

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

MINUTES

September 21, 2010

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 Kathryn B. Groth, Vice President Michael E. Schaden, Daryl A. Boffman, Bonnie M. Borsa, and Donna J. Crook. Angie L. Fish and Jean A. Smith 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, John L. Thompson, Jr., and Blaine R. Young.

Ms. Groth called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Schaden moved approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boffman and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gardner moved approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2010, Joint BOE/BOCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagen and unanimously approved.

**STATUS OF PROJECTED FUND BALANCES ON
BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Ray Barnes, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Executive Director of Facilities Services, noted that reports on BOE construction fund balances are submitted to county staff on a quarterly basis, and he provided information on the FCPS process for tracking fund balances.

In response to County Manager Ron Hart's comments to estimate FCPS projects with the same square foot cost as the county estimates its projects, Mr. Barnes noted that the square foot cost of school construction projects is set by the state and the only reason FCPS ended with large fund balances was due to the economy and favorable bids received which may not occur in the future.

Dr. Borsa noted that different types of projects should be budgeted differently depending on their size and complexity. Not all county projects are equivalent to the cost of school construction.

COMMENTS

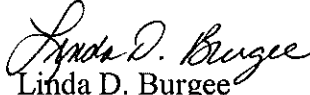
Commissioner Gardner noted that it is important for the BOCC to understand the cost implications associated with charter schools. Dr. Burgee indicated that at the meeting where the Board conditionally approved the charter school, Mr. Keller did a walk through of the calculations for start up funding for a charter school; and he will bring those figures to the next joint meeting. She also noted that they are not cost neutral.

Dr. Burgee thanked all those who served on the BOE and BOCC. She provided each member with a list of FCPS Achievements Since 2004.

Commissioner Gardner thanked Dr. Burgee for the update and noted that it is reflective of the work of a lot of people and something for us to be proud of. We need to maintain our public schools to ensure our future prosperity.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.


Linda D. Burgee
Secretary-Treasurer

Kathryn B. Groth
President

Nuala McCarthy
Recording Secretary