

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

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, February 21, 2012.

Commissioner Blaine R. Young, *President*, BOCC, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance from the BOCC were Commissioners 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 Ms. Angie Fish, *President*; Mr. Brad Young, Mr. James Reeder, Jr. and Ms. Jean Smith. Donna Crook, *Vice President*; Dr. April Miller, and Kathryn Groth were absent from the meeting. Attending from Frederick County Public Schools were Superintendent Dr. Theresa Alban, Ms. Leslie Pellegrino, and Mr. Ray Barnes. It was noted Ms. Crook was absent due to illness.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Young moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, January 17, 2012, as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Annual Systemic Renovation Funding – Ray Barnes, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS)

Mr. Barnes introduced Mr. James Whittaker, Facility Engineering Associates, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on a summary evaluation of the FCPS facility process in budgeting for systemic renovations.

Mr. Barnes reviewed the projects listed for systemic renovation considerations in FY 2013.

Final Synergies Committee Report – Commissioner Kirby Delauter

Commissioner Delauter presented highlights of the Synergies Report.

Commissioner Smith gave a brief status of the Synergies Committee.

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Discussion of Heather Ridge School

Ms. Ann Bonitatibus, Ms. Denise Flora, and Ms. Jackie Mahalchick, FCPS, answered questions regarding the capacity of Heather Ridge School.

Commissioner Shreve requested a comparison chart with other counties with similar schools.

Discussion of the Moving Expense for FCPS Portable Classrooms

Mr. Barnes briefed the Board on the costs associated with moving portable classrooms from school to school.

Update of the FY 2013 Operating Budget – Commissioner Blaine Young

Commissioner Young questioned the BOE regarding teacher pensions in the proposed budget and their Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) plans.

Ms. Fish commented the BOE was waiting to find out what money would be allocated from the state.

Dr. Alban noted the BOE was having a study done to show long term funding plans. She also noted a balanced budget would be submitted to the Board by March 1.

Comments

Commissioner Young announced a press conference regarding “Stop the Shift” (teacher pensions from the state to counties) would be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 8:15 a.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall.

Public Comments

Gary Brennan, Frederick County Teachers Association

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Patricia Morrow
Recording Secretary