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Rockville, Maryland
February 23, 2009

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on February 23, 2009, at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Ms. Shirley Brandman, President
in the Chair
Mr. Christopher Barclay
Ms. Laura Berthiaume
Dr. Judy Docca
Mr. Philip Kauffman
Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik
Mrs. Nancy Navarro
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

or () indicates student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-09 Re: **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Navarro seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *State Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a closed session on February 23, in Room 120 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed session on February 23, 2009, to acquit its administrative functions; and be it further

Resolved, That the meeting continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

RESOLUTION NO. 66-09 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by

Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for February 23, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-09 Re: **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, In 1987, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming the month of March as "National Women's History Month"; and

WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project has selected the theme, *Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet*, to commemorate Women's History Month in 2009; and

WHEREAS, During Women's History Month, we celebrate the many contributions women make to our society; and

WHEREAS, Women continue to strengthen our nation and the world by excelling as leaders in all areas of life, including politics, law, education, medicine, science, business, family life, community services, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education takes pride in its efforts to create an awareness of the often-unrecognized contributions of women; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education and the superintendent of schools are committed to providing learning and working environments that encourage the pursuit of academic and career opportunities for women; now therefore be it

Resolved, That, on behalf of the superintendent of schools, as well as staff, students, and parents of Montgomery County Public Schools, the members of the Board of Education hereby declare the month of March 2009 to be observed as "Women's History Month"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools recognize and honor our female students, staff, parents, business-community members, and community leaders who, by their hard work, vision, and achievements, are creating a better tomorrow.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-09

Re: **RECOGNITION OF EDUCATORS WHO
EARNED CERTIFICATION FROM THE
NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
TEACHING STANDARDS IN 2008**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Navarro, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has established a voluntary certification program to recognize outstanding teacher competency; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education and Montgomery County Public Schools have participated in programs of financial aid to encourage educators to engage in the rigorous process of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools provides a variety of supports to assist candidates as they work through the process of National Board Certification; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has identified the skills, competencies, and rigor of the National Board's Core Propositions as the foundation for the Teachers Professional Growth System; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Montgomery County Public Schools supports increasing the number of National Board Certified educators; and be it further

Resolved, That Montgomery County Public Schools recognizes and appreciates the leadership skills and abilities of National Board Certified educators that benefit our staff, students, and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools urge all Montgomery County residents to join in recognizing these educators and express their appreciation for the skills they bring to Montgomery County Public Schools in building workforce excellence; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby recognizes the educators listed below for having completed the National Board Certification process and received the certificate in November 2008.

Full Name	Position	Office/School Location
Anderson, Pamela K.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Stone Mill Elementary School
Baker, Samantha L.	Teacher, Art	Germantown Elementary School
Baldwin, Christina M.	Teacher, High	Sherwood High School
Banks, Charles C.	Teacher, High	Quince Orchard High School

Boettcher, Audrey D.	Teacher, High	Richard Montgomery High School
Calvin, Patricia D.	Teacher, Staff Development	Woodfield Elementary School
Camp, Sakina M.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Weller Road Elementary School
Carlsten, Britta E.	Teacher, Infants Toddlers	Infants and Toddlers
Clarkson, Molly A.	Teacher, High	Richard Montgomery High School
Clay, Adam	Teacher, High	Montgomery Blair High School
Cohen, Sharon C.	Teacher, High	Springbrook High School
Crichton, Mark D.	Teacher, High	Rockville High School
Cumberland, Kathleen C.	Teacher, Elementary	Clearspring Elementary School
Daddone, Peter A.	Teacher, High	Rockville High School
Daniels, Ellen B.	Teacher, ESOL	Albert Einstein High School
D'Aquino, Sandra R.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Greencastle Elementary School
D'Ascanio, Dorothy P.	Media Specialist	Albert Einstein High School
Deatherage, Rebecca A.	Teacher, High	Gaithersburg High School
Delisle, Stacy R.	Teacher, Middle	Rocky Hill Middle School
Edmunds, Jovan M.	Counselor, Secondary	Northwest High School
Estep, Mark R.	Teacher, Resource	Poolesville High School
Fahy, Theresa A.	Teacher, Resource	Thomas W. Pyle Middle School
Ferris, Rosanne	Teacher, Special Education	Sherwood High School
Finn, Allison	Teacher, High	James Hubert Blake High School
Fischer, Melissa E.	Teacher, High	Rockville High School
Fisher, Carolyn T.	Teacher, Focus	Whetstone Elementary School
Fletcher, LaDonna A.	Teacher, High	Rockville High School
Frensilli, Janet L.	Teacher, High	Sherwood High School
Friedland, Kristen L.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Ritchie Park Elementary School
Garrett, Clare B.	Teacher, Middle	A. Mario Loiederman Middle School
Gelfand, Naomi R.	Media Specialist	Lakelands Park Middle School
Gilreath, Scott A.	Teacher, Resource	James Hubert Blake High School
Goldberg, David B.	Teacher, High	Montgomery Blair High School
Green, Alexandra K.	Teacher, High	Sherwood High School
Griffin, Juli E.	Counselor, Secondary	Thomas Edison HS of Technology
Halloran, Stephanie	Teacher, Resource	Northwood High School
Harris, Srelyne A.	Teacher, Elementary	Roscoe R. Nix Elementary School
Helton, Daniela S.	Counselor, Elementary	Little Bennett Elementary School
Henry, Whitney A.	Teacher, Elementary	Rachel Carson Elementary School
Hill, Kelly L.	Teacher, Elementary	Maryvale Elementary School
Holland, Jennifer G.	Teacher, High	John F. Kennedy High School

Hollies, Cynthia L.	Teacher, High	Rockville High School
Huyck, Erika L.	Teacher, Elementary	Rachel Carson Elementary School
Jaynes, Laura A.	Teacher, Elementary	Viers Mill Elementary School
Kelly, Christine M.	Teacher, Special Education	Carl Sandburg Learning Center
Kim, Jeanni M.	Teacher, Resource	Springbrook High School
Koenig, Jeremy C.	Teacher, Elementary	Rock Creek Valley Elementary School
Kohler Jr, Ronald E.	Teacher, Art	South Lake Elementary School
Kovacs, Cassandra E.	Teacher, Special Education	Albert Einstein High School
Krauss, Linda R.	Teacher, Staff Development	Strathmore Elementary School
Kreinbrook, Kyra	Media Specialist	Watkins Mill High School
Lee, Yeage	Teacher, ESOL	Rachel Carson Elementary School
Levine, Heather D.	Teacher, Elementary	Broad Acres Elementary School
Lilly, Rene M.	Teacher, Resource	Rockville High School
Lisa, Erin M.	Teacher, Elementary	Rock Creek Forest Elementary
Lucina, Jennifer M.	Teacher, Reading	Glen Haven Elementary School
Lungociu, Kimberly S.	Teacher, High	Rockville High School
Martin, Gina L.	Teacher, High	Sherwood High School
McAndrew, Amanda V.	Teacher, High	Walter Johnson High School
McCanna, Laura S.	Teacher, Elementary	Belmont Elementary School
Miehl, Michael J.	Teacher, High	Sherwood High School
Monroe Bishop, Cynthia M.	Teacher, Elementary	Rachel Carson Elementary School
Moore, Anne M.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Farmland Elementary School
Moran, Anne R.	Counselor, Elementary	Washington Grove Elementary School
Murray-Lewis, Nicole M.	Teacher, High	Gaithersburg High School
Narges, Lisa O.	Teacher, Elementary	Woodfield Elementary School
Neff, Hyon M.	Teacher, Elementary	William Tyler Page Elementary School
Noonan, Kathryn M.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Carderock Springs Elementary School
Norris, Margaret R.	Teacher, Elementary	Arcola Elementary School
Nottingham, Patricia C.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Great Seneca Creek Elementary School
Ogwin, Elizabeth L.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Rock Creek Valley Elementary School
Patterson, Sarah S.	Counselor, Secondary	Rocky Hill Middle School
Phillips, Donna	Teacher, Resource	Robert Frost Middle School
Polk, Devona S.	Teacher, Elementary	Strawberry Knoll Elementary School
Powelson, Terrie L.	Teacher, Elementary	Bells Mill Elementary School
Quinn, Matthew R.	Teacher, High	Richard Montgomery High School
Resnick, Beth E.	Teacher, Infants Toddlers	Infants and Toddlers
Richards, Mary B.	Teacher, ESOL	Maryvale Elementary School

Ryzhikov, Olga	Teacher, ESOL Resource	Rockville High School
Sarin, Priti A.	Teacher, Prekindergarten	Montgomery Knolls Elementary School
Scott, Pamela M.	Media Specialist	Clarksburg High School
Sepanik, Elizabeth C.	Teacher, Elementary	Wood Acres Elementary School
Sherk, Kimberly M.	Teacher, Elementary	Highland Elementary School
Sherry, Jacqueline L.	Teacher, Elementary	William Tyler Page ES
Sinwell, Benjamin J.	Teacher, High	Northwood High School
Smakula, Jennifer L.	Teacher, Elementary	Woodlin Elementary School
Strauss, Pamela A.	Teacher, Elementary	Farmland Elementary School
Strelser, Jennifer J.	Teacher, High	Gaithersburg High School
Teal, Lydia C.	Teacher, Elementary	Fallsmead Elementary School
Thomas, Yvonne S.	Teacher, Elementary	Spark M. Matsunaga Elementary School
Thorne, Mary E.	Teacher, High	Poolesville High School
Tien, Emily Y.	Teacher, Middle	Takoma Park Middle School
Van Duzer, Jean	Teacher, Resource	Rockville High School
Watkins, Stacy A.	Teacher, Elementary	William Tyler Page Elementary School
Weiss, Linda S.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Sherwood Elementary School
Wheeler, Robin L.	Teacher, High	John F. Kennedy High School
Yates, Kevin D.	Instructional Specialist	Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction
Yoon, Aeseun L.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Twinbrook Elementary School
Zeitlin, Erinn A.	Teacher, Kindergarten	Carderock Springs Elementary School
****	Teacher	Laytonsville Elementary School

**** Teacher does not want name published.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports with amendments **SB 569/HB 792 – Education – Collective Bargaining – Topics of Negotiation**, which would include the discipline and discharge of an employee for just cause and employee transfers and assignments among matters about which a public school employer must meet and negotiate with a specified employee organization; and repealing the public school employer's authority to negotiate due process for discipline and discharge with a specified employee organization under specified circumstances.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB 673/HB 1243 – Fairness In Negotiations Act**, which would require specified collective-bargaining agreements to provide for binding arbitration of the grievances arising under the agreements that the parties have agreed to be subject to arbitration; requiring a public school employer and an exclusive representative of specified public school employees to negotiate in a specified manner.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Berthiaume seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **HB 274/SB 315 – Task Force on the Correlation Between Population Size of Middle and High Schools and Academic Achievement**, which would establish a Task Force on the Correlation Between Population Size of Middle and High Schools and Academic Achievement; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make policy recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **HB 485 / SB 463 – Maryland Youth Advisory Council – Youth Members**, which would increase the term of a youth member of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council to 1 year; increasing the term of a youth member who is elected cochair of the Council to 1 year; and requiring the Maryland State Department of Education to categorize up to four school absences per school year of a youth member as lawful absences if the absence was due to the business of the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Navarro, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **SB 353/HB 478 – Task Force on Public Health Risks Linked to Bullying**, which would create the Task Force on Public Health

Risks Linked to Bullying; requiring the Task Force to conduct specified hearings, review specified data and studies, and develop specified guidelines or make specified recommendations.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **SB 473 / HB 1290 – Environment – Recycling – Public School Plans**, which would require a county recycling plan to address the collection, processing, marketing, and disposition of recyclable materials from county public schools; requiring a county to submit a revised recycling plan by October 1, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **HB 508 SB 404 – Public Schools – Physical Education Facilities**, which would require the Maryland State Department of Education to adopt regulations that require newly designed or constructed public schools, occupied after January 1, 2012, to include a gymnasium and support spaces for physical education instruction and to adopt guidelines for facilities for physical education programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly opposes **SB 480 / HB 1148 – Operating Budget – Elimination of Inflation Adjustments**, which would repeal the inflation calculation for the target per pupil foundation amount for the calculation of education aid; repealing the inflation calculation for transportation aid for local school systems; modifying the inflation calculation for the Aging School Program; repealing the inflation calculation for the funding grant to St. Mary's College of Maryland.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Barclay seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly opposes **HB 525 / SB 648 – Employer**

Contributions – Educators and Educational Staff, which would increase the membership of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to include an individual representing the local school boards or the community colleges; providing for the calculation of a payment by each county of a portion of the employer contributions attributable to their educators and educational staff who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly opposes **SB 710 / HB 1046 – State Local Employer Contributions – Educators and Educational Staff**, which would provide for the calculation of a payment of a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; requiring counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **HB 339 – Education Funding – Maintenance of Effort – Slots Revenue**, which would require that expenditures from the Education Trust Fund to primary and secondary education be in addition to state general funds provided for state aid for education.

RESOLUTION NO. 78(a)-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **HB 342 – Public Education – Education Trust Fund – Use of Funds**, which would require that expenditures from the Education Trust Fund be additional funding for public elementary and secondary education, community colleges, and public senior higher education institutions and not supplant any existing funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly opposes **HB 602 – Smart Start**

Scholarship Program, which would establish the Smart Start Scholarship Program in the Maryland State Department of Education; authorizing specified schools to apply to the MSDE to participate in the program; authorizing eligible students to apply for scholarships; requiring the department to award scholarships under specified circumstances; and requiring the department to determine the amount of scholarships, based on specified income eligibility.

RESOLUTION NO. 79(a)-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly opposes **HB 603 – Great Preschools Tax Credit Program**, which would allow an individual or a corporation a credit against the state income tax for contributions to specified scholarship-granting organizations; providing for the carryover of unused credits for three years; requiring scholarship-granting organizations to take specified actions to be eligible for donations for which a tax credit may be claimed; requiring the state comptroller to administer the Great Preschools Tax Credit Program; applying the Act to taxable years after 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **HB 184/SB 234 – Maryland's Preschool for All Business Plan – Final Report Requirements**, which would require the Maryland State Department of Education to consult with and accept comments from county superintendents and local governing bodies regarding the Maryland's Preschool for All Business Plan before preparing and publishing a final version of a specified Business Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Malik, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **SB 235 – Education – MDK12 Digital Library**, which would establish the MDK12 Digital Library in the Maryland State Department of Education; establishing a steering committee within the MDK12 Digital Library; establishing the membership of the steering committee; and establishing the membership of the MDK12 Digital Library.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Brandman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **HB 379 – Education – Reporting Requirement – Class Size**, which would require the Maryland State Department of Education to develop a uniform data-collection method to track the number of students who regularly participate in a classroom teacher's class by the beginning of the 2012–2013 academic year; requiring the method to reflect the number of these students in a classroom teacher's class as of September 30 of each year; requiring each county board of education to implement the method and report the results to the department on or before December 1 of each year.

RESOLUTION NO. 82(a)-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Brandman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports with an amendment that funding is available to LEAs to modify existing systems **HB 587 – Education – Teacher Identification Number**, which would authorize the Maryland State Department of Education to assign a unique identification number to each teacher employed in the public schools in the state; requiring that the identification number meet specified requirements; and limiting the use of the teacher identification number to specified educational purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 82(b)-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Brandman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **HB 588 – Education – Public Schools – Standardized Course Numbering System**, which would authorize the Maryland State Department of Education to develop a standardized course-numbering system to facilitate the collection of data on student participation in courses offered in the public schools; authorizing each county school system to adopt the standardized course-numbering system on a voluntary basis; and requiring a specified county school system to provide a translation of course numbers under specified circumstances.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education took no position on **HB 281/ SB 907 – Disability**

History and Awareness Month – Educational Requirements, which would require the governor to proclaim the month of October to be Disability History and Awareness Month; encouraging each county board of education to provide disability-related instruction in a specified manner.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports, contingent on funding, ***HJ 003 – Secondary Schools – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction***, which would urge each county board of education to make available American Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) instruction, the American Heart Association's Heart Saver CPR curriculum, or an equivalent program to high school students in the county or Baltimore City.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Barclay seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes ***HB 630 – Restore Respect at School Act***, which would deny eligibility for a specified subtraction modification and specified tax credit allowed against the state income tax to specified parents or guardians if their dependent child does not meet specified school discipline and attendance requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes ***HB 694 – Education - Special Education Services – Children in a Home School Setting***, which would require that a child with a disability in a home school setting be given the same consideration as a child with a disability in a private school setting, for the purpose of passing through federal funds for the provision of specified federally authorized special education services, and to define "child in a home school setting."

RESOLUTION NO. 87-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **HB 257 – Classroom Placement – Multiple Birth Children – Parental Discretion**, which would authorize the parent or guardian of multiple birth children to request the classroom placement of their children under specified circumstances; requiring a parent or guardian to make a classroom placement request in a specified manner within a specified period of time; requiring a school to provide the classroom placement requested by parents or guardians of multiple birth children.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly supports **SB 257 / HB 306 – Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**, which would establish, through an Interstate Compact with specified member states, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children for specified purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB 340 – Education – High School Diploma – GED Options Program**, which would require the Maryland State Board of Education (MSBE) to establish a GED Options program that provides specified students with an alternative course for obtaining a high school diploma, beginning August 1, 2009; providing for specified program requirements; requiring students enrolled in the GED Options program to be counted in the average daily attendance of a local school system; and requiring MSBE to adopt specified regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB 699 – Education – Immunizations – Children Entering Seventh Grade or Higher**, which would require the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's regulations regarding immunizations to include the requirement that the parent or legal guardian of a child born on or after January 1, 1990, entering the seventh grade or the equivalent in this state, or transferring into a school in this state at the seventh grade or higher level, on or after September 1, 2009, to have specified immunizations administered to the child.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **HB 632 – Education – New Teachers – Classroom Management Training**, which would require that new teachers receive classroom-management training before teaching in the public schools; and requiring the Maryland State Board of Education to adopt specified regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **SB 431 – Vehicle Laws – School Buses – Paint Standards**, which would clarify that school vehicles shall be painted using colors in accordance with the paint scheme specified in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) regulations; requiring the MVA, in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education, to adopt and enforce regulations to provide construction standards and product specifications for school vehicles; providing that specified regulations may not be inconsistent with federal law; etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Barclay seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports, contingent on funding, **HB 189– Respiratory Illness Prevention Act**, which would prohibit the operation of a public school bus on or after a specified date if the bus does not have diesel emission control equipment; requiring the Asthma Control Program to set up a grant program to be used for the installation of diesel emission control equipment on public school buses; and requiring specified state procurement contracts to include specified clauses regarding diesel emissions control equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB 754 – Vehicle Laws – School Buses – Prohibition on Permitting Sitting on Floor or Standing**, which would prohibit a person

who is responsible for pupils on a school bus from permitting any pupil to stand while the bus is in motion; prohibiting a person who is responsible for pupils on a school bus from permitting any pupil to sit on the floor; etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-09 Re: **ITEM OF LEGISLATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB 409 / HB 897 – Public Schools – Office Discipline Referrals – Accountability Policy**, which would require the Maryland State Board of Education to develop a model policy for accounting for all office discipline referrals submitted in public schools; and requiring accountability policies established by county boards of education to include specified components.

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1.	Evie Frankl	Work Plan
2.	Brian Wilson	Senate Bill 353
3.	Fred Stichnoth	Work Plan
4.	Eric Marx	Work Plan
5.	Brad Gudeman	Relocatable Classrooms
6.	Kay Romero	Learning Centers
7.	Gail Kaitland	Reading Specialists

Mr. Barclay suggested that the officers place on the agenda a discussion of the transition of students from the learning centers.

Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Kauffman stated that he represented the Board in Annapolis a couple of weeks ago at a celebration of Gifted Education in Maryland, where Olney Elementary School received recognition of a student display. Also, two staff members were noted for their leadership in the state

Ms. Malik reported that she traveled to Annapolis with Ms. Steinberg, met with senators and representatives, and heard the state superintendent.

Mr. Barclay congratulated Albert Einstein High School for its college fair, with 50 schools represented. Also, he recognized the Kennedy Cluster and the opportunity made available

for dialogue with the community.

Dr. Docca reported that she attended the A&S meeting, where Ms. Manaigo, principal of Weller Road Elementary School, was featured on a video because her students are starting college searches and reviewing prerequisites for college careers. Second, she also attended colonial days at Darnestown Elementary School, where students were surrounded by recreations of skilled craftsmen and living conditions. Third, she commented on Ridgeview Mills School's Black History Month which featured choral music and readings. Finally, Dr. Docca met with students from the Environmental Association who had a lot of good questions, and staff was present to inform them on how MCPS is going "green."

Ms. Brandman thanked her colleagues and members of the community for their support of her family during her time of mourning for her father.

Dr. Weast reported that he joined County Councilmember Mike Knapp to announce a bill to build workforce capacity in Montgomery County by creating both student scholarships and teacher education and training programs. Workforce Investment Scholarships will provide four-year scholarships for students who pursue a line of study in one of the top 10 high-demand occupations in Montgomery County and agree to work in the county for four years or more. Grants will help teachers update their skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through summer institutes and access to two-year, part-time master's degree programs. Incentive payments were provided to teachers who teach AP and IB courses in science and math. The initiative supports the Board of Education's focus on expanding rigorous academic opportunities and preparing all students for college and the workplace.

Dr. Weast commented that Walt Whitman High School student Michal Malachowski was one of only 63 students in the nation and the only Maryland student to earn a top composite score of 36 on the December 2008 ACT exam.

Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACT—LEASING OF
RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS**

This item was pulled until the March 10, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-09

Re: **FY 2009 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION
REQUEST FOR RELOCATABLE
CLASSROOMS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Malik, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Board of Education's Requested FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvements Program includes \$3.125 million in the FY 2010 Capital Budget for relocatable classrooms to accommodate student population changes for the 2009–2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, These funds are programmed to be expended during summer 2009 but will not be available until the County Council takes final action on the Board of Education's Capital Improvements Program request in May 2009; and

WHEREAS, The contracts for the relocation and installation work for the FY 2010 relocatable classroom moves must be executed prior to May 15, 2009, in order to have the units ready for the start of school in August 2009; and

WHEREAS, The appropriation authority to expend the funds programmed for FY 2010 must be approved by the County Council before the Board of Education can enter into contracts; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education request an FY 2009 special appropriation in the amount of \$3.125 million to accelerate the requested FY 2010 appropriation to provide for the execution of contracts for relocatable classroom moves, planned for summer 2009, to address school-enrollment changes in time for the beginning of the 2009–2010 school year; and be it further

Resolved, That this request be forwarded to the county executive and the County Council for action.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-09

Re: **CARDEROCK SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL—GRANT OF EASEMENT AND
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Malik, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a grant of easement and right-of-way at Carderock Springs Elementary School, located at 7401 Persimmon Tree Lane in Bethesda; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of easement and right-of-way, consisting of 1,200 square feet, is needed for the installation of a water main and appurtenances as a part of the school modernization project; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education will assume responsibility for the initial expense and liability of damages or injury resulting from the installation as a part of the school construction project; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will assume responsibility for the expense and liability for all future maintenance and repair activities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed easement and right-of-way will not affect any land that could be used for school programming and recreational activities; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a permanent grant of easement and right-of-way of 1,200 square feet to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Carderock Springs Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-09

Re: **CRESTHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—
GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Malik, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a grant of easement and right-of-way at Cresthaven Elementary School, located at 1234 Cresthaven Drive in Silver Spring; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of easement and right-of-way, consisting of 1,073 square feet, is needed for the installation of a water main and appurtenances as a part of the school modernization project; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education will assume responsibility for the initial expense and liability of damages or injury resulting from the installation as a part of the school construction project; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will assume responsibility for the expense and liability for all future maintenance and repair activities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed easement and right-of-way will not affect any land that could be used for school programming and recreational activities; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a permanent grant of easement and right-of-way of 1,073 square feet to the

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Cresthaven Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-09 Re: **UTILIZATION OF THE FY 2009 PROVISION
FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECTS
FUNDS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Malik, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The above-noted grants qualify for a transfer of appropriation from the Provision for Future Supported Projects, pursuant to the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 16-578, approved May 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The above-noted projects do not require any present or future county funds; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient appropriation is available, within the FY 2009 Provision for Future Supported Projects, to permit the above-noted transfers within state categories; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend \$1,317,412 within the FY 2009 Provision for Future Supported Projects, as specified below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Positions*</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21 st Century Learning Community Centers		\$ 375,000
Title I, Part A		348
State School Improvement Grant	9.1	692,914
Middle Grades Tobacco Use Prevention		8,750
Cybercafé Strategies for Success	—	<u>240,400</u>
Total	<u>9.1</u>	<u>\$1,317,412</u>

Positions*

3.9 instructional specialists
.5 parent community coordinator
4.7 teachers

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-09

Re: **FY 2010 OPERATING BUDGET
AMENDMENTS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Board of Education adopted the FY 2010 Operating Budget Request of \$2,130,659,836 on February 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 17, 2009, which will provide significant federal aid to Montgomery County Public Schools in addition to the amount anticipated in the Board of Education's FY 2010 Operating Budget Request; and

WHEREAS, The additional revenue for MCPS will include \$6.1 million in FY 2010 for Title I and \$15.3 million for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grant for special education; and

WHEREAS, The additional revenue can provide for the expansion of Title I services for low-income students and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act services for special education students, and restore budget reductions with significant classroom impact without an increase in the tax-supported budget; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve amendments to the FY 2010 Operating Budget Request for Title I, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to restore budget reductions by a total of \$21,443,500; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt the FY 2010 Operating Budget as amended totaling \$2,152,103,336, as follows:

Category	Board of Education Adopted Operating Budget	Amendments	Amended Budget Request
1 Administration	\$41,809,677		\$41,809,677
2 Mid-level Administration	135,191,093		135,191,093
3 Instructional Salaries	849,721,014	\$6,530,420	856,251,434
4 Textbooks and Instructional Supplies	31,631,123	399,422	32,030,545
5 Other Instructional Costs	15,032,681	47,900	15,080,581
6 Special Education	270,554,584	9,784,690	280,339,274
7 Student Personnel Services	11,153,748		11,153,748
8 Health Services	41,002		41,002
9 Student Transportation	92,752,198	13,800	92,765,998
10 Operation of Plant and Equipment	118,534,406	54,698	118,589,104
11 Maintenance of Plant	34,961,236		34,961,236
12 Fixed Charges	472,925,088	4,612,570	477,537,658
14 Community Services	208,495		208,495
37 Instructional Television Fund	1,581,608		1,581,608
51 Real Estate Fund	2,651,095		2,651,095
61 Food Services Fund	47,821,972		47,821,972
71 Field Trip Fund	2,314,716		2,314,716
81 Entrepreneurial Activities Fund	1,774,100		1,774,100
Total	\$2,130,659,836	\$21,443,500	\$2,152,103,336

RESOLUTION NO. 101-09

Re: **FY 2010 SUMMER SCHOOL FEES**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Malik, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education approves tuition fees each year for summer school; and

WHEREAS, Summer School Revenue-based Program costs are projected not to rise; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Summer School Revenue-based Program full fees be maintained at the current FY 2009 rate (\$335 for elementary courses and \$300 and \$310 for high school core

and non-core courses, including student online learning, respectively); and be it further

Resolved, That the Summer School Revenue-based Program reduced fees be maintained at the current FY 2009 rate (\$85 and \$120, respectively, depending upon family income); and be it further

Resolved, That the total annual family income guidelines for qualifying for reduced fees and waivers be \$0–\$28,387 for the lowest reduced fee; \$28,388–\$40,397 for the higher reduced fee; and below \$40,397 for waivers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Summer School Minimal Fee-based Program course fees be maintained.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Brandman asked staff to provide the changes and qualifications for income-based fees for summer school.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-09

Re: **NAMING OF CLARKSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #8**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The deputy superintendent of schools has advised the Board of Education that she has asked the newly designated principal of Clarksburg Elementary School #8 to begin the process for recommending to the Board a permanent name for the school; and

WHEREAS, Policy FFA, *Naming of School Facilities*, provides for the Board to develop a list of up to four names to be given to a school naming committee, which shall recommend, in priority order, its preference from among the list of names provided by the Board of Education and up to two additional names recommended by the committee; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Policy FFA, the final responsibility for officially naming a school building rests with the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby submits the following names to the principal of Clarksburg Elementary School #8 for consideration by the school naming committee:

- Lavinia Margaret Engle
- Blair G. Ewing
- William B. Gibbs, Jr.
- Sandra Day O'Connor

RESOLUTION NO. 103-09

Re: **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

On recommendation of the Communications and Public Engagement Committee, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education decided to have each committee develop an annual work plan for the Board's review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Communications and Public Engagement Committee met on February 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, During that meeting, the committee discussed its charge, items for its proposed work plan, and how said items would be in alignment with the Board's strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board adopt the attached Communications and Public Engagement Committee 2009 Work Plan that focuses on four main themes: Board recognitions, communication strategies for upcoming events, communication about resources available to the community and students, and other external communication vehicles.

Communications and Public Engagement Committee 2009 Work Plan

Members: Nancy Navarro (Chair), Judy Docca, Quratul-Ann Malik, Patricia O'Neill

Charge: The Communications and Public Engagement Committee was established on July 9, 2004, to enhance: the Board's use of external and internal mechanisms of communications; the Board's discussions and presentations at the Board table during business meetings; opportunities to gather perceptions and viewpoints from diverse segments of the community and staff; and other means to promote good communications and public engagement between the Board and its stakeholders.

Meetings: Quarterly and as needed

Strategic Plan Reference: System Goal 3: Strengthen Productive Partnerships for Education, and Core Values: An ethical school system requires fair treatment, honesty, openness, integrity, and respect; A high-quality school system strives to be responsive and accountable to the customer.

Focus of Committee's Deliberations for 2009: Communication resources and strategies for outreach

1. Board Recognitions
 - a. Proposal for recognition of students and organizations
 - b. Proposal for presentations at events

2. Communications Strategy for Upcoming Events
 - a. Planning for Strategic Planning Forum
 - b. Delegation meetings
 - c. Cluster meetings
 - d. Back-to-School Fair

3. Communication about Resources Available to the Community and Students
 - a. Activities and initiatives of Department of Family and Community Partnerships
 - b. Initiative for engagement of parent groups
 - c. Clearinghouse for community resources for students and families (agencies and services available)
 - a. Coordination of services of Pupil Personnel Workers and Parent Community Coordinators

2. Media and Other External Communication Vehicles
 - a. Explore relationship with media and communication with community
 - b. Analysis of Web content development, exploration of Board blog and use of Instructional Television (ITV)

RESOLUTION NO. 104-09

Re: **FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

On recommendation of the Fiscal Management Committee, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has charged all its committees to draft annual work plans that are aligned with the Board's academic priorities and the goals of the Montgomery County Public Schools strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*; and

WHEREAS, On January 15, 2009, the Fiscal Management Committee unanimously adopted the attached recommended work plan for 2009; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopts the recommended work plan of the Fiscal Management Committee.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

2009 Work Plan

Members: Christopher Barclay (Chair), Philip Kauffman, Patricia O'Neill

Committee Charge: The Fiscal Management Committee is charged with reviewing issues pertaining to the management and audit of Montgomery County Public Schools' fiscal, capital, and human resources, including the Board's operating budget, the Capital Improvements Program, staffing plans, and allocations.

Meetings: Quarterly and on an as-needed basis.

Strategic Plan Reference:

System Goal 1: Ensure success for every student

System Goal 4: Create a positive work environment in a self-renewing organization

System Goal 5: Provide high-quality business services that are essential to the educational success of students

Focus of Committee's Deliberations for 2009:

Audits

Annual reviews of Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) internal audits and reports along with the staff's responses

Review of external audits and reports and recommendations from MCPS's external auditors and agencies, including the Montgomery County Office of Legislative Oversight and the Maryland Office of Legislative Audits

Review of internal auditors' work plans

Actuarial Studies and Employee Benefits

Actuarial valuation of the MCPS Employees Retirement and Pensions Systems and the other Post Employment Benefits trusts

Review of employee benefits bids and procurement recommendations (structure, cost-containment initiatives, and eligibility criteria)

Budgets

Reviews and updates of the operating budget

Reviews and updates of the capital budget

Fiscal Processes and Issues (including, but not limited to the following):

1. Course-related fees
2. Independent Activity Funds

Recommended fees such as summer school and meal prices

Updates on the fiscal situation and corrective actions, such as expenditure freezes

Financial Management System

RESOLUTION NO. 105-09 Re: **POLICY COMMITTEE**

On recommendation of the Policy Committee, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education decided to have each committee develop an annual work plan for the Board's review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Policy Committee met on February 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, During that meeting, the committee discussed its charge, items for its proposed work plan, and how those items would be in alignment with the Board's strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board adopt the attached Policy Committee 2009 Work Plan, which focuses on four main areas: Policies to be reviewed, evaluations to be conducted concerning policy implementation, referrals by the Board, and reports requested from staff.

Policy Committee Work Plan

Members: Patricia O'Neill (Chair), Christopher Barclay, Shirley Brandman, Quratul-Ann Malik

Charge: The Policy Committee was created on November 13, 2001. It consists of four Board members. When the need for a new or revised policy is recognized, the committee meets with appropriate staff to develop a draft policy. The committee then presents the proposed policy item to the Board for discussion and tentative action. Policy is defined as principles adopted by resolution of the Board of Education to guide the development and implementation of educational programs and/or for management of the school system.

Meetings: Every other month and as needed

Strategic Plan Reference: System Goal 1: Ensure Success for Every Student; Goal 2: Provide an Effective Instructional Program; Goal 3: Strengthen Productive Partnerships for Education

Policies to be reviewed (in alphabetical order):

ABC, *Parental Involvement*

ACD, *Quality Integrated Instruction* (and related policies)

AEB, *Strategic Planning for Continuous Improvement*

BBB, *Ethics*

BLB, *Rules of Procedure in Appeals and Hearings*

DJB, *Bid Awards*

DNA, *Disposition of Board of Education Property*

ECK, *Use of Smith Center for Non-MCPS Groups*

ECM, *Joint Occupancy of MCPS Facilities*

GFC, *Reassignment of Personnel after 25 Years of Service or Age 50*

GMB/GFA, *Personnel Policies*

IGA, IED, and ISA (collectively): *High School Core Courses, Framework/Structure of High School Education, and High School Graduation Requirements and Waiver of Four-Year Enrollment Requirement for Graduation*

IOA, *Gifted and Talented*

ISD, *High School Commencements*

JEF, *Open Lunch Policy*

Note: Other policies may be identified for review through the policy audit process.

Evaluations that may be conducted:

JPG, *Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*

GAA, *Positive Work Environment in a Self-renewing Organization*

Miscellaneous Items (including referrals to committee or reports that are to be received):

Report back to committee concerning how to evaluate the outcome of the three-year policy review process.

Report back to committee concerning the use of definitions in policies and present it to the committee.

- Policy review to come back to the committee:
 - a. ACB, *Nondiscrimination*
 - b. ACG, *Access to Services, Programs, and Activities by Individuals with Disabilities*
 - c. GMA, *Human Relations Training by MCPS Staff*
 - d. IGN, *Combating Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse*
 - e. IQD, *Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities*
- Report back to committee regarding the reporting requirements in the following policies:
 1. ACE, *Gender Equity*
 2. BOA, *Legal Services*
 3. CNE, *Facility Improvements That Are not Funded with Montgomery County Revenues*
 4. GBH, *Employment of Individuals with Disabilities*
 5. IOD, *Education of English Language Learners*
 6. JEC, *Placement, Promotion, Acceleration, and Retention*
 7. JED, *Residency, Tuition, and Enrollment*

Board referred the following item:

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the Policy Committee to review Policy JEE, *Student Transfers*, in consultation with staff and counsel the feasibility and advisability of providing for an alternative to the hardship requirement when a transfer is supported by the requested school because it would aid that school's academic program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Policy Committee will report its findings and any recommendations to the full Board by the all-day meeting in April 2009.

Monitor implementation of Policy IEB, *Middle School Education*

Monitor implementation of Policy JNA, *Curricular Expenses for Students*

Staff to report back regarding grading and reporting policy, regulations, practices, or guidelines being linked online

One of the items on the Policy Committee's proposed work plan is the review of Policy IOA, *Gifted and Talented Education*. During our February 3, 2009, meeting, the Policy Committee discussed the need to begin gathering background information about the subject matter, allowing ample time for public comment regarding any changes, as well as the need to develop a projected timeline. As a result of that conversation, the committee is planning to do the following:

- Meet with the Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Advisory Committee in April
- Meet with the principals of the pilot schools
- Allow at least 60 days for public comment regarding any proposed changes to the policy (after the Board takes tentative action on the policy)
- Have the regulatory framework available during the discussion of any changes to the policy

Based on this approach, the committee believes that it will be at least October or November 2009 before it will be ready to forward a revised policy to the Board for tentative approval. Although this is not necessarily an exhaustive list of the committee's activities, we believe it is important that the Board know how we are planning to proceed regarding this policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 106-09

Re: **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

On recommendation of the Committee on Special Populations, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has charged all its committees to draft annual work plans that are aligned with the Board's academic priorities and the goals of the Montgomery County Public Schools strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*; and

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2009, the Special Populations Committee unanimously adopted the attached recommended work plan for 2009 and 2010; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt the recommended work plan of the Special Populations Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL POPULATIONS 2009 and 2010 Work Plan

Members: Shirley Brandman (Chair), Laura Berthiaume, and Phil Kauffman

Committee Charge: The Committee on Special Populations is charged specifically with reviewing issues and instructional programs designed to meet the needs of special populations that require special education services, gifted and talented instruction, alternative programs, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services, and multilingual supports.

Meetings: Every other month, generally on the third Monday of the month, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Strategic Plan Reference

System Goal 1: Ensure success for every student

System Goal 2: Provide an effective instructional program

System Goal 3: Strengthen productive partnerships for education

Work Plan Aligned with *Our Call to Action*:

Committee to Review Annually Generated Reports/Evaluations:

- Special Education Staffing Plan
- Special Education Continuous Improvement Team Report and Recommendations*
- Work of the Collaboration Board for Career and Technology Education *
- ESOL Advisory Committee Recommendations
- Office of School Performance (OSP) Evaluation of Alternative Programs
- Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs/OSP and AEI Monitoring and Support Process for Implementation of Policy IOA, *Gifted and Talented Education* (in coordination with the Policy Committee)

Focus of Committee Deliberations 2009/2010 (two-year work plan):

A. Promoting Increased Achievement for all Special Populations

1. Review effectiveness of services to Multidisciplinary Education Training and

Support (METS) students and review of Students Engaged in Pathways to Achievement (SEPA) program

2. Review standards-based curriculum pacing and appropriateness of assessments for special education students
3. Review Accelerated and Enriched Instruction and progress toward rigor for all special populations
4. Review progress of efforts to reduce ineligibility

B. Examining the Impact of High School Assessments (HSA)/*No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Requirements on Special Populations

1. Review and monitor HSA and Bridge plan/waiver data for special education and ESOL students
2. Review impact of HSA/NCLB on course offerings in alternative placements
3. Review efforts to meet needs of students already exceeding advanced standards

C. Removing Barriers to Learning for Special Populations

1. Review progress on eliminating disproportionate suspension rates for African American, Hispanic, and special education students
2. Review Special Education Disproportionality Report
3. Review truancy/drop out prevention efforts systemwide and in collaboration with other county agencies
4. Continue to monitor progress in employing Universal Design for Learning
5. Review coordination of instruction between alternative placements and home schools

D. Monitoring Changing Demographics of Special Populations

1. Respond to increasing numbers of students along the autism spectrum
2. Review changing demographics in the ESOL community
3. Review demographics of students in alternative placements
4. Review changing trends in central individual education program placements

E. Collaboration with other Board of Education Committees:

1. Attend joint meeting with the Policy Committee for an update from the

- Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Advisory Committee (coordinate work to avoid duplication with Policy Committee)
2. Collaborate with Strategic Planning Committee—share any suggestions for additional/alternative data points with respect to academic performance of students in the special populations
 3. Collaborate with Communications and Public Engagement Committee to review community outreach efforts with respect to special populations

* These are Board of Education Advisory Committees

RESOLUTION NO. 107-09

Re: **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

On recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education decided to have each committee develop an annual work plan for the Board's review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Strategic Planning Committee met on January 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, During that meeting, the committee discussed its charge, items for its proposed work plan, and how said items would be in alignment with the Board's strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board adopt the attached Strategic Planning Committee 2009 Work Plan, which focuses on five main themes: Review of collected data and information, development of an equity framework, publication of the 2009–2014 *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*; advancing the Board's legislative agenda; and exploring options for providing foreign language.

Strategic Planning Committee 2009 Work Plan

Members: Judy Docca (Chair), Laura Berthiaume, and Nancy Navarro

Committee Charge: The Committee on Strategic Planning is composed of three members of the Board, appointed in December of each year. It develops effective approaches to long-range planning for the school system's instructional and support functions. According to its mission statement, it "shall be an advocate for and play a leadership role in long-range

planning and shall promote a long-term commitment to keeping all school system stakeholders involved and informed." A more detailed listing of the committee's responsibilities may be found at:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/about/committees/planning.shtm

Meetings: Monthly or as needed

Strategic Plan Reference: System Goal 1: Ensure Success for Every Student; Goal 2: Provide an Effective Instructional Program; Goal 3: Strengthen Productive Partnerships for Education; Goal 4: Create a Positive Work Environment in a Self-renewing Organization; and Goal 5: Provide High-quality Business Services that are Essential to the Educational Success of Students

Focus of Committee's Deliberations for 2009: Review the strategic plan and determine which areas have yielded faster results to discern areas of the strategic plan and reforms that may require further examination by the Board.

1. Review collected data and information
 - a. Update on graduate rates and the new formula to determine graduation rates
 - b. Update on principal surveys
2. Development of an equity framework
3. Publication of the 2009–2014 *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*
 - a. Preparation for Strategic Planning Forums
 - b. Review entire strategic plan
4. Advance the Board's Legislative Agenda
 - a. Develop Legislative Platform
 - b. Preparation for delegation meeting
5. Explore options for providing foreign language systemwide

RESOLUTION NO. 108-09

Re: **BOARD COMMITTEE WORK PLANS**

On motion of Ms. Berthiaume and seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, On October, 6, 2008, The Montgomery County Board of Education met in retreat and agreed to develop committee work plans that are aligned with the Board's work, academic priorities, and the goals of the Montgomery County Public Schools strategic plan,

Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has agreed to undertake an annual review of the work of its committees and to develop, as a Committee of the Whole, the work plans and assignments for the existing committees; and

WHEREAS, The Board believes that this effort will allow us to strengthen the Board's ability to harness our resources and use our committees as effectively as possible to support the work of the Board; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board, after careful review and consideration, adopts the work plans for the Communications and Public Engagement, Fiscal Management, Policy, Special Populations, and Strategic Planning committees for the 2009 academic year; and be it further

Resolved, That the full Board review the committee work plans annually.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Board members agreed that committees should prioritize the work plans in order to focus the work of the committees. Dr. Weast suggested that the committee chairs work with the deputies.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-09

Re: **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *State Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct closed sessions on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*; consult with counsel to obtain legal advice while the Board reviews and adjudicates appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity; and to discuss matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

Resolved, That such meeting shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-09

Re: **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Dr. Docca the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

On February 9, 2009, by unanimous vote, the Board of Education voted to conduct closed sessions, as permitted under the *State Government Article Section 10-501, et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed sessions on February 9, 2009, from 9:00 to 9:55 a.m. and 2:05 to 2:20 p.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Reviewed and considered the following appeals with a subsequent vote in open session in its quasi-judicial capacity outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the State Government Article): 2008-49 and 2008-54.
2. Discussed the Human Resources Monthly Report with a subsequent vote in open session, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article.
3. Received legal advice regarding the Maryland Public Information Act and Board Correspondence, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article.
4. Received legal advice regarding the Opinion of the Open Meetings Compliance Board, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article.
5. Discussed collective bargaining negotiations, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(9) of the State Government Article.
6. Discussed matters of an administrative function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the State Government Article).

In attendance at the closed sessions were Christopher Barclay, Steve Bedford, Laura Berthiaume, Steve Bounds, Judy Bresler, Larry Bowers, Patrick Clancy, Judy Docca, Brian Edwards, Roland Ikheloa, Phil Kauffman, Suzann King, Frieda Lacey, Quratul-Ann Malik, Nancy Navarro, Patricia O'Neill, Glenda Rose, Steve Simon, Laura Steinberg, and Jerry Weast.

Re: **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-09

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of February 23, 2009, at 10:16 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

JDW:gr

Resolution	Barclay	Berthiaume	Brandman	Kauffman	Docca	Malik	Navarro	O'Neill
FY 2010 Operating Budget Amendments	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	A
FY 2010 Summer School Fees	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Naming of Clarksburg Elementary School #8	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Board of Education Committee Work Plans	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

A = affirmative; N = negative; O = absent; AB = abstain; SMOB prohibited vote by law

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