

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Charles Haughey, Sagar Sanghvi, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Robin Confino, Greg Thornton, Lori-Christina Webb, Karen Crawford, Judy Lewis, Charla Levine, Richard Hawes, and Cindy Kerr.

POLICY CFB – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

The committee reviewed the seven comments that had been received from the public. Three suggestions were accepted – (1) **All implementation and final contracting is contingent upon adequate financial resources**; (2) Certification requirements for public charter school **professionals or paraeducators** are no different than for **professionals or paraeducators** in other MCPS schools; and (3) The school has not fulfilled any **of the** conditions imposed by the Board of Education in connection with the granting of the charter.

Other suggestions by the public will be included in the regulations. The committee asked if the regulation would be available as soon as the policy is adopted by the Board, and staff assured the committee that they were ready.

It was decided to send the policy to Board members for their review and suggestions well in advance of the Board meeting scheduled for October 27, 2003.

POLICY FFA AND REGULATION FFA-RA – NAMING SCHOOLS

The committee reviewed the broader language that would allow for the renaming of existing or portions of facilities as well as selecting school names. There was also language about support from the community. The policy will be retitled "Naming School Facilities." The policy is scheduled for the November 11, 2003, Board meeting.

POLICY FED – RETAINAGE REDUCTION FOR CONTRACTORS

The policy will be changed to be in compliance with state law. Since a performance bond is required for contractors, the retainage is not as much of a level for completion of the project. The remaining five percent of the construction fee will be retained until a project is certified by an architect that the project is complete, and there are no outstanding monies or other mandated fees owed by the contractor. The policy is scheduled for Board action on November 11, 2003.

POLICY CNA – ADVERTISING MATERIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff supplied the committee with results of the flyer survey. School personnel would favor a more restrictive policy on distribution of materials and announcements. Concerns were

advertisements for county sports teams and day care providers. Another issue is the cost and time commitment for the school system, but the benefit to the system is community good will. There was a discussion about funneling advertisements through the local PTA. A more detailed survey will be conducted among more schools. A further discussion will be scheduled for the November committee meeting.

REGULATION BFA-RA – POLICYSETTING

The regulation was reviewed, and there was a discussion about wording of input to the Board and the timing for input.

POLICY REVIEW

Staff indicated that 15 policies were currently being reviewed and revised. At the December meeting, the policies will be divided into two categories – instructional and operational.

FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Policy JFA – *Student Rights and Responsibility*
2. Policy JGA – *Student Discipline*
3. Policy BOA – *Legal Services*
4. Policy IPD – *Travel Study Programs, Field Trips and Student Organizations*
5. Policy JED – *Residency, Tuition, and Enrollment*

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2003, at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.