

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Call to Order

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 18, 2011.

Commissioner Blaine R. Young, *President*, BOCC, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

In attendance from the BOCC were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray, and Kirby Delauter. Also present was Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

In attendance from the BOE were Mr. Brad Young, *President*; Dr. April Miller and Mr. James Reeder, Jr. Ms. Donna Crook, *Vice President*; Ms. Jean Smith, Ms. Angie Fish, and Ms. Kathryn Groth were absent from the meeting. Attending from Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) were Dr. Theresa Alban, Superintendent and Mr. Ray Barnes.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Tuesday, September 20, 2011, were approved by unanimous consent.

Educational Facilities Master Plan (Plan)

Commissioner Shreve reviewed a few of the major items he had commented on regarding the Plan.

Mr. Barnes participated in the discussion.

Standard school construction designs were discussed.

Commissioner Shreve also reviewed a few items in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

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Commissioner Shreve summarized his recommendations stating the BOCC should have a part in the planning process of the Plan; change the way redistricting is determined; and create a more efficient maintenance plan.

Mr. Young indicated FCPS staff would review the recommendations and bring back comments at a later date.

Fund Balance Priority – How to Determine Where the Money from Fund Balances Goes: Salaries, Systemic Renovation, New Construction or Deferred Maintenance

A discussion was held on the suggestion of dedicating a portion of fund balance to systemic projects.

It was suggested that Commissioner Young, Mr. Young, and corresponding finance staff would meet to draft a policy dealing with fund balances in the budgeting process.

Partnership Between Frederick County Public Schools and The Great Frederick Fair

Mr. Steve Lockhard and Mr. Chris Horn, FCPS, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the successful partnership between the FCPS and The Great Frederick Fair.

Legislative Position Statement Regarding Count of Students Whose Presence in the U.S. Cannot be Reasonably Documented

Commissioner Young related to the BOE that the 2012 BOCC legislative package included a position statement that requested authority to FCPS to count and report the number of students who are not United States (U.S.) citizens.

Mr. Young responded stating that approximately six percent of FCPS students indicated they were not born in the U.S. or that they did not answer the question of where they were born on the school registration form.

Dr. Alban noted the Maryland State Board of Education provided a ruling that a school system would have no legitimate reason to look into the legal status of students because of the impact on the school system budget.

Mr. John Mathias, County Attorney, disagreed with the ruling.

Commissioner Young requested to have the issue put on a BOE agenda to take action on.

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Comments

Commissioner Young indicated he would like to see a review of the FCPS policy regarding use of facilities by the general public.

Public Comment

- Joy Schaefer
- Janice Spiegel
- M.C. Keegan-Ayre

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Patricia Morrow
Recording Secretary