BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 17, 2012

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF

EDUCATION POLICY 7460 - PURCHASES FROM MINORITY

BUSINESSES

ORIGINATOR: Renee A. Foose, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE

PERSON(S): Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed deletion of Policy 7460 – *Purchases from Minority Businesses*. This is the third reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis Attachment II – Policy 7460

POLICY ANALYSIS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7460 CONSTRUCTING – PURCHASES FROM MINORITY BUSINESSES

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Board of Education Policy 7460 is scheduled for review in school year 2011-2012. Policy 7460 addresses the authority of the Superintendent to implement procedures to increase minority business participation in board and state-funded construction projects. Staff is recommending that the policy be deleted because Policy 3200, *Purchases from Minority and Small Business Enterprises*, addresses the same procedures. As such, the policy is redundant and should be deleted.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the deletion of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

- 1. Board of Education Policy 3200, Purchases from Minority and Small Business Enterprises
- 2. Board of Education Policy 3210, Purchasing Guides

Legal Requirements

1. None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

- 1. Carroll County Board of Education, Policy FEGA, Minority Business Participation in Public School Construction Program Projects
- 2. Carroll County Board of Education, Policy DJE, *Bidding Limits*
- 3. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 18-0002-000, *Minority Business Enterprises Policy for State Funded Public School Construction*
- 4. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 4050, *Procurement of Materials, Supplies, Equipment, and Services*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – February 21, 2012 Public comment – March 6, 2012 Third reading/vote – April 17, 2012 NEW CONSTRUCTION: Constructing

Purchases from Minority Businesses

The Board of Education of Baltimore County supports the economic and minority business development goals of the State of Maryland. Additionally, the Board believes that diversity in economic development supports the county's tax base while contributing to the overall strength of our community.

Therefore, the Board directs the Superintendent to implement procedures to facilitate the increase of minority business participation in all Board of Education/State-funded contracts and to require that State-funded school construction and/or renovation projects be contracted with an attempt to achieve the current State of Maryland's minority business procurement participation goal on each of the said contracts. The award of these contracts shall be in accordance with the law's competitive bidding procedures.

The Board directs the Superintendent to report annually on the progress toward increased participation of minority enterprises in State-funded contracts.

Legal References: Annotated Code of Maryland

Education Article, §5-112

State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-302

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Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 3200, Purchases from

Minority and Small Business Enterprises; 3210,

Purchasing Services, Purchasing Guides

Policy Board of Education of Baltimore County

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