

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

MINUTES

November 17, 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, Kathryn B. Groth, and Michael E. Schaden. Daryl A. Boffman and Angie L. Fish 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, Vice President David P. Gray, Kai J. Hagen, and John L. Thompson, Jr. Charles A. Jenkins was absent.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 6, 2009, Joint BOE/BOCC meeting were approved. Dr. Schaden and Ms. Groth abstained.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MONOCACY VALLEY MONTESSORI
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL (MVMPCS) INCLUDING FUNDING
FOR FACILITIES AND TAX STATUS**

Commissioner Gardner provided background on a recent request from Monocacy Montessori Communities Inc. (MMCI) to waive taxes on the building which houses the MVMPCS. At Commissioner Gray's request, a discussion was held.

Dr. Burgee provided background and referenced her letter she sent to the BOCC dated November 16, 2009, which included Section 9-101 - Maryland State Charter Law, Board of Education Policy 440.3, Section H (Facilities) and I (Financial Plan for the School), Excerpts from the Charter Agreement between the BOE and MMCI, State Board of Education Decision Opinion No. 06-17, and Staff Recommended Charter School Allocation, FY2010.

Hal Keller, FCPS Executive Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed the Staff Recommended Charter School Allocation spreadsheet and responded to questions.

BUDGET DEFICIT

Commissioner Gray provided an update on the BOCC's \$28 million budget deficit and discussion occurred on ways to reduce the budget deficit. Dr. Burgee noted that the BOE presently has a \$9 million budget deficit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Sheehy

Mr. Sheehy spoke concerning the tax waiver for MMCI.


COMMENTS

Mrs. Crook noted for the record that the call for the vote on the minutes came quicker than expected and her intention was to abstain from that vote.

Commissioner Gardner expressed her disappointment with the BOE's non-position on the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.


Linda D. Burgee
Secretary-Treasurer

Jean A. Smith
President

Nuala McCarthy
Recording Secretary