

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

## **MINUTES**

March 20, 2012

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 Angie L. Fish, Vice President Donna J. Crook, Kathryn B. Groth, April F. Miller, James C. Reeder, Jr., and Jean A. Smith. Brad W. Young and Student Member Brandon K. Wharton were absent. Also present 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 (entered 2:10 p.m.), David P. Gray (entered 2:14 p.m.), and Kirby Delauter. Billy Shreve was absent.

Mrs. Fish called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as amended.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Reeder moved approval of the minutes of the February 21, 2012, Joint BOCC/BOE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young and carried. Ms. Groth and Dr. Miller abstained.

### **NORTH FREDERICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN**

Ray Barnes, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Executive Director of Facilities Services, provided information on the design schedule and the design team, and he introduced Steve Parker, Grimm and Parker, who reviewed the design. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Parker responded to questions.

(Commissioner Delauter left the meeting.)

### **WALKERSVILLE LIBRARY DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Young noted that Commissioner Shreve was unable to be here this afternoon and that he had brought up the idea to explore other options in place of building a larger facility for

the Walkersville library; it was noted the \$6 million is included in the BOCC's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for this project.

Several options were discussed, and BOE members expressed concern with having a public library inside or adjacent to a school and consensually agreed with sharing land space if available, but not a facility.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*George C. Rudy*

Mr. Rudy spoke concerning Mr. Shreve's suggestion to close the Walkersville Public Library and transfer the "library function" to the Walkersville Middle School. He requested that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing as soon as practical and render an official opinion, and go forth to a full public hearing before the BOCC.

(Dr. Miller left the meeting.)

### **USE OF FCPS TRACKS**

Commissioner Young introduced Debbie Brown, representing the Frederick Striders, who expressed concern with the high cost of renting the high school tracks for a non-profit organization, and she asked that the BOE give them consideration. Mr. Barnes agreed to meet with Ms. Brown to discuss the charges for facility use and to review her bill.

The Commissioners also asked whether or not tracks are left open for public use. Mr. Barnes shared that it varies by school and noted that the concern is with damage to the tracks in the highly populated areas due to skateboarding, rollerblading and other unsupervised activities, but noted that staff will take a look at individual circumstances and try to find ways to mitigate the potential for vandalism so that the tracks can be open after hours. Ms. Pellegrino commented on her conversation with the FCPS insurance broker regarding additional claims and risks for after school use of the tracks.

### **COMMENTS**

Commissioner Young stated that the county has significantly moved up projects in the BOE's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) based on the partnership that has been developed and the help provided by the BOE last year, and the BOCC is trying to be thankful and reward through the CIP. He commented on the front-page article in the newspaper and asked the Board if it wants to pull out money from the CIP and push back projects since there are issues with negotiations. He asked the BOE which it would like to make a priority--capital projects and capital systemic needs or salaries. He also asked for a decision prior to the BOCC's public hearing this evening and approval of the CIP.

It was noted that the Board could not make a decision at this meeting, and that this item would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the March 28, 2012, BOE meeting.

Dr. Alban noted that FCPS is participating in conversations about the G8 Summit. She received a call from Sheriff Jenkins requesting that FCPS support him in his efforts for security.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Angie L. Fish  
President

Theresa R. Alban  
Secretary-Treasurer

Nuala McCarthy  
Recording Secretary