



In The Loop

The Board of Education of Harford County met in an open business meeting on Monday, July 7, 2008 in the Board Room of the HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building and took the following actions or received the following presentations:

- Appointed **Cornell S. Brown, Jr.** to be **Assistant Superintendent for Operations.**
- **Reorganized its leadership**, electing **Patrick L. Hess** to be **Board President** and **Lee Merrell** to be **Board Vice President** for the **2008-09 school year.**
- **Superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas** administered the **oath of office** to **David John (D.J.) Sigworth** to be **Student Representative to the Board** for the **2008-09 school year.**
- Moved to amend the **charter school agreement** with the **Restoration Alternative Academy Charter School (RAACS)** to permit the school to accept **sixth through tenth graders in 2008-09** and **sixth through eleventh graders in 2009-10.**
- Approved the **transfer of capital funds from the Aberdeen High School Addition Project** in the amount of **\$2,215,055** to **replace the air conditioning chiller at Fountain Green Elementary School (\$250,000)** and the **John Archer School chiller (\$1,320,000)**, with the balance (**\$645,055**) to be transferred to the **Bel Air High School.** Following **County Council approval of the transfer**, the Fountain Green project is expected to be completed before the start of the 2008-09 school year while the John Archer project will be designed and engineered with work due to start during the 2009-10 summer vacation.
- Approved the **concepts of the HCPS Middle School Comprehensive Reform Plan**; and **the segments of the Communications Plan** for the initiative including the formation of a Reform Implementation Group, sharing the plan with the middle school faculties, providing professional development to all middle school teachers on technology integration; communicate with the community the value of middle school reform, and plan additional communication strategies for 2009-10.
- Awarded a contract for **building packages at Deerfield Elementary School** to a series of vendors in the total amount of **\$422,137,475.**
- Awarded a contract for **architectural/engineering services for the Schucks Road Elementary School project** to **GWWO Architects** in the amount of **\$1,094,987.**
- Received the **Special Education Staffing Plan** report as required by Code of Maryland Regulation.
- Received several **Board Policies** for review, elimination, or possible changes, including **Insurance Policy**, [Click Here](#) **School Year and School Day Policy**, [Click Here](#) **Closing Schools Policy**, [Click Here](#) and **School Calendar Policy** [Click Here](#). The current policies and proposed changes/eliminations are scheduled to be acted upon by the Board at its August 4, 2008 meeting.
- Outgoing **Board Vice President Salina M. Williams** provided a farewell address after having served five years on the Board.
- Recognized the 2007-08 winning custodial crews including **Fallston High (high school)**, **Southampton Middle (middle school)**, and **Jarrettsville, George D. Lisby at Hillsdale, Emmorton, and Dublin elementary schools.**