

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

**PRESENT**

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

President Hiltz convened the Board of Education in regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room at 125 N. Court Street. Mr. Hiltz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance; all remained standing for a moment of silent meditation.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Mrs. Foley, seconded by Mr. Stone, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board minutes for February 8, February 22, and the joint Board of Education / Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for January 25, 2006.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –  
JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 8, AND  
FEBRUARY 22, 2006**

Mrs. Foley shared correspondence with a parent who has concerns regarding the new

**CORRESPONDENCE TO AND  
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

immunization rules. Parents are having a difficult time getting documentation that their child had chicken pox. Mrs. Foley sympathized with this parent's concern because children often do not go to the doctor when they have chicken pox.

Dr. Ecker shared that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the year 2000 put out new regulations on Hepatitis B and chicken pox. The new regulations require students pre-K through grade 9 to provide proof of vaccination or proof through a doctor's diagnosis or blood test, before school starts in August. Documentation could be a problem for thousands of Carroll County children.

Dr. Ecker is working with other school superintendents, the local health department, and the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to try and change these new regulations. If the school system admits students without the required certification in the student's file, the school system loses the fiscal per pupil allotment from the state.

Mr. Hiltz shared information on the following items of note: Northwest Middle was recognized for their best practices in Character Education with the school's Project Wisdom and the Golden Rule Award Program; Angie Martinez, a second grade student at Eldersburg Elementary, had her artwork selected for a holiday card for the law firm of Hodes, Ulman, Pessin and Katz; and two high school seniors have been selected as finalists in the National Merit Scholar Program.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Bauer reviewed the guidelines for citizen participation.

There were no requests for citizen participation.

Mr. Schlauch reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 27 students from around the county attended the Maryland Association of Student Council's Lobbying Day in Annapolis to take positions on several bills before the General Assembly. Students had a chance to meet with the county's delegates and senators on teacher pensions, class size, school construction, and funding.

<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT</b>
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Of particular interest to the students is SB519 Carroll County – Property Tax – Homestead Tax Credit Percentage. Students believe this bill to be detrimental to the county as a whole as it tries to provide its citizens needed services. The Carroll County Student Government Association has taken a stance opposing the legislation and has formulated a letter to be sent to our delegation prior to the bill’s final vote.

Speakers and performers from across the globe will participate in Unity Day, Thursday, March 23 at 12:45 p.m. at South Carroll High School. This event will bring the school community together to gain an understanding of various cultures, foster tolerance, and embrace diversity. Superintendent Ecker and Commissioner Minnich are planning to attend this event. The community is welcome to attend.

The CCSGA is holding elections for the 2007-2008 school year’s Student Representative on the Board at 9:00 a.m. on March 23, 2006 at Winters Mill High School.

Barry Potts, president of the Carroll County Education Association, distributed a letter to all board members proposing a timeline for new professional development, curriculum action plan, and/or individual school proposals. The proposed timeline is to present these early spring of the preceding year. Staff will then have a chance to adequately prepare and plan for the next school year. In Mr. Potts’ opinion, this will also work to control workload and stress at all levels.

<b>CARROLL COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION</b>
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**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

There were no personnel action items at this meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Anna Varakin, Supervisor of Elementary Education, reviewed the full-day kindergarten curriculum and thanked all kindergarten teachers who are helping make this a smooth transition. Helping with this presentation were Janelle Creighton and Wendy Gahm, kindergarten teachers at Parr's Ridge Elementary.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN**

This presentation included information on testing for kindergarten readiness, sample full-day kindergarten schedules and time allotted for core subjects, specials classes, lunch and recess, various stations, closure, and dismissal.

Teachers who are new to teaching a full-day kindergarten curriculum are provided a weeklong workshop in June.

Gregg Bricca, Director of Research and Accountability, reviewed the 2005 System Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) information.

**2005 SYSTEM LEVEL  
ADEQUATE YEARLY  
PROGRESS**

While all subgroups meet AYP for 2005, the performance of the special education and Limited English Proficient (LEP) subgroups remains a concern. Carroll County Public Schools is one of only four systems in the state that met AYP for 2005.

As next steps, the Maryland State Assessments will be administered beginning March 13. Carroll County will continue to assess and provide high quality professional development and student instruction to promote and accelerate the achievement of students with disabilities. We will also continue to provide explicit instruction focusing on developing academic English in an accelerated manner.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Moved by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Gadberry, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommended student appointments to the Career and Technology Education Advisory Council.

**STUDENT APPOINTMENTS  
TO THE CAREER AND  
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

(ADDENDUM #1)

Moved by Mrs. Gadberry, seconded by Mr. Stone, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Carroll County Public Schools 2006-2007 Goals. (ADDENDUM #2)

**CARROLL COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2006-2007 GOALS**

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board unanimously voted to approve the transfer of school bus contract #171 from E. Louise Glover to Sharon Glover.

**TRANSFER OF  
SCHOOL BUS  
CONTRACT**

## **DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**

This report is to support the inclusion of funding in the FY07 Operating Budget for the administration of the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) to sophomores in all seven high schools. The estimated fiscal impact is \$17,000.

### **2. Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2006-2007**

Curriculum supervisors are recommending adoption of these textbooks and materials for use during the 2006-2007 school year. The books will be presented to the Curriculum Council for review and will come to the Board of Education as an action item at the June 14 board meeting.

These materials are available for review by the public from March 9 through May 18 at the Professional Resource Center at the central office of Carroll County Public Schools.

### **SPECIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Hiltz reviewed the process leading to this evening's recommendation by the superintendent to transfer 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Manchester Elementary School and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Hampstead Elementary School who will attend North Carroll Middle School as 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Citizens Kim Carrick, Amy Miller, Lisa Switzer, Doug Swestock, and Michael Rea shared their opposition to the Superintendent's recommendation. Donna Oursler, president of the Manchester Elementary School PTA, reviewed the survey results from their school, which showed out of 141 surveys distributed, 69 were returned in support of the move and 50 opposed. The rest were unsure or gave no response. Maria Capadora spoke in support of the recommendation and asked the Board to do everything they could to expedite the timely completion of Ebb Valley Elementary School.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mrs. Foley. The recommendation states:

1. Move the Manchester Elementary School students who will be 5<sup>th</sup> graders in August 2006 to North Carroll Middle School in August 2006. Future 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend North Carroll Middle School until the new elementary school is open.
2. Students at Hampstead Elementary School who will attend North Carroll Middle School in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will attend North Carroll Middle School as 5<sup>th</sup> graders in August 2006.
  - a. However, for the school year 2006-2007, a parent/guardian that wants their child to remain at Hampstead Elementary for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have to send a written request to the Principal of Hampstead Elementary School by May 1, 2006.
  - b. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, all of the Hampstead Elementary students that will attend North Carroll Middle School as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader will attend North Carroll Middle School as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. There will be no option to stay at Hampstead Elementary

School. Future 5<sup>th</sup> graders will attend North Carroll Middle School until the new elementary school is open.

- c. Any family moving into the North Carroll Middle School attendance area after April 1, 2006 and has a student who will be in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in August 2006, will attend North Carroll Middle as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. There will be no option to remain at Hampstead Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year.
3. The Cranberry Station Elementary students that will attend North Carroll Middle School as 6<sup>th</sup> graders and will be 5<sup>th</sup> graders in August 2006, will have the option to stay at Cranberry Station Elementary or attend North Carroll Middle School in August 2006. This option will be available until the new elementary school is open.

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Bauer to strike recommendation item 2. a., b., and c. The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Stone. Board members discussed the motion to amend.

Mr. Stone stated he would not support the motion to amend. He feels the second recommendation is a reasonable accommodation for parents.

Dr. Ecker chaired the vote to amend the main motion. Yea: Bauer. Nay: Foley Gadberry, Hiltz, Stone. Student representative Brendan Schlauch also opposed the amended motion. The motion to amend failed.

Mr. Hiltz stated his support for the Superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Hiltz toured both schools and viewed first hand the overcrowding, and the stresses it puts on the core facilities and faculty. He stated the Board must be concerned about all students in a school building, not just one particular grade.

The Board and Commissioners are working very hard to address all issues related to Ebb Valley Elementary School, and they are working very hard on a new high school for that area of the county.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The following meetings will be held in Room 007 of the CCPS Central Office building at 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, Maryland:

- Administrative Board Meeting – March 22, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.
- Board Work Session – *Board Appointed Standing Committees* – March 22, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – April 12, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlauch told Board members that he would be bringing a Resolution on Student Representative Partial Voting Rights to the Board for consideration at the April 12 Board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hiltz adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

## **JOINT MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION / BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Minnich to close the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The Board of Commissioners of Carroll County in accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland unanimously voted to go into closed session to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. Yea: Gouge, Jones, and Minnich.

At 2:03 p.m., moved by Board of Education member C. Scott Stone, seconded by Tricia Gadberry, the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session in accordance with Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto and to obtain advice from legal counsel.



**Attendance:** Cindy Foley (2:10 p.m.), Tricia Gadberry, Tom Hiltz, Scott Stone, Charles Ecker, Superintendent, Steve Guthrie, Lorraine Fulton, Teresa Richards. Absent: Gary Bauer.

**2:00 P.M. - MARCH 8, 2006 – CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY OF THE JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR THE APPROVED BOARD MINUTES**

Both Boards discussed the planning and construction progress of the Ebb Valley Elementary School and considered sites for a new high school in the northeast area of the county.

In attendance: Mrs. Gadberry, Mr. Hiltz, Mr. Stone, Dr. Ecker, Dr. Fulton, Mr. Guthrie, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Foley arrived at 2:10 p.m. Absent: Mr. Bauer.

**MARCH 8, 2006 - CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY FOR APPROVED BOARD MINUTES**

The Board received legal advice on the distribution of surveys to staff.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Gadberry, the Board unanimously voted to approve closed session minutes for February 22, 2006.

Attendance: Cindy Foley, Tricia Gadberry, Tom Hiltz, Scott Stone, Charles Ecker, Steve Guthrie, Lorraine Fulton, Teresa Richards, and Rochelle Eisenberg, legal counsel.

**MARCH 8, 2006 - EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SUMMARY FOR APPROVED BOARD MINUTES**

On May 10, 2006, a luncheon for former superintendents and former board members will be held at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center.

Overcrowding at Manchester and Hampstead Elementary Schools was discussed.

The March 22, 2006 Board work session is Board Appointed Standing Committees.

High school schedules were discussed.

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STUDENT APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following students have been recommended by their principal for appointment to the Career and Technology Education Advisory Council to serve from March 2006 through January 2007:

Stephanie Kratz	-	Carroll County Career & Technology Center (Technical Support & Networking Program)
Daniel Thamert	-	Century High School (Computer Technology Program)
Erica Monteleone	-	Francis Scott Key High School (Textile & Fashion Design Program)
Christopher Rollman	-	Liberty High School (Culinary Arts Program)
John Inskeep	-	North Carroll High School (Collision Repair Technology Program)
Erin Popa	-	South Carroll High School (Drafting Program)
Vincent Baccala	-	Westminster High School (Drafting Program)
Jonathan Harman	-	Winters Mill High School (Diesel Technology Program)

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**CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2006-2007 GOALS**

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**GOAL I. IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

All students will achieve at or above grade level through a rigorous, articulated, and aligned instructional program.

**GOAL II. OPTIMIZE RESOURCES:**

Carroll County Public Schools will make maximum, effective, and efficient use of fiscal, human, and facility resources, which align with and support student achievement.

**GOAL III. PROVIDE A SAFE AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT:**

All schools will provide a safe and orderly environment for all students and staff.

**GOAL IV. STRENGTHEN PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:**

Carroll County Public Schools will foster an open, trusting, and supportive relationship with parents, community members, business and public officials to directly support student achievement.

**GOAL V. ENGAGE IN A PROCESS OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT:**

Carroll County Public Schools will align all school and system actions with the Objectives and Indicators of the CCPS Comprehensive Master Plan, while continuing to measure performance and ensuring all actions and decisions are contributing to the attainment of the Objectives and Indicators.