



In the Loop



Harford County Public Schools

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The Board of Education of Harford County met in an open business meeting on Monday, November 23, 2009, in the Board Room of the HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building and took the following actions or received the following presentations:

- Recognized:
 - The induction of [Audrey E. Solomon](#) into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame as the 146th member.
 - The [2009-10 Maryland Distinguished Scholar Award](#) winners – Alex Hutcheson and Drew Thatcher, both seniors at C. Milton Wright High School; and Jacob Silverman, senior at Patterson Mill High School.
 - The [2010 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists](#) – Carlos Arguero and Conner Morrison, both seniors of the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School; and Alex Hutcheson, senior at C. Milton Wright High School.
 - The [artist of the 2009 HCPS Board of Education Holiday Card](#) – Arren Gapasin, sophomore at Havre de Grace High School.
- Received a [partnership award](#) from the Greater Edgewood Education Foundation given by Deb Merlock for five continued years of dedicated service for our students.
- [Unveiled two Superintendent framed portraits](#) that will be displayed on the wall in the Board room commemorating past leaders of Harford County Public Schools. Former Interim Superintendent Patricia L. Skebeck and Dr. Robert Tomback were recognized.
- Honored the life and legacy of former Board President Dr. Percy V. Williams by reading a [proclamation](#) and taking a moment of silence.
- Approved the recommendation that the Board of Education participate on the County Council's Funding Commission. Mr. John Smilko and Mr. Don Osman will represent the Board on the Commission.
- Approved Option 3 of the [scope study](#) for Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School.
- Approved Option 3 of the [scope study](#) for the John Archer School addition to Bel Air Middle School.
- Approved the Superintendent's recommendation for [amendments](#) to the FY11 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) prior to submission to the Harford County Government and the State Interagency Committee (IAC). Click here to access the approved [CIP Master List](#). The new State request is \$28,611,950 and the Local request is \$40,379,065 with a total revised request of \$68,991,015.
- Approved the deletion of the [Disposal of Land, School Sites or Buildings Policy \(#20-0021-000\)](#) due to its repetitive nature in regards to existing statutory and regulatory language.
- Approved the revised policy entitled [Disposal of Personal Property Policy \(#20-0022-000\)](#), formerly references as [Disposal of Property Policy \(#20-0022-000\)](#).
- Appointed Mr. Ed Herbold to Acting Principal of North Harford High School. Mr. Herbold will serve in this capacity until the end of this school year. In addition, the Board recognized Dr. Dave Thomas for his 32 years of service to Harford County Public Schools as he retires effective December 1, 2009.
- Received a [presentation](#) on Aligning Enrollment with Capacity in regards to the official September 30, 2009 enrollment and projection data.
- Received a presentation regarding [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) staffing and class size.
- Received a [presentation](#) regarding the proposed deletion of Board Policy No. 20-0020-000 entitled [School Site Size](#).
- Received a presentation regarding the proposed deletion of Board Policy No. 20-0019-000 entitled [Student Transportation – Use of Personal Vehicles for Student Transportation](#) due to its repetitive nature in regards to existing statutory and regulatory language.
- Received an update on the [Elementary Redistricting](#) process during the Superintendent's Report.

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