

Appointments

MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Justina J. Ferber, Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: ICB Representatives from the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals

The Council must confirm the appointment of the nominees of the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals to the Interagency Coordinating Board for Community Use of Public Facilities (ICB). These positions are nonvoting, ex officio members of the Board. The following names have been transmitted for Council confirmation of terms to run June 2009 to June 2013:

Ms. Laurie Gross, Principal of Somerset Elementary School, nominated by the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals to represent the elementary school principals

Mr. James Koutsos, Principal of Clarksburg High School, nominated by the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals to represent the secondary school principals

COUNCIL ACTION

Attached is a draft resolution for Council consideration.

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: Interagency Coordinating Board for Community Use of Public Facilities

Background

1. The Interagency Coordinating Board for Community Use of Public Facilities is established in Montgomery County Code Chapter 44-3.
2. Pursuant to the Code, members of the Interagency Coordinating Board designated by the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals are to be confirmed by the Montgomery County Council.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The following names are confirmed for appointment to the Interagency Coordinating Board for Community Use of Public Facilities:

Ms. Laurie Gross, Principal of Somerset Elementary School, nominated by the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals to represent the elementary school principals

Mr. James Koutsos, Principal of Clarksburg High School, nominated by the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals to represent the secondary school principals

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk
Montgomery County Council



INTERAGENCY COORDINATING BOARD

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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Director

MEMORANDUM

September 23, 2009

To: Council President Phil Andrew

From: Chairman Henry Lee
Interagency Coordinating Board

Subject: Confirmation of Appointments Made by Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals

Attached is a letter from Dr. Rebecca Newman designating Ms. Laurie Gross and Mr. James Koutsos as Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals' representatives to the Interagency Coordinating Board. Ms. Gross will represent elementary school principals and Mr. Koutsos will represent secondary school principals.

I fully support her recommendations and would like to mention that both candidates previously filled out terms of Boardmembers who departed mid-term. This will be Ms. Gross and Mr. Koutsos' first full-term appointment and will run from June 2009 until June 2013.

We look forward to their confirmation by the County Council.

Attachment



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MCAAP

Leading and Learning... Our Mission

Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals

September 16, 2009

Dr. Henry Lee, Chair
Community Use of Public Facilities
600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 300j
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Dr. Lee:

The purpose of this letter is to request that Mr. James Koutsos, Principal of Clarksburg High School, and Ms. Laurie Gross, Principal of Somerset Elementary School, be appointed as the principal representatives to the ICB Board. Mr. Koutsos and Ms. Gross have completed the terms of the two previous principals due to their need to resign from the Board.

In their role as principal representatives, they are charged with communicating with their principal peers at the elementary, middle and high school levels concerning the work of the ICB Board. They are also charged with bringing to the Board any topics or issues of importance to principals.

MCAAP is the organization that represents all administrators and principals in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and as the responsibility of nominating two of our members to serve on your Board. Principals know the importance of the work of the Board and we take our relationship with you and the Board very seriously.

Thank you for your assistance in these appointments. If there is any way that we can assist you and the Board, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Rebecca K. Newman

Rebecca K. Newman, Ed.D.
President
Montgomery Association of Administrators and Principals

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Education

- 1999-2001 Completion of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) coursework in Observing and Analyzing Teaching, Parts I and II, (Research for Better Teaching)
- 1977 Master of Arts, Trinity College, Washington, D.C.
Major: Special Education
- 1976 Master of Arts, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
Major: Reading
- 1971 Bachelor of Arts, The American University, Washington, D.C.
Major: Political Science Minor: Education

Certification

Advanced Professional Certificate
Secondary Principal and Supervisor
Special Education Supervisor
Special Education Principal
Reading Specialist K-12
Special Education K-12
Political Science 5-12
Social Studies 5-12

Work History

- 2002- Present Principal, Somerset Elementary School, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
- 2007-08 Trainer, MCPS; Principal trainer and evaluator of principal intern in the MCPS Principal Training Program
- 1994-2002 Principal, Fields Road Elementary, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
- 1999-2000 Trainer, MCPS; Principal trainer and evaluator of principal intern in the MCPS Principal Training Program
- 1993-94 Principal Trainee, Meadow Hall Elementary, Rockville, MD
- 1992-93 Assistant Principal, Watkins Mill Elementary, Gaithersburg, MD
- 1981-93 Assistant Supervisor, Special Education
- 1980-81 Teacher Specialist, Special Education and Related Services
- 1978-80 Special Education Resource Teacher, Walter Johnson H.S., Bethesda, MD
- 1977-78 Special Education Teacher, Connecticut
- 1976-77 ESSO Teacher, Walter Johnson H.S., Bethesda, MD
- 1972-76 Special Education Teacher, Mark Twain School, Rockville, MD

Administrative, Instructional and Community Outreach Experiences

[Laurie H Gross@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_H_Gross@mcpsmd.org)

- 2002-Present Principal of Somerset Elementary School, leading a highly performing and effective instructional program for a K-5 school. Our school maintains high academic standards, a warm, supportive environment for all students (general ed, ESOL, Home School Model), staff and parents.
- 2003-04 Managed renovation and return to newly building
- 1994-2002 Principal of Fields Road Elementary School, lead a highly effective instructional program for a diverse population, maintaining high academic standards, and providing a warm, supportive environment for students, staff and the community
- 1995-Present Member of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce Education Committee
- 1994-Present Secured Grants from the City of Gaithersburg Education Committee to support school programs: playground equipment, Homework Club, Summer Reading Camp, Math Camp among others
- 1995-Present Established Character Counts! as an integral part of the fabric of Fields Road Elementary School's community
Presented Analysis of Data at Frederick County Administrator's Summer Conference
- 1995-Present Established on-site day care and Kindergarten Enrichment programs at Fields Road
- 1993-94 Managed renovation planning and moving while a trainee at Meadow Hall Elementary School, Rockville, MD

Awards and Recognition

- Spring 2001 Montgomery County
- 2000 Maryland School Performance Recognition for Significant Academic Progress
- 2003-2005 Maryland School Performance Recognition for Student Achievement

Committees:

- ICB Board
- Elementary Principals Action Team (EPAT)
- OCTO PAG Liaison
- Joint Benefits Committee
- Joint Benefits Work Group
- Somerset Educational Foundation Board
- Elementary Cabinet Chapter Recording Secretary
- Hours Based Staffing Work Group

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EXPERIENCE

Founding Principal, Clarksburg High School

- Montgomery County Public Schools 2005 - Present
- Collaborated with students, parents, and staff to design and implement a shared vision that promotes leadership, expects scholarship, and fosters respectful, global relationships.
 - Coordinated the hiring and professional development of 4 administrators, 18 department chairs, 86 faculty members, and 45 instructional and facilities support staff.
 - Established a culture of high expectations for 1660 students, achieving a 70% strategic target for Honors/Advanced Placement course enrollment.
 - Infused a spirit of excellence recognized through eight annual teacher awards and 120 college scholarships totaling nearly \$2.5 million during the 2007-2008 school year.
 - Monitored the construction of a \$55 million public facility and the efficient spending of a \$2.2 million furniture and equipment budget, and \$750,000 annual operations budget.

Assistant Principal, Seneca Valley High School

- Montgomery County Public Schools 2003 – 2005
- Established a 9th Grade Academy through a U.S. Department of Education grant featuring interdisciplinary teaming and an incentive program rewarding student achievement.

Mathematics Chair, Assistant Principal, Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Middle School

- Montgomery County Public Schools 2000 – 2003
- Partnered with parents, local businesses, and community agencies to create a Saturday School program for reading and math intervention.

Mathematics Teacher, Varsity Football Coach

- Montgomery County Public Schools 1993 – 2000
- Lead Poolesville High School to consecutive playoff berths and a regional championship.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2008-2009 *Washington Post* Vincent E. Reed Principals Leadership Institute
- 2008 Superintendent's Silver Dollar Award for leadership
- 2008 Superintendent's Red Hat Recognition for leadership during a simulated school shooting drill in conjunction with multiple government agencies
- 1997 *Washington Post* Montgomery County League Football Coach of the Year
- 1994 Montgomery County Public Schools "New Teacher Welcome" Speaker

EDUCATION

- 2003 Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Maryland State Administrator II Certificate
- 2000 The George Washington University, Washington, DC
M.Ed., Secondary Education, Mathematics
- 1991 The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
BBA, Finance