

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday-Thursday
January 27-28, 2009

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

The Maryland State Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday, January 27-28, 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; Ms. Kate Walsh; Mr. D. Derek Wu and Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, Secretary/Treasurer and State Superintendent of Schools. President DeGraffenreidt reported that Dr. Ivan Walks would be out the first day and attend the meeting on Wednesday. He also reported that Dr. Lelia T. Allen resigned from the Board due to personal commitments and expressed the Board's gratification for her prior service.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

President DeGraffenreidt reported that Maryland was recognized as number one in the country for its excellent education system by *Education Week*, the nation's leading education publication. He congratulated Dr. Grasmick, Department staff, local school system staff members and all school staff members for their hard work and dedication to Maryland's students.

Upon motion by Dr. Pizzigati, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and with unanimous agreement, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows: (In Favor – 9; Dr. Dukes arrived late.)

Approval of Minutes of December 17-18, 2008
Personnel **(copy attached to these minutes)**
Budget Adjustments for December, 2008

The Superintendent reported on the recent sudden death of the Superintendent of the Harford County Public Schools, Dr. Jacqueline Haas. She expressed her sadness and asked for a moment