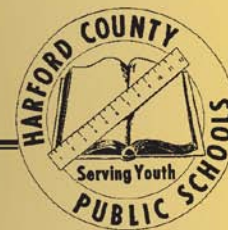




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The Board of Education of Harford County met in an open business meeting on Monday, December 19, 2011, in the Board Room of the HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building and took the following the actions or received the following presentations:

- Recognized the following:
 - HCPS Hall of Fame – [Donna E. Lewis](#)
 - Wendy's High School Heisman Award National Finalist, [Danielle King](#), C. Milton Wright High School
 - 2011 HCPS Board of Education Holiday Card, [Brandon Daugherty](#), Bel Air Middle School
- Allowed the Superintendent to release the following statement regarding the County Executive's one-time stipend for county employees:

"As you may be aware, in an announcement made last Friday morning, the County Executive vetoed the line item appropriation to fund the school system employees' one-time stipend that had been approved by the County Council. The payroll had already been processed for the four bargaining units that had previously signed an agreement for receipt of the stipend. Per an agreement with the county regarding the distribution of funds, the school system forward-funded payment with the understanding that reimbursement from the county would follow. The Board will not seek to recall the payment from the employees. As more information becomes available, we will notify our employees immediately."
- Approved the Consent Agenda:
 - Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - December 5, 2011
 - December 12, 2011
 - [Monthly Report on Personnel](#)
 - Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Bargaining Units Regarding Distribution of Stipend
 - Memorandum of Understanding – HCESC
 - [Proposed Resolutions:](#)
 - African-American History Month/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - Maryland Reading Month
 - National Mentoring Month
 - Decision on Contracts:
 - [Decision on Contract Award for Chiller Replacement at Homestead Elementary School Building](#)
 - [Decision on Contract Amendment for Emergency Contact Messaging Communication Service](#)
- With Sheriff Jesse Bane in attendance signifying the Harford County Sheriff's Office partnership with HCPS regarding the cybersafety initiative, approved the Board policy (Policy No. 24-0006-000) [Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment or Intimidation of Students](#).
- Approved the Legislative Platform item regarding Partial Student Voting Rights for the Student Representative to the Board of Education of Harford County.
- Received a presentation on the Elementary, Middle and High School [Staffing and Class Size Report](#).
 - Elementary School – class sizes of 25 or less in most schools due to the successful redistricting; no classes of 30 or more
 - Middle School – enrollment constant, majority of classes are under 25 students, those classes that are over 25 are band, chorus and special areas
 - High School -- all high schools have average class sizes of 25 or below

- Received a presentation on the Recommended [FY13 Operating Budget](#).
- Received the Superintendent's Report which:
 - Introduced a presentation by Wayne Thibeault, principal at Patterson Mill Middle-High School, Marlene Molter, principal at C. Milton Wright High School, and Larissa Santos, principal at Edgewood High School all of whom traveled to China with Superintendent Tomback with the goal of expanding the world language program in Harford County.
 - Mr. Sam Carnucci, of the HCPS Purchasing Department, successfully completed and passed the Certified Public Purchasing and Buying exam.
 - Offered congratulations to Dyann Mack, assistant principal at Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School, on being named National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP). This organization traditionally selects an assistant principal of the year at the state level, but new this year, the recipient is recognized at the national level. The presentation of the MAESP Assistant Principal of the Year Award is being sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the Pearson Foundation. Ms. Mack will receive complimentary registration to the assistant principals' conference and the annual conference in Ocean City, April 26-28, 2012 (includes registration and lodging for two nights). The NAESP is committed to preparing assistant principals to step into the principal role. Recognition for the exceptional leadership of the men and women who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of elementary schools instills pride in their accomplishments and reinforces their leadership in helping children develop a lifelong love of learning.