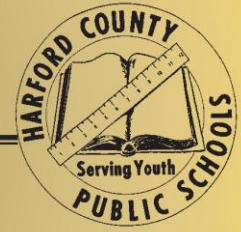




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The Board of Education of Harford County met for a public budget work session on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in the Board Room of the HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building and received the following presentations:

- Received public comment on the Superintendent's [Proposed FY13 Operating Budget](http://www.hcps.org/budget). (www.hcps.org/budget)
- Participated in Budget Discussion #2. Below you will find some of the highlights from that discussion:
 - Began the presentation with the Utility Resource Management section of the budget. Accomplishments for FY2011 include:
 - Alternative Energy Installations
 - Lighting upgrades of energy efficient equipment at six schools
 - Received \$267,058 in BGE Smart Energy Rebates
 - Discussed the partnership with County Government on numerous projects with respect to Technology in order to conserve resources.
 - The Food Services Department is a self-sustaining enterprise meaning they receive no funding from the operating budget.
 - The Capital Budget was approved by the Board in November 2011 totaling \$15,706,131 and is included for informational purposes in the budget book.
 - The Pension section of the proposed budget may need to be amended based on the Governor's proposed budget. Prior to this announcement by the Governor this week, the Superintendent's Proposed Budget estimated that the State Aid to Local School Systems would be \$33,360,568. Projecting costs based on the new legislation proposed shifting half of the pension costs to local school systems, HCPS could be facing an approximately \$8.3 million shortfall.
 - Eligibility changes were made in the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) fund establishing a three tiered structure for benefit pay-outs based on years of continuous service.

Tonight's meeting is the last budget work session to be held regarding the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY13. The Board is scheduled to vote on the budget on Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.