

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

January 20, 2009

A Joint Meeting of the Board of Education (BOE) and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was held in the Board of Education's Board Room.

In attendance from the BOE were President Jean A. Smith, Vice President Bonnie M. Borsa, Donna J. Crook, Angie L. Fish, and Michael E. Schaden. Daryl A. Boffman and Kathryn B. Groth were absent. Also present were Linda D. Burgee, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, and Nuala McCarthy, Recording Secretary.

In attendance from the BOCC were President Jan H. Gardner (entered at 2:05 p.m.), Vice President David P. Gray, Kai J. Hagen, Charles A. Jenkins, and John L. Thompson, Jr.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Schaden moved approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2008, Joint BOE/BOCC minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagen and carried with eight favorable votes. Mrs. Fish abstained. Commissioner Gardner was not present.

(Commissioner Gardner entered the meeting)

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET STATUS/UPDATE

Hal Keller, Frederick County Public Schools' (FCPS) Executive Director of Fiscal Services, presented a report on end-of-year status for the unrestricted general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Mr. Keller noted that the approximate \$2.2 million favorable balance is in some large extent due to the actions and directions issued by the superintendent to affect cost savings in the current year.

Mr. Keller indicated that due to state budget shortfalls, it is likely that FCPS will be receiving a notice from the State Board of Public Works that they are rescinding fifty percent of the amount of the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI) that was approved in the state

budget for FY 2009. He noted that Frederick County benefited from that appropriation, and the fifty percent rescission will cost FCPS approximately \$1.9 million.

Mr. Keller and Dr. Burgee responded to questions.

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL BUDGET FUND BALANCES

Ray Barnes, FCPS Executive Director of Facilities Services, provided information on the Capital Budget Fund balances and responded to questions.

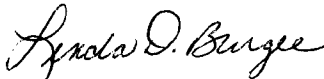
John Kroll, Frederick County Finance Department Director, discussed his letter to the BOCC dated January 13, 2009, concerning the BOE's Use of Fund Balance and Carry Forward of Funds, and he responded to questions.

COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.


Linda D. Burgee
Secretary-Treasurer

Jean A. Smith
President

Nuala McCarthy
Recording Secretary