

## Rethinking CASE



**John Desmone,**  
**Executive Director**

You may recall that earlier this year, all CASE member eligible employees were asked to vote on whether to split the current bargaining unit or keep it as it is currently structured. Approximately 80% of those voting favored the split and so proposed legislation started its way through the state house and senate delegations. The Thursday before the end of the session, both chambers

approved the bill that separated the unit between those whose jobs require an MSDE certificate (the original CASE unit) and those "non-certificated" employees whose job does not. The bill was signed into law by the governor with an effective date for implementation of July 1, 2013. At least for the short term, it is the hope of the CASE staff that we will be able to continue to represent both units.

## Joining CASE

This is the perfect time to become active in CASE as we must now begin to plan for how the new units will look. We will need everyone's help and support as we work through this process. CASE is planning to hold some discussion group sessions over the summer at various locations around the county to get member input on preferred options before we sit down with the Board of Education to finalize the two units and their respective composition. I would encourage every eligible employee to come to one of these sessions. If you are unable to attend but have some thoughts about what you'd like to see, be sure to send them my way.

## Gratitude

Regardless of how this all falls out, we owe a great deal of thanks to the CASE Board of Directors who have been so diligent in their service to the organization over the last 5 years. I'd also like to express my gratitude to Senator Klausmeier and Delegate Jones, for sponsoring the various bills over that period of time and for seeing the amendment process through to final passage this year. Finally, a thank you to Mr. John Stierhoff of Venable for his expertise and hard work throughout the legislative process.

## Spring 2012 Legislative Reception



Senator Katherine Klausmeier  
and John Desmone



Councilwoman Cathy Bevins  
with Councilman David Marks



Orrester Shaw (Education Liaison to County Executive, Kevin Kamenetz), David Marks, John Desmone, and Stephen Lafferty



Councilwoman Vicki Almond



## ***Chuck Meyer Joins CASE***



We are pleased to introduce Chuck Meyer as the CASE Member Services Representative assisting in all areas of member grievances and concerns. Chuck Meyer brings over 30 years of experience and involvement in public education with the Harford, Howard, and Baltimore County school systems.

Beginning his career as a fifth grade teacher in Harford County, he progressed to fulfilling the roles of Guidance Counselor and Assistant Principal before becoming a Supervisor of Special Education for Howard County Public Schools in 1988. He then worked in Baltimore County, serving as Principal of Battle Monument School for eleven years. While working in Baltimore County, he served on the Association of Elementary Supervisors and Administrators (AESA) Executive Board, representing them on the CASE Negotiating Team that agreed upon the current salary scale.

In addition to serving for CASE, Mr. Meyer currently is a Lecturer, Associate Graduate Faculty, and Undergraduate Advisor for the Special Education Department at Towson University. He graduated from Towson University in 1973 with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education in Elementary Education in 1976. In 1978, he earned a Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education, Administration and Supervision from Johns Hopkins University.

Contact Chuck at [memberservices@case-bcps.org](mailto:memberservices@case-bcps.org) or 443.653.2296.

## ***Open Enrollment: July 1 through August 30, 2012***

Start off the school year equipped for success. Applicants requesting membership during open enrollment will be guaranteed full benefits immediately! See enclosed application.

## ***CASE Scholarship Awards***

This year the CASE scholarships were awarded in honor of Dr. Joe A. Hairston in recognition of his years of service to Baltimore County. Congratulations to the following: Aiden Piper, Kelsey Wirtz, Mary Somerville, Mitchell Giller, Elizabeth Martin, Timothy Bender, Austin Thim and Stephen Grabner.

## **Coming Events**

### ***A&S Meeting***

August 17, 2012

### ***General Meeting***

October 16, 2012

### ***Executive Board Meetings***

September 11, 2012

November 13, 2012

January 15, 2013