

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

July 27, 2005

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Patricia B. O'Neill, President
Charles Haughey, Vice President

Subject: Final Action to Reconstitute the Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development

WHEREAS, the Board of Education first established a Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development on February 24, 1970; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution 261-05, approved May 23, 2005, the Board of Education modified the terms of the then sitting members of the Citizens Advisory Committee so that their terms expired as of that date; and

WHEREAS, The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.04.18.03 requires that the curriculum on family life and human development, including the three focus areas of interpersonal relationships, physiological and personality changes, and advanced physiology and psychology of human sexual behavior, "shall be developed by professional educators within the local school system," and that "a citizens advisory committee broadly representing the views of the community shall consult with these educators in developing, implementing, and evaluating the program"; and

WHEREAS, The Board took tentative action on this resolution on July 6, 2005; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby reconstitutes the Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development as an advisory committee to the Board of Education and superintendent, under Policy BMA, *Board of Education Advisory Committees*, and to the superintendent and educators under his direction as required by COMAR 13A.04.18.03.D(1) *Community Involvement*; and be it further

Resolved, That the reconstituted committee shall be appointed by the Board of Education in open session, and be comprised of 15 members, all of whom shall be bona fide residents of Montgomery County, otherwise qualified to serve, and include eight members at large, one of whom shall be an MCPS high school student; and seven representatives of organizations, one of whom shall be an MCPS high school student representing the Montgomery County Region of

the Maryland Association of Student Councils, one of whom shall be a representative of Citizens for Responsible Curriculum, and one of whom shall be a representative of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays; and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to COMAR 13A.04.18.03.D(1), this committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only, to consult with professional educators within the school system in the course of their developing, implementing, and evaluating the family life and human development program to the degree deemed appropriate by the superintendent; and be it further

Resolved, That, consistent with provisions in Board Policy BMA, applications for membership on this committee shall be solicited publicly by the Board Office in collaboration with a liaison to be designated by the superintendent; and all applications shall be presented to the Board of Education and superintendent for review and consideration; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the reconstituted committee be comprised of individuals who have not served on this committee previously, and who have applied individually or been nominated by organizations in response to the solicitation of applicants following this action; that organizations interested and designated shall submit one nominee and two alternate nominees; and that final appointment of all individuals, including organizational representatives and the committee chairperson, shall remain within the discretion of the Board, upon consultation with the superintendent; and be it further

Resolved, That normal terms of appointment shall be for two years for the adult members and one year for the student member, expiring on June 30th, except that the terms of the initial appointments of the reconstituted committee shall be for a lesser term reflective of their appointment subsequent to July 1st; and the Board of Education may direct further changes in the formation or operation of this committee, as it may deem advisable; now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That to the extent this resolution may be inconsistent with any existing Board policies or administrative regulations of the school system, the resolution shall supersede only those provisions in any Board policies or administrative regulations that are in conflict with this resolution.

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