



In The Loop

The Board of Education of Harford County took the following actions or took part in the following discussions at its Monday, September 24, 2007 regular business meeting held in the Board Room of the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- Officially inducted Margaret H. Dougherty into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame, noting her 22 years of dedicated service to students, staff, and the community at North Harford High, Jarrettsville Elementary, and North Harford Middle School from 1961 through 1983.
- Provided Board Comments including those by Patrick L. Hess concerning his views on the Comprehensive Secondary School Reform Plan; Salina M. Williams on the Black Alliance organization; John L. Smilko on the recent High School Assessment public hearing; R. Robin Rich on the modernization project at North Harford High School; Mark M. Wolkow on the prospective state structural budget deficit which could negatively impact the HCPS 2008-09 operation; and Thomas L. Fidler, Jr. on a number of topics including the patience displayed by Prospect Mill Elementary School parents in the move of the fifth grade from that school to its temporary housing at Southampton Middle School.
- Unanimously approved items on the Consent Agenda including the Monthly Report on Personnel; Approval of Members of the Board's Negotiating Team; Approval of the Fall Teacher Tenure List; Approval of Minutes for the April 10, 2007 Board Business Meeting, the June 25, 2007 Business Meeting; the July 9, 2007 Business Meeting; and the August 6, 2007 Business Meeting; Approved Proposed Resolutions on National Red Ribbon Week, Fire Prevention Week, School Bus Safety Week, and National School Lunch Week.
- Unanimously approved the award of a \$1.9 million contract to H&H Contractors for the construction of the Prospect Mill Elementary School gymnasium.
- Heard a presentation from Executive Director of Secondary Education David A. Volrath on the review of the Board's decision to withdraw its high schools from the Middle States review process in January 2003; and the possibility that the Middle States organization could play a role in the review of the Adequate Yearly Progress of Edgewood Middle School (along with Edgewood feeder schools). The Board unanimously approved that a third party be secured to review the operation of Edgewood Middle and the Edgewood feeder school system.
- Heard a presentation by Board Counsel Patrick P. Spicer on a proposed revision of the Extracurricular Activities Policy.

- Received a presentation from Superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas on the “State of the Schools” highlighting accomplishments by the school system in the area of academic achievement and challenges faced by the school system.