

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CARROLL COUNTY
GARY W. BAUER, PRESIDENT
CHARLES I. ECKER, SUPERINTENDENT
BOARD MINUTES (APPROVED)
APRIL 10, 2007

PRESENT

Gary W. Bauer, President
Cynthia L. Foley, Vice President
Patricia W. Gadberry
Maggie McEvoy, Student Representative
Barbara J. Shreeve
Michael D. Zimmer, Commissioner Ex-Officio
Charles I. Ecker, Superintendent
Edmund O'Meally, Legal Counsel

Board President Bauer convened the Board of Education in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 5:04 p.m. in the Board meeting room at 125 N. Court Street. Mr. Bauer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Moved by Mrs. Foley, seconded by Mrs. Shreeve, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Shreeve, seconded by Mrs. Gadberry, the Board unanimously voted to approve the March 14 and March 28, 2007 Board minutes.

BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 14 AND MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. Bauer read a proclamation recognizing *Public School Volunteer Week*. Karen Ganjon, Director of Minority Achievement and Intervention Programs, and Jane Farver, Coordinator of Volunteer Programs, accepted the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 15-21, 2007

Parent, family, and community involvement is a significant factor in the success of schools. By becoming a volunteer parent, families and community members are providing an invaluable contribution to the education of our students. During the 2006-2007 school year, approximately 14,000 registered volunteers are spending 150,000 hours serving Carroll County Public Schools as

chaperones, mentors, after-school tutors, club leaders, booster club members, PTA/PTO members, guest speakers, classroom helpers and in countless other ways.

The Board of Education proclaims April 15-21, 2007 *Public School Volunteer Week*.

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Gadberry attended the Carroll County Student Government Association's elections for student member of the Board 2008-2009, and she was impressed with the candidates for this position.

Mrs. Gadberry reported enjoying the March 30 Eisteddfod presentation consisting of Carroll County Public Schools honors chorus students.

Mrs. Shreeve visited the Westminster High School teachers' academy class that recognizes future teachers.

Mr. Bauer reported receiving many e-mails regarding issues at Carrolltowne Elementary School and requests for support of the new northeast area high school.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Foley reviewed citizen participation guidelines.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Becky Glover, a representative from the Association of American Educators, explained the association's purpose and desire to be a choice in the professional associations available for teachers in the county. The association works with elected officials on educational issues and is an alternative to the traditional bargaining unit.
2. Carmela Guthart thanked the Board for attending the recent public meetings regarding the new northeast area high school. She asked the Board to keep the new high school as the #1 priority in the Education Facilities Master Plan when it comes up for approval.
3. Amber Riley, vice president of the Manchester PTA, thanked the Board for the new elementary school in the Manchester area and requested continued support for the new high school.

4. Kimberly Sauers thanked the Board for their attendance at the community meetings. Ms. Sauers shared her thoughts on the impact an overcrowded high school has on the teachers and staff in the building, and she commends the NCHS teachers for their efforts.
5. Donna Oursler said she found the recent articles in the newspaper showing support for the new high school from the Commissioners and several Board of Education members encouraging. She is optimistic that the school will move forward and stressed that the safety of the students and staff is of the utmost importance.
6. Mary Ellen O'Neill shared her views on what she feels is the failure of open classrooms and the impact that open classrooms have on a child's education. She requested that the Board move enclosure of classrooms at Carrolltowne Elementary to the #1 priority.
7. Michele Carroll, a parent at Carrolltowne Elementary School, asked the Board to review the history of the request to enclose the open-space design and move up the priority to have these classrooms enclosed.
8. Cindy Steinebrunner, a parent at Carrolltowne Elementary School, wants the safety of the students to be the top priority. Enclosing the open-space classrooms will increase their safety.
9. Jay Bobele asked the Board to move the new northeast area high school forward because highly skilled workers and people with high-tech jobs expect good educational institutions.
10. Frank Johnson, Mayor of Mount Airy, recognized the amount of needs in the county and thanked the Board for moving up the fine arts modernization of South Carroll High School. Mayor Johnson shared information about a forum that will bring together key people to discuss ways to plan for schools. The meeting is April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mount Airy Fire Hall.
11. Robert Graham, a parent in the North Carroll area, disagreed with school system enrollment projections for the Manchester/Hampstead area. He feels the system is not taking into

account the development of lots, and he feels the capacity numbers for North Carroll High School are wrong.

Maggie McEvoy, student representative, reported that on March 22 the Carroll County Student Government Association (CCSGA) elected Hayley Jones, a

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

freshman at Liberty High School, as the 2008-2009 student representative on the Board of Education. After elections, the students heard a presentation on student rights vs. personal rights from Edmund O'Meally, legal counsel for the school system, and Richard Griffiths, an attorney representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maryland.

Miss McEvoy thanked fellow Board member Tricia Gadberry for her attendance at the CCSGA meeting.

On April 26 the CCSGA meeting will be devoted to electing new officers.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of High Schools Sherri-Le Bream and Drew

CENTURY INTERNSHIPS AND SENIOR PRESENTATIONS

Cockley, Principal of Century High School, shared information on the internship program and senior presentations. Mr. Cockley said the students here this evening will present their senior year presentations. He introduced Career Connections Coordinator Stacey DeSalvo.

Ms. DeSalvo reviewed internship qualifications, how they connect business to a student's academy/career major, professional and academic feedback for the intern, and relevance to the student's career choice. The senior presentation is a culminating project of their experience and their audience is underclassmen. An underclassman will choose 2 presentations in their academy. This benefits both the senior presenter and the underclassman.

Student Kathleen Bromelow is an intern in the Health and Human Social Services Academy. Her focus is on a law or legal career major. Miss Bromelow interned at the law firm of Paul Capriolo.

Student Andrea Irons is an intern in the Arts, Humanities, Communications Academy. Her focus is on dramatic performance as a career major. Miss Irons interned at the Maryland Ensemble Theatre where she learned a lot about the running of a theatre and theatrical productions.

Student Trevor Safko is an intern in the Math, Science and Technology Academy. His focus is on a life science career major. Mr. Safko interned at the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins University.

Student Marie Lindberg is an intern in the Business Information Management Academy. Her career major is public relations. Miss Lindberg interned at the Community Foundation of Carroll County where she did marketing work and organized scholarships.

Century High School will be doing their senior presentations on May 18 at 9:15 a.m. The Board of Education, Commissioner Zimmer, and the Superintendent are encouraged to attend.

The Review of Gateway School presentation to the Board was given by Barry Gelsing, Director of State and Federal School Improvement Compliance; Sherri-Le Bream, Director of High Schools; and Bob Cullison, Principal of Gateway School.

REVIEW OF GATEWAY SCHOOL

Gateway's student population is challenging with 66% reporting drug/alcohol abuse, 38% report psychological disorders, 68% have a history of violent or aggressive behavior, and 63% have been arrested or involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The population also reports that 24% are victims of trauma, 42% live in poverty, 50% receive special education services, and 100% have been unsuccessful in their previous educational setting.

Instructionally, core subjects are aligned with the voluntary state curriculum. Mrs. Bream commended Mr. Cullison and his staff on their ability to remain current on all educational topics. Mr. Cullison networks with other alternative school principals across the state. Gateway has served as a model alternative school for six other systems in Maryland.

The review recommends that staff development be provided to address the identified needs of teachers and that staff should work on transitioning some students back to a school other than the student's home school. Additional central office support is needed to implement strategic plans to improve student achievement on the high school assessments. Also, Mr. Cullison and the Gateway staff work to improve public understanding and perceptions of the mission of Gateway School.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by Mrs. Gadberry, seconded by Mrs. Shreeve, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Family Life and Human Development videos for middle and high schools. (ADDENDUM #1)

**FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT VIDEOS –
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

DISCUSSION

On September 27, 2006, the Board of Education approved the capital budget, which included the northeast area high school as the #1 priority. The Board has subsequently approved agenda items for architectural drawings, planning, and construction money. The Board and school system staff have proceeded on schedule and sent to all county and state agencies for approval.

**NORTHEAST AREA HIGH
SCHOOL**

Mrs. Foley stated that she would like to put the school on hold for one year to look at enrollment projections since there are questions regarding the projections. It is not Mrs. Foley's intent to take the school off the list; however, she has concerns about the need for this school. Mrs. Foley was not on the Board when the decision was made. She has been watching the enrollment projections decrease, and this is why she wants to delay proceeding with this school for one year.

Mrs. Foley made a motion to delay construction of the northeast area high school for one year. There was no second to her motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Bauer said the Board remains committed to the school's placement as the #1 priority in the Facilities Master Plan.

REPORTS

1. **Revisions to Administrative Regulations for Board Policy JIH – Student Searches and Seizures**

The revisions align Student Search and Seizure regulations with provisions of C.O.M.A.R. 13A.08.01.14D, which will promote collaboration with law enforcement agencies by streamlining procedures and supports a recommendation of the Office of State's Attorney.

2. **Revisions to Administrative Regulations for Board Policy ADD – Serious Threats, Violent Acts, and Weapons Prohibited (Administrative Regulation – Serious Threats of Violence – Second of 2 Regulations)**

The revisions provide clarity to the regulations and improve readability. They also clarify that violence assessment reports become a part of the student record. The revisions also provide consistent language throughout the administrative regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board will meet for the following scheduled meetings:

- Board of Education / Board of County Commissioners – April 25, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., 125 N. Court Street, Westminster
- Administrative Board Meeting – April 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., 125 N. Court Street, Westminster
- Board Work Session – *High School Advisory Program* – April 25, 2007 immediately following the Board Meeting
- Board of Education / Carroll County Student Government Association Joint Meeting – April 25, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center

NEW BUSINESS

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bauer adjourned the meeting

At 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 10, 2007 - CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY FOR APPROVED BOARD MINUTES

In attendance: Mr. Bauer, Mrs. Foley (4:00 p.m.), Mrs. Gadberry, Mrs. Shreeve, Dr. Ecker, Dr. Fulton, Mr. Guthrie, Mrs. Richards, and Mr. O'Meally (legal counsel).

At 3:00 p.m. after it was moved by Mrs. Gadberry, seconded by Mrs. Shreeve, the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session in accordance with Section 10-508 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; to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

There were no personnel recommendations.

Mr. O'Meally reviewed the status of two staff appeals and one student appeal.

Dr. Ecker reminded Board members that action items at the Board meeting would need three votes for approval.

Moved by Mrs. Gadberry, seconded by Mrs. Shreeve, the Board unanimously voted to approve the March 28, 2007 closed session minutes.

Closed session adjourned at 3:17 a.m.

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APRIL 10, 2007 – ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Items discussed during Administrative Function include:

- The April 25 Board meetings start with a meeting with the commissioners at 1:00, the BOE Board meeting at 2:00, a work session immediately following the Board meeting, and a dinner meeting with the Board and CCSGA Executive Board.
- Dr. Ecker will meet with the Governor's appointments secretary regarding the Board vacancy.
- Employee recognition night is rescheduled for April 30.
- The May 23rd work session with the Board will include the Teacher of the Year finalists.
- The Board was updated on a Town of Mount Airy planning meeting regarding school needs in the area. The Mount Airy Task Force is supporting this meeting.
- Commissioner Zimmer arrived at 4:15 p.m. and distributed a list of budget scenarios that was presented at an open meeting with the Commissioners.

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ADDENDUM #1

INFORMATION

ACTION

DISCUSSION

REPORT

TITLE: Family Life and Human Development – Curriculum and Instruction
Middle School and High School

DATE: April 11, 2007

OVERVIEW:

According to COMAR, CCPS is required to have a Family Life and Human Development Committee. The following recommendations by the Family Life and Human Development Committee are under consideration for the 2007-08 school year:

Middle School Family Life

Videos: to be added to the list of approved videos

“Understanding HIV/AIDS”: This video is based on national health curriculum standards for middle school. It presents an age-appropriate review of the basic terms, definitions and biology of the HIV virus plus means of infection, treatment, and protection. The video also sends a clear message that abstinence is the only 100% effective option for avoiding sexual transmission of the HIV virus.

High School Family Life:

Videos: to be added to the list of approved videos

“Blood Lines”: This video is directed and produced by HIV-positive youth who were inspired to document their experiences and they struggle with this overwhelming disease. The film empowers those who live with HIV/AIDS, inspires compassion for people living with the virus, and motivates others to avoid getting infected.


PROS: Teachers will be able to incorporate DVDs into lesson planning to present current data and information regarding HIV/AIDS.


CONS: Cost of the videos will be the individual school’s responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated cost of each video: \$100/school

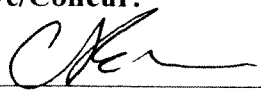
RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION

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Approve/Concur:


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