

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

MINUTES

September 20, 2011

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 Brad W. Young, Kathryn B. Groth, April F. Miller, James C. Reeder, Jr., and Jean A. Smith. Vice President Donna J. Crook and Angie L. Fish were absent. Also in attendance were Theresa R. Alban, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, and Nuala McCarthy, Recording Secretary.

In attendance from the BOCC were President Blaine R. Young, Vice President C. Paul Smith, Billy Shreve and David P. Gray. Kirby Delauter was absent.

Mr. Young 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 presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Miller moved approval of the minutes of the June 21, 2011, Joint Board of Education/ Board of County Commissioner meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and unanimously approved.

SYNERGIES COMMITTEE INTERIM REPORT

Commissioner Smith reported on the initial findings of the Synergies Committee, and he recognized members of the committee. He provided a handout of an Interim Report dated August 22, 2011, and said that savings have already been realized through collaboration. He noted that further new savings can occur with consolidation of services. There was consensual agreement to select one area for further study (warehouse). Following discussion, it was noted that Leslie Pellegrino, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS), will meet with her counterpart at the county and report back in six to eight weeks with a plan. County Manager David Dunn said that he has instructed his division directors to reach out to FCPS, Frederick Community College, and the City of Frederick to discuss synergies and consolidation and that many have already done so.

(Commissioner Smith left the meeting.)

SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Ms. Pellegrino provided background information on House Bill 462 and Senate Bill 679, Bus Camera Legislation. She noted the next steps in the implementation of the legislation include working with the county to draft the ordinance and developing an RFP outlining procedures and responsibilities of the local law enforcement agency. Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins provided information on the citation that will be issued.

Ms. Pellegrino recognized Mr. Leon Langley, Maryland State Department of Education, State Director of Pupil Transportation, and thanked everyone for their support.

Ms. Pellegrino, Sheriff Jenkins, and Veronica Lowe, Director of FCPS Transportation, responded to questions.

DISCUSSION OF THE FCPS EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

Commissioner Shreve noted that he would like the FCPS Educational Facilities Master Plan Annual Update to be discussed at the October joint meeting before it is adopted by the Board of Education.

Ray Barnes, FCPS Executive Director of Facilities Services, said that the Board of Education has to take action in September to comply with the state deadline, but changes to the plan could be made until the end of November. It was noted that this item will be added to the next joint meeting agenda.

(Commissioner Shreve left the meeting.)

DISCUSSION OF THE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT REPORT ACCEPTED BY THE BOCC

Commissioner Young referenced a report by Mr. Fred Ugast that was accepted by the BOCC during public comment on the School Mitigation Fee. He submitted the report to the Board of Education for its review and read written comments from Mr. Ugast. He noted that he fully supports establishing a work group to start looking at the multiple challenges we face together.

Mr. Young noted the seminar he and Ms. Groth attended in Annapolis on Alternative Funding and Financing of School Facilities. Ms. Groth referred those interested in reviewing materials to contact Mr. David Lever, Executive Director, Public School Construction Program, (dlever@msde.state.md.us).

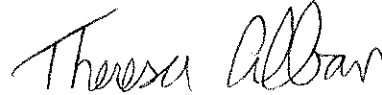
PUBLIC COMMENT

M.C. Keegan-Ayer
Janice Spiegel
Fred Ugast

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Brad W. Young
President


Theresa R. Alban
Secretary-Treasurer

Nuala McCarthy
Recording Secretary