

JOINT MEETING
of the
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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A joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Frederick County, Maryland, and the Board of Education (BOE) of Frederick County was held at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, BOCC, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

In attendance from the BOCC were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Also in attendance was Ron Hart, County Manager and Mary Baker, Recording Secretary.

In attendance from the BOE were Daryl Boffman, *President*; Dr. Bonnie Borsa, *Vice President*; Jean Smith, Donna Crook, Kathryn Groth, Leslie Mansfield, and Dr. Michael Schaden. Attending from Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) were Dr. Linda Burgee, Superintendent; Hal Keller, Fiscal Services; and Ray Barnes, Facilities Services.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Tuesday, September 16, 2008, were approved by unanimous consent.

Presentation from Sabillasville Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – Judy Lingg, Sabillasville Elementary School PTA Member

Ms. Lingg presented the Board, BOE and FCPS with plaques expressing their gratitude for the new HVAC system in the elementary school.

Discussion of School Construction Fund Amendments – Mike Gastley, Frederick County Finance Division

Mr. Ray Barnes, FCPS Facilities Services, presented information to the Board regarding budget information including funds transferred to allow new projects to begin, FCPS approved projects and capital improvements program projects.

Mr. Gastley presented an overview of the BOE school construction fund amendments.

Ron Hart, County Manager, advised the Board many PAYGO funds regarding FCPS projects are over budgeted and may cause left over funds that should go back to the Board to be allocated as needed.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to initiate a statement of intent to transfer half of the PAYGO at today's current value from the BOE to the Board to be put in Frederick County Government's general fund account. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

The Board requested the County's finance staff to send an e-mail to all county and BOE staff regarding how budget transfers work.

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Elementary Math Update – Dr. Bonnie Ward, Frederick County Public Schools

Dr. Ward presented math update information to the Board regarding the way math was being taught in hopes of encouraging children to learn in various manors incorporating the traditional style.

Discussion Regarding the County’s OnBase Document Management Application – Sharon Riche-Dragon, Frederick County Interagency Information Technologies Division

Ms. Riche-Dragon presented information regarding how OnBase worked, the features and capabilities that could be made department specific.

Possible Shared Use Agreement for Artificial Turf Fields – Dr. Michael Schaden, Board of Education and Ray Barnes, Frederick County Public Schools

Dr. Schaden and Mr. Barnes presented information to the Board.

There was unanimous consent to move forward with the shared use agreement for artificial turf fields.

Comments

Judy Lingg expressed concern with the way math was being presented to elementary school students and the difficulty the parents had learning the new way.

Susan Coltenbaum also expressed concern with the way math was being presented; She felt it was not in the best interest of the children as there was not enough research and statistics to show the benefits.

Ms. M.C. Keegan-Ayer also expressed concern regarding the math issue on behalf of the Frederick County Parent Teacher Association.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary