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Rockville, Maryland  
July 26, 2010

The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a business meeting at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on July 26, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Christopher Barclay, Vice President  
in the Chair  
Ms. Laura Berthiaume  
Ms. Shirley Brandman  
Dr. Judy Docca  
Mr. Michael Durso  
Mr. Philip Kauffman  
Mr. Alan Xie  
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mrs. Patricia O'Neill

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

RESOLUTION NO. 398-10 Re: **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

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 session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a closed session on July 26, 2010, in Room 120 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County discuss the Human Resources Appointments and the Sexual Harassment Quarterly Report, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article* with a subsequent vote in open session; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed session on July 26, 2010, to acquit its administrative functions and receive legal advice to adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial function outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* under Section 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*; 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. 399-10 Re: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for July 26, 2010.

**Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**Re: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Xie, Ms. Brandman, Mr. Barclay, and Dr. Weast commented on the Drive for Supplies at Richard Montgomery High School. It was incredible to see the magnitude of the supplies and the impact on students. Furthermore, it is a lesson in recycling and stewards of resources.

Mr. Barclay attended the changing of command for their Civil Air Patrol at Neelsville Middle School.

Dr. Weast stated that that the MSA scores were announced in reading and mathematics last week. The percentage of students scoring at proficient or higher in reading was 90.5 percent in elementary school and 89 percent in reading. The percentage of students scoring at proficient of higher in mathematics was 88.4 in elementary school and 78.8 percent in reading. The achievement gap continued to close in most areas and most grades, and since 2003 the achievement gap has narrowed in all areas, in all grades for all subject areas. Many of our schools were among the highest achieving in the state. For instance, we had 29 of our elementary schools in the top 100 in reading. C Cashell Elementary was one of only six schools to have 100 percent of its students score at proficient or above on the MSA!

Next, another 20 MCPS grads were awarded college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships. This brings the totally of National Merit Scholarship winners to 62 for the class of 2010. The class of 2010 set an all-time record for scholarships, having secured \$235 million in scholarships for postsecondary education.

He was pleased to join Mr. Barkley, Council President Floreen and many other dignitaries at Richard Montgomery High today for the annual Drive for Supplies celebration. MCPS started this program 11 years ago as a way to collect used but usable school supplies from students and staff and distribute them to needy students. The Student Affairs Unit, led by Karen Crawford, has been keeping data since 2002 and since then, more than 48 TONS of school supplies have been collected. This year's collection alone was more than 12 tons. We received donations from 47 elementary schools, 35 middle schools, 22 high schools and 6 MCPS offices. We had great contribution from the community, and special thanks goes to Giant Food for donating 500 bags that our families used when they picked up the supplies.

RESOLUTION NO. 400-10      Re:    **CONTRACTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that Bid 9706.1, Athletic Field Maintenance at Various Locations, be rejected due to changes in specifications; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Bid No. 9706.1, Athletic Field Maintenance at Various Locations, be rejected due to changes in specifications; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board president and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute the documents necessary for these transactions; and be it further

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts will be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown below:

10-09	Band Uniforms	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	DeMoulin Brothers & Company	\$56,250
	Stanbury Uniform Company	<u>27,837</u>
	Total	\$84,087
564450 000773	Internet Service Provider	

356-ISP	<u>Awardee</u> Alantech	\$72,000
1161.1	Enterprise Wide Electronic Grading and Reporting System—Extension  <u>Awardee</u> Excelsior Software, Inc.	\$283,000
4095.4	Lamps—Extension  <u>Awardees</u> C. N. Robinson Lighting Supply Company Light Bulbs Etc., LLC Scott Electric Stokit Supply Company, Inc. Vehicle Maintenance Program, Inc.* Video Service of America, VSA, Inc. Total	\$ 94,971 1,799 5,864 4,662 1,918 <u>34,474</u> \$143,688
4230.1	Workspace K–12 Web-based Software Support—Extension  <u>Awardee</u> Naviance	\$130,000
4236.1	Communication Outreach Tool—Extension  <u>Awardee</u> Blackboard Connect-Ed	\$323,625
4261.1	Youth Violence Prevention Program—Extension  <u>Awardee</u> Mental Health Association	\$ 62,500
4280.1	Paybase Application Maintenance—Extension  <u>Awardee</u> Bottomline Technologies	\$ 50,000
4298.1	Critical Data and System Disaster Recovery  <u>Awardee</u> Recovery Point	\$ 65,988

4300.1	Student Support and Intervention Services	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Montgomery County Collaboration Council	\$ 25,000
9097.5	Removal/Disposal and Testing Underground Fuel Tanks	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Apex Environmental, Inc.	\$ 200,000
TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000		\$1,439,888

\* Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business

RESOLUTION NO. 401-10      Re:    **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT – BEL  
PRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MODERNIZATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the Bel Pre Elementary School modernization project; and

WHEREAS, The preliminary construction cost estimate for this project is approximately \$17.5 million; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified Grimm + Parker Associates as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for the necessary architectural and engineering services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Grimm + Parker Associates to provide

professional architectural and engineering services for the Bel Pre Elementary School modernization project for a fee of \$1,278,830.

RESOLUTION NO. 402-10            Re:    **AWARD OF CONTRACTS – RIDGEVIEW  
MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, On May 8, 2007, the Board of Education authorized staff to utilize a construction management process for the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project and awarded a contract for preconstruction services to Oak Contracting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, On July 8, 2010, the Board of Education awarded contracts for the steel, roofing, windows and glazing, drywall, flooring, mechanical, and electrical trades for the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project; and

WHEREAS, The following responsive low bids were received on July 8, 2010, for the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project:

<u>Low Bidders</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
4A-Masonry—KaRon Masonry of Maryland, Inc.	\$ 778,000
6A-General Construction—Hancock & Albanese, Inc.	1,337,100

and

WHEREAS, On June 21, 2010, Oak Contracting, LLC received bid proposals for the remaining trade contracts for the project, which will be included in the guaranteed maximum price; and

WHEREAS, Detailed information on these bid proposals is available for review in the Department of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, The construction management contract contains provisions that permit Montgomery County Public Schools to assign the awarded trade contracts to Oak Contracting, LLC as part of a guaranteed price agreement to complete the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated and recommends approval of a guaranteed maximum

price contract with Oak Contracting, LLC for the completion of the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project that includes the assignment of trade work awarded by Montgomery County Public Schools, along with all management and general conditions costs; and

WHEREAS, Oak Contracting, LLC has agreed to accept the assignment of the Ridgeview Middle School trade contracts awarded on July 8, 2010, and July 26, 2010, and complete the project for the guaranteed maximum price; and

WHEREAS, The aggregate goal for the Maryland Department of Transportation-certified Minority Business Enterprise participation established for this project was 14 percent; and

WHEREAS, The aggregate Minority Business Enterprise participation submitted is 19.8 percent Maryland Department of Transportation-certified, of which 0.7 percent is African American, 18.9 percent is women-owned, and 0.2 percent is other minority-owned; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a \$778,000 contract be awarded to KaRon Masonry of Maryland, Inc. for the masonry trade package and that a \$1,337,100 contract be awarded to Hancock & Albanese, Inc. for the general construction trade package for the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project; and be it further

Resolved, That the trade contracts awarded for the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project be assigned to Oak Contracting, LLC; and be it further

Resolved, That a guaranteed price contract in the amount of \$11,820,682, to include the assignment of the trade contract awards, be awarded to Oak Contracting, LLC for the Ridgeview Middle School improvements project, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by The Lukmire Partnership, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 403-10

Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE LUXMANOR  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION  
PROJECT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Member Laura Berthiaume inspected the Luxmanor Elementary School addition project on Tuesday, July 6, 2010; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Luxmanor Elementary School addition project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 404-10

Re: **CANNON ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –  
GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-  
WAY**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a grant of easement and right-of-way at Cannon Road Elementary School, located at 901 Cannon Road in Silver Spring; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of easement and right-of-way, consisting of 1,050 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 for 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 1,050 square feet to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Cannon Road Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 405-10            Re:    **HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL –  
GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, On June 30, 1965, the Board of Education granted a right-of-way to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission consisting of 9,840.6 square feet for sanitary sewer and appurtenances at Herbert Hoover Middle School, located at 8810 Post Oak Road in Potomac; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a new grant of right-of-way consisting of 8,258 square feet at Herbert Hoover Middle School; and

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

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has agreed to extinguish the vacated right-of-way after the Board of Education grants the new right-of-way for the realigned section; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a grant of right-of-way of 8,258 square feet to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Herbert Hoover Middle School.

RESOLUTION NO. 406-10            Re:    **CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL – GRANT OF  
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, The Potomac Edison Company (dba Allegheny Power) has requested a right-of-way to provide electrical services to Clarksburg High School, located at 22500 Wims Road in Clarksburg; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of right-of-way, consisting of 6,237 square feet, is for the construction, inspection, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical facilities to be installed to serve portable classroom buildings; and

WHEREAS, This grant of right-of-way will benefit the school and surrounding community by providing the necessary electrical facilities to support the school and will not affect any land that could be used for school programming and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, All construction, restoration, and future maintenance will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education, with the Potomac Edison Company (dba Allegheny Power) and its contractors assuming liability for all work; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a Right-of-Way Agreement with the Potomac Edison Company (dba Allegheny Power) for a right-of-way of 6,237 square feet for installation of electrical facilities at Clarksburg High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 407-10            Re:    **FISCAL YEAR 2010 OPERATING BUDGET  
CATEGORICAL TRANSFER**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Category 7, Student Personnel Services, reflected a deficit as of June 30, 2010, as a result of lower than expected lapse and turnover savings; and

WHEREAS, Category 11, Maintenance of Plant, reflected a deficit as of June 30, 2010, as a result of costs associated with snow removal during the month of February; and

WHEREAS, The required funds are available for transfer from Category 1, Administration; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to the approval of the County Council, to effect the following categorical transfers:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
1	Administration		\$900,000
7	Student Personnel Services	\$250,000	
11	Maintenance of Plant	<u>650,000</u>	<u>                    </u>

Total

\$900,000

\$900,000

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be given a copy of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of the categorical transfers to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 408-10          Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Monique T. Felder**, currently acting director, Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction, as director, Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction.

RESOLUTION NO. 409-10          Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Diane D. Morris**, currently principal intern, Robert Frost Middle School, as principal, William H. Farquhar Middle School.

RESOLUTION NO. 410-10          Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Dana E. Davison**, currently assistant principal, Neelsville Middle School, as principal, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

RESOLUTION NO. 411-10      Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Jennifer Webster**, currently assistant principal, Walt Whitman High School, as principal, Thomas W. Pyle Middle School.

RESOLUTION NO. 412-10      Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Yolanda Stanislaus**, currently assistant principal, Cresthaven Elementary School, as principal, Galway Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 413-10      Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Douglas E. Nelson**, currently staff development teacher, Gaithersburg Middle School, as magnet coordinator, Roberto W. Clemente Centers Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 414-10      Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27,

2010:

- **Rebecca A. Jones**, currently principal, Damascus Elementary School, as principal, Westbrook Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 415-10      Re:    **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 27, 2010:

- **Melanie M. Haste**, currently resource teacher special education, Gaithersburg Middle School, as coordinator, Needwood Academy.

RESOLUTION NO. 416-10      Re:    **BRIDGE TO EXCELLENCE MASTER PLAN  
2010 UPDATE, PART II, PRELIMINARY  
SUBMISSION**

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

WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 856, *The Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act*, on April 4, 2002, and on May 6, 2002, Governor Parris N. Glendening signed the Act into law; and

WHEREAS, The Act requires local school systems to submit annual updates of their five-year Comprehensive Master Plan to the Maryland State Department of Education by October 15 of each year, to include prior year revenues and expenditures with the annual update; and

WHEREAS, On June 28, 2010, the Board of Education approved *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*—the strategic plan for Montgomery County Public Schools 2010–2015; and

WHEREAS, The strategic plan for Montgomery County Public Schools contains goals and strategies to promote academic excellence among all students and to eliminate performance gaps among identified subgroups of students; and

WHEREAS, The strategic plan for Montgomery County Public Schools incorporates and imbeds the five goals of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* and six focus areas of the

*Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act*; and

WHEREAS, The strategic plan is the cornerstone of the Montgomery County Public Schools Comprehensive Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Schools *Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act*—Comprehensive Master Plan fulfills all of the required components, including strategies and supporting documentation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education tentatively approves the updated Montgomery County Public Schools *Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002*—Part II, Comprehensive Master Plan and will take final action on both Parts I and II of the Master Plan prior to October 15, 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That Montgomery County Public Schools staff submits Part II of the Comprehensive Master Plan to the county executive and County Council on or before September 15, 2010, as required by the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Re: **FINAL ACTION, POLICY ABC, PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

On motion of the Policy Committee, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, Policy ABC, *Parent and Family Involvement*, sets forth the Board's commitment to promoting meaningful family-school partnerships as an essential component to students' academic success; and

WHEREAS, Policy ABC, *Parent and Family Involvement*, sets forth the guidelines for encouraging parent and family involvement in the school community to support children's education, healthy development, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Policy ABC, *Parent and Family Involvement*, directs Montgomery County Public Schools to promote family involvement efforts to reach and include our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, The draft Policy ABC, *Parent and Family Involvement*, was adopted tentatively by the Montgomery County Board of Education on January 12, 2010, and sent out for public comment; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has received the Policy Committee's recommendations; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education adopt Policy ABC, *Parent and Family Involvement*, as updated in the attached Committee Recommended Draft.

## Parent and Family Involvement

### A. PURPOSE

1. The Board of Education (Board) is committed to promoting meaningful family-school partnerships as an essential component to students' academic success.
2. The Board encourages parent and family involvement in the school community to support children's education, healthy development, and well-being. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will take actions to promote family involvement efforts that encompass the diversity of the community.

### B. ISSUE

Research indicates that family involvement in education has a positive effect on student learning and healthy development and is an important strategy in reducing achievement gaps. Additionally, meaningful and effective home-school partnerships help to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment.

### C. POSITION

1. The Board supports the development of parent and family involvement programs and services that are comprehensive and linked to student learning and based on, but not limited to, the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships:
  - a) Welcoming all families into the school community—families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.
  - b) Communicating effectively—Families and school staff engage in regular, meaningful two-way communication about student learning.
  - c) Supporting student success—Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular

opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

- d) Speaking up for children—Families are empowered to advocate for their children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.
  - e) Sharing power—Families and school staff are important and valued partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs including full engagement in the school improvement process.
  - f) Collaborating with community—Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.
2. All MCPS employees are expected to promote and demonstrate a commitment to parent and family involvement.

#### D. DESIRED OUTCOME

All MCPS staff will collaborate with families to build strong family-school partnerships.

#### E. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

1. The superintendent of schools will review existing policies and procedures, and develop necessary regulations and procedures to support this policy.
2. The superintendent of schools and the Board of Education will monitor the milestones and data points associated with Goal 3: Strengthen Productive Partnerships for Education in the MCPS Strategic Plan.
3. The Board provides opportunities for parents and other members of the public to provide feedback through public comments at Board meetings, written and e-mail correspondence, service on advisory committees, and participation in public hearings and community forums. Feedback from a broad spectrum of our diverse community is integral to the processes of developing and revising school system policies, strategic planning, budget development, and implementation of school district initiatives.



## F. REVIEW AND REPORTING

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-10 Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO POLICY ABC**

On motion of Ms. Brandman and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following resolution was adopted by members present by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the policy and replace at C. e) to read:

**Sharing power: Families and school staff are important and valued partners with unique information regarding decisions that affect children. Families and school staff together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs, including full engagement in the school improvement process.**

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO POLICY ABC**

On motion of Mr. Kauffman and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following resolution failed with Ms. Berthiaume and Mr. Kauffman voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barclay, Ms. Brandman, Dr. Docca, Mr. Durso and Ms. Xie voting in the negative::

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the policy and replace at E. 2. to read:

**The milestones and data points will be developed in Goal 3: Strengthen Productive Partnerships for Education in the MCPS strategic plan.**

RESOLUTION NO. 418-10 Re: **FINAL ACTION, POLICY ABC, PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

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

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 Thursday, August 26, 2010, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 12:30 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 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 420-10

Re: **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members

present:

On July 8, 2010, by unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct closed sessions as permitted under the *State Government Article* Section 10-508, *et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed sessions on July 8, 2010, from 9:10 to 10:10 a.m. and 1:20 to 1:25 p.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Reviewed and approved the Decisions and Orders for the following appeals: 2010-9, 2010-10, and T-2010-6.
2. 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 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*): 2010-11, 2010-12, 2010-14, T-2010-9, T-2010-10, T-2010-11, T-2010-12, T-2010-14, and NEC-2010-15.
3. Received legal advice to review appeals, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*.
4. Discussed the Human Resources Monthly Report and Appointments with a subsequent vote in open session, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*.
5. Reviewed the Equal Employment Opportunity Quarterly Report, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*.
6. Reviewed and made an appointment to the Policy Committee with a subsequent vote in open session, which is an administrative function outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* under Section 10-508(a).
7. Discussed an administrative function matter (Request for Proposals for Additions and Amendments to MABE's *Continuing Resolutions and Beliefs & Policies*), which is outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* (Section 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*).

In attendance at the closed sessions for appeals were Laura Berthiaume, Shirley Brandman, Patrick Clancy (9:10 to 10:05 a.m. for appeals only), Judy Docca, Mike Durso, Phil Kauffman, Patricia O'Neill, Alan Xie, Roland Ikheloa, Suzann King, Glenda Rose, and Laura Steinberg. They were later joined by Larry Bowers, Sean Bulson, Brian Edwards, Carole Goodman, Frieda Lacey, Bronda Mills, Chris Richardson, Frank Stetson, Adrian Talley, and Dana Tofig for the items not related to the appeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 421-10

Re: **APPEALS**

On motion of Mr. Barclay seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was



A = affirmative; N = negative; O = absent; AB = abstain

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