

PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY  
MAY 14, 1996**

Present: Richard L. Coss, President  
Daris Phillips, Democrat Member  
Charles L. Mobley, Jr. Republican Member  
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate  
Roger Schlossberg, Democrat Alternate  
Mark Brugh, Attorney  
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II  
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Richard introduced Mr. Frank Clopper, Project Coordinator, Kids' Voting.

**MINUTES:** Daris motioned and Dot seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 1996 be approved as submitted.

Frank Clopper explained how Kids' Voting was proceeding in Washington County. Teacher training will be conducted the week of May 20. There are 18,000 students in Washington County who will have the opportunity to participate in Kids' Voting in the November General Election. During June, each polling place will be surveyed by a team from Kids' Voting and if possible a representative from the Election Board. They anticipate each polling place to have a table and two voting booths. In those locations that have multiple precincts in one building, there will be only one Kids' Voting area. Ballots will be collected 3 times daily and counted at the Board of Education. A schedule will be set up for the surveys. Mr. Clopper left the meeting at 2:45 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Memo from Richard Parsons, Maryland Democratic Party, regarding the 6th District Convention Delegates was distributed. Since "uncommitted" received 15% of the vote, an uncommitted delegate would be selected. Since there were no uncommitted female delegates, the Democratic State Central Committee will fill the position on May 15, 1996.

Copies of the primary election returns were distributed.

Memo from the Washington County Delegation regarding any legislative requests for the 1997 session was distributed. Any requests must be submitted to the Delegation by October 1, 1996. Jim made a motion to table the matter until the next board meeting, Daris seconded the motion.

Memo from Joe Torre, SABEL, regarding the release of the voting machines was distributed.

Memos from Joe Torre regarding COMAR 14.02.02 Voter Registration and COMAR 14.02.07 Public Information Request were distributed. The changes have been approved and passed.

Memos from Rebecca Wicklund, SABEL, regarding the receipt of the Democratic and Republican Nominees for President and Vice President were distributed. The deadline for SABEL to receive the certifications is August 30, 1996.

Copies of the 1996 final legislation tracking charts were distributed.

Memo to Tom Surock, SABEL, regarding our questions about COMAR 14.02.02 was distributed. A response from Mary Lunden is in the mail.

Memo from Tom Surock regarding the placement of VRA's in Social Security Offices was distributed.

Copies of the SABEL minutes of March 27, 1996 were distributed.

Response to Julian Manelli, SABEL, regarding the Absentee Ballot Procedures was distributed.

Thank you note from Donald Munson was distributed.

Agenda for the State Board Meeting held May 1, 1996 was distributed.

Memo from Donna Duncan regarding the 1996 Presidential General Contest Titles was distributed.

Memo from the 1996 Nominating Committee for MAED was distributed. Dorothy informed the Board that the nominating committee is meeting May 16 in Charles County. Dorothy is a member of the committee and she and Kaye will be attending. Dorothy asked the Board if anyone was interested in serving as an officer or a member of the board. Jim Mobley will be running as a member of the Board of Directors.

Memo from Gene Raynor regarding the New Party Petitions was distributed. The Taxpayer's Party is trying to qualify as a New Political Party in Maryland. The staff is checking petitions now.

Copy of the revised agenda for the 1996 Annual MAED Meeting was distributed.

Roger Schlossberg was excused from the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Memo from Julian Manelli regarding the State Board Meeting to be held June 18, 1996 was distributed.

Memo from Rudy and Donna regarding the absentee ballot applications was distributed. The affidavit of voter has been removed from the applications. Revised applications have been received from SABEL.

Memo from Rod Shoop, County Administrator, regarding the Washington County Home Page was distributed. The information will be available on the computer at the library.

Dorothy distributed information regarding allegations in Texas that blind people are not guaranteed a secret ballot. Dorothy distributed copies of Roger Schlossberg's new post office box.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dorothy distributed layouts of Frederick County's office space. Frederick County has a total of 4,500 sq. ft. Carroll County has 840 sq. ft. of office space. Dorothy will contact Rosemary and ask how much room she has for storage. We will survey the Charles County Office while attending the nominating committee meeting on May 16.

A demonstration of the OPTTECH III-P Eagle was held on April 26 at North Hagerstown High School for ninth grade students.

Mark informed the Board that by statute the absentee ballots must be counted in the office or in circuit court. Therefore, absentee ballots will continue to be counted in the conference room.

Dorothy informed the Board that we had received new work tables for the office.

Dorothy distributed copies of the estimated cost of the primary election. A total of 15,327 persons voted for a cost of \$3.18 per voter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dorothy informed the Board that Janet Buchanan will be visiting the office on May 17 at 9:30 am.

The office will remain open on June 17 - 19, 1996.

Next meeting June 11, 1996.

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Daris to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 PM.

Sincerely,



Kaye E. Robucci  
Deputy Election Director I