

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday
April 27, 2009

Maryland State Board of Education
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2009, at the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building. The following members were in attendance: Mr. James H. DeGraffenreidt, Jr., President; Mr. Blair G. Ewing, Vice President; Mr. Dunbar Brooks; Dr. Charlene M. Dukes; Dr. Mary Kay Finan; Ms. Rosa M. Garcia; Mr. Richard Goodall; Dr. Karabelle Pizzigati; Donna Hill Staton, Esq.; Dr. Ivan Walks; and, Mr. D. Derek Wu. Also present was Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, Secretary/Treasurer and State Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Kate Walsh was absent.

Elizabeth Kameen, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, and the following staff members were present: Dr. John Smeallie, Deputy State Superintendent for Administration; Dr. Ronald Peiffer, Deputy State Superintendent for Academic Policy and Mr. Anthony South, Executive Director to the State Board.

President DeGraffenreidt introduced and welcomed new Board Member Donna Hill Staton, Esq.

CONSENT AGENDA

The President asked for approval of items listed under Consent Agenda.

Mr. Ewing asked when the Board can expect a response to his request for a report reflecting the effects of budget cuts to each Division in the Department. Dr. Grasmick reminded Mr. Ewing that following last month's meeting of the Board, she had sent the Board a Division by Division report on priorities and program eliminations and that the Major Budget Alignment Request for 2009 was included with today's consent agenda items.

He also asked when a response to Ms. Walsh's requests made at the March Board meeting relative to the status of students in Maryland meeting high school requirements for graduation would be provided to Board members. Dr. Grasmick said that staff is in the process of gathering this data and that it can be provided at the May Board meeting. She added that the results will not be available until the May Board meeting since local

education agencies (LEAs) have to undertake a vast amount of analyses to provide for this report.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and with unanimous agreement, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2009
- Personnel (**copy attached to these minutes**)
- Budget Adjustments for March, 2009
- Permission to Public:
 - COMAR 13A.08.01.11 (Repeal and New)
Disciplinary Action
 - COMAR 13A.05.01 (Amend)
Provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education
 - COMAR 13A.05.02 (Amend)
Administration of Services for Students with Disabilities
 - COMAR 13A.08.03 (Amend)
Discipline of Students with Disabilities
 - COMAR 13A.08.04 (Amend)
Student Behavior Interventions
 - COMAR 13A.13.01 (Amend)
Maryland Infants and Toddlers

REQUEST FROM A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR A CALENDAR MODIFICATION

Dr. Grasmick reported that the Superintendent of the Charles County Public Schools has requested permission to amend the school year calendar by eliminating the last day of the school year which falls on a Monday, June 15, 2009. She reported that under the Code of Maryland Regulations, the State Board is permitted to waive the final day needed to complete the required 180-day schedule for school systems if that day falls on a Monday. She recommended that the Board approve the request made by the Charles County Public Schools and requested that the Board grant her authorization to approve any similar requests that are submitted by other local school systems for this school year.

Upon motion by Mr. Ewing, seconded by Dr. Finan, and with unanimous agreement, the Board approved the Superintendent's two recommended actions. (In Favor – 11)