods).

This item will be returned for Board action on March 8, 2006.

REPORTS

1. The C.L.A.S.S. (Community Learning and Suspension Service) Program

C.L.A.S.S. is a Carroll County Public Schools interagency alternative program for middle and high school students on short-term or extended suspension. It provides one half-day of academic instruction and one half-day of community service.

Counseling services are provided to support the student by addressing the behavior that resulted in the student being suspended. C.L.A.S.S. goals are to increase student

attendance, improve academic achievement, enhance motivation, and promote service ethics while decreasing the likelihood of future suspensions.

2. Revisions to Administrative Regulations for Board Policy JEA: Students

Attending Schools Out-of-Attendance Areas

The Out-of-District regulations have been revised to: better define “designated attendance area;” remove “grandfather” clause due to the close of the allowable timeframe; change timeframe for approval of an out-of-district application; identify the Supervisor of Pupil Personnel & Student Support Services as the individual to determine exigent circumstances; add procedures addressing the unauthorized attendance of a student at a school out of the designated attendance area; and correct language within the regulation. These revisions will be implemented with out-of-district applications for the 2006-2007 school year.

3. Diversity in the Workforce Report

The Diversity in the Workforce Report provides current demographic information to the Board on the gender, age, and racial diversity of the employees.

OLD BUSINESS

There will be a special Board meeting for the adoption of the Superintendent’s proposed FY 07 budget on February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster High School. The Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. and the Board Work Session - *Response to Interventions* at 2:00 p.m. - 125 N. Court Street in Room 007.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Ecker welcomed Dr. Lorraine Fulton as the new Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hiltz adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

At 3:31 p.m., after being moved by Mrs. Gadberry, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board unanimously voted to close the meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to negotiations.

In attendance: Charles Ecker, Gary Bauer, Cynthia Foley, Patricia Gadberry, Thomas Hiltz, Scott Stone, Lorraine Fulton, Stephen Guthrie, Rochelle Eisenberg (Board Attorney), and Cindy Patterson.

FEBRUARY 8, 2006 – CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY FOR APPROVED BOARD MINUTES

The new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules were reviewed.

Dr. Ecker reviewed a personnel matter and recommended a professional appointment to the Board.

FEBRUARY 8, 2006 – EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SUMMARY FOR APPROVED BOARD MINUTES

The meeting between the Board of Education and the County Commissioners scheduled for March 14 has been rescheduled to March 22, 2006.

The Board and staff retreat will be held on February 15 at 1:00.

Channel 21 will work with Board members regarding on-camera media sessions.
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Dr. Ecker reviewed the summary of the FY07 budget.

Dr. Fulton summarized her follow-up meeting on PSAT/SAT's.

The introduction of Senate Bill 519 – Carroll County – Property Tax – Homestead Tax Credit Percentage was discussed.

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

INFORMATION

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REPORT

TITLE: Approval to Transfer Fifth Grade Students to North Carroll Middle School

DATE: February 8, 2006

OVERVIEW:

Both Hampstead and Manchester elementary schools have student enrollment that exceeds building capacity. For the 2006-2007 school year, Hampstead is projected to be 117% over capacity with Manchester at 120% over capacity. Further, the construction schedule for both schools require additional classroom construction for full-day kindergarten and early childhood intervention during the 2006-2007 school year.

While Ebb Valley Elementary School is scheduled to open for the 2008-2009 school year, immediate relief is needed to address core capacity issues at both schools and allow for student movement during the construction of additional classrooms.

The Superintendent recommends that, effective beginning the 2006-2007 school year, the fifth grade students from Hampstead and Manchester elementary schools that are scheduled to attend North Carroll Middle School (NCMS) as sixth graders, be transferred to North Carroll Middle School until Ebb Valley Elementary School is completed. The Superintendent also recommends that any Cranberry Station Elementary School fifth grader scheduled to attend NCMS as a sixth grader be given an option to attend NCMS as a fifth grader.

On January 4 and 5, 2006 public meetings were held for the school communities. This report summarizes the concerns expressed during the meeting and the school system's responses. Also addressed are other options considered and the reasons they were not recommended.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$278,185 in additional staff. Undetermined facility cost for sewer hook-up.

RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION

For Board action.

Submitted by:



Charles I. Ecker
Superintendent of Schools

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

INFORMATION

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REPORT

TITLE: Approval of Transfer of School Bus Contract **Date:** February 8, 2006

OVERVIEW:

To transfer bus contract #79 from Ashwell's Bus Service, Inc. to Ashwell Transportation, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

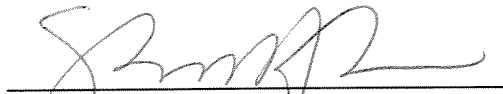
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the transfer of bus contract #79 from Ashwell's Bus Service, Inc. to Ashwell Transportation, Inc.

Submitted by:




James L. Doolan
Director of Transportation Services

Approve/Concur:



Stephen H. Guthrie
Assistant Superintendent of Administration



Charles I. Ecker
Superintendent of Schools