



Board of Education of Harford County  
Budget Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2019

Call to Order

Mr. Seccurro called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Committee Members Present

Scott Bachman	Dick Calvert
Michelle Francis	Dion Guthrie
Joe Lambdin	Bill Seccurro
Jim Thornton	

HCPS Staff and Board Members Present

Eric Clark, Director of Budget for Business Services

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Calvert and a second by Mr. Lambdin to accept the 3/13/19 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written. Ms. Francis will submit the approved minutes to Ms. Schmid for posting for public review.

Old Business

A. January Recommendations to the Board of Education

- Kirwan Commission Updates:
  - \$8.9MM from 6 different buckets:
    - Pre-K
    - Special Education
    - Mental Health
    - Concentration of Poverty
    - Teacher Incentive
    - Reading Deficiency
  - Funding for 53 teachers – new hires will be specific to 1 of the 6 buckets above and will not be for classroom teachers (but about half will be in the elementary schools).
  - Kirwan will not add to MOE going forward.
  - Funds are not likely to be available prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> as the Governor must sign to release the money and the Governor can also veto the bill.
  - Difficult to finalize the budget if there is no guarantee the money will be available.
  - Pensions are one year behind salaries, so they will increase the following year.
  - Unsure if Kirwan will come to fruition in FY 2020.
- Block Scheduling versus 7 Period Day:
  - Believe no action being taken at this time on this recommendation
  - May be difficult to change at this point
  - May have to track down effect for students as some courses may be only offered every other year
  - Determine if it is really improving academic performance. Unsure if that has been reviewed or not.
- Staff Reductions:
  - 53 teachers have been put back in the budget because of state and formula grants (\$650k)
  - 7% increase from transportation grant

- Discussions regarding teachers being able to teach other classes (outside of their major) for 2 years (but they must start taking courses in the other areas to become certified).
- Younger teachers that just graduated may not want to take additional courses to be certified to teach another subject.
- 21-22 vacancies are in Special Education.
- The superintendent has stated that any additional funding from the County Executive will go to secondary schools.
- Surrounding counties are hiring teachers.
- Some courses cut were obscure AP courses
- Board of Education Budget - \$5MM added to Superintendent's Budget
  - September 30<sup>th</sup> Report of Enrollment:
    - About 6,000 empty seats by 2025
    - Slight gains in Elementary
  - APF shut down Wakefield and Emmorton (no additional permits can be accepted).
  - Capacity is determined every two years by state driven formula (room size).
  - County and school system looking into 5 year strategic planning.
  - Executive Director role is to keep consistency across schools.
  - Dual enrollment is a big push by the Superintendent and enrollment is down at Harford Community College (so there is capacity).
- B. No meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> since there are no last minute changes to the Budget.

New Business

- A. CAC Charter and Future of Committee
  - New Board will be comprised of 6 elected and 3 appointed members and can decide if the CAC should remain in place
  - Committee members are eligible for another 4 year term
  - Mr. Seccurro suggests those members on the Audit Committee should be able to stay on the committee and those interested in remaining on the CAC follow the current charter (6 appointed by Board members and 3 from the Audit Committee)
  - The following individuals are interested and willing to continue for another 4 year term:
    - Mr. Bachman                      Mr. Guthrie
    - Mr. Lambdin                      Mr. Seccurro
    - Mr. Thornton
  - The following individual will not serve another term:
    - Mr. Calvert                      Ms. Francis
  - Mr. Seccurro will contact the following members to see if they are willing to serve another term or not:
    - Mr. Beynon                      Mr. MacMillian
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Adjourn

With no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.