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December 15, 2014

The Board of Education of Harford County met for an open business meeting at 6:30pm in the Board Room of the A. A. Roberty Building and took the following actions and received the following presentations:

- [Recognitions](#)
 - 2014 HCPS Board of Education Holiday Card
 - Artwork by Anaiya Watkins, Magnolia Elementary School
 - Music by Myia Johnson, Patterson Mill High School
 - 2015 Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Teacher of the Year Award
 - Ms. Jessica Willson, Adapted Physical Education, John Archer
 - 2014-15 Simon McNeely Award Winners
 - Debbie Bosler, Edgewood High School
 - Brandan Buerhaus, Southampton Middle School
 - Wendy Feight, North Harford Middle School
- Board Comments
- Public Comment
 - Barbara Durso, Church Creek Elementary School- 1st grade teacher celebrating a student's perseverance to achieve his goals.
 - Ryan Burbey, HCEA- Address student fundraising and the pressures felt by students being asked to do so, the distraction it created for him as a teacher, and his reaction as a parent.
 - Rachel Gauthier- Encourage Board to have courageous conversations. Provide steps to teachers.
 - Bruce Hoy- Retired community member encouraging Board to provide steps to teachers and ensure teachers stay.
 - Louanne Calvin- Teacher feeling discouraged and wants to know that the Board, "has her back." She is committing to attend County Council meetings and sharing these same sentiments with the County Executive.
- Old Business: Consent Agenda



- [Monthly Report on Personnel](#)
- [Award of Monthly Contracts](#)
- Minutes of previous Board Meeting: December 8, 2014
- [Surplus of Board Property](#): Maryland Route 462 (Paradise Road) in Aberdeen, MD
- North Harford Elementary School – [Baseball Diamond Modification](#)
- Patterson Mill Middle/High School - [School Dugouts](#)
- C. Milton Wright High School – [Student Memorial](#)
- New Business: Presentations
 - Presentation on Recruitment and Retention by Mrs. Jean Mantegna
 - Presentation of the [Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget for FY2016](#), by Superintendent Barbara Canavan and Mr. Jim Jewell
 - Presentation – [Harford County Education Association](#) (HCEA), by Mr. Ryan Burbey
- Superintendent's Report
 - Thank you to administrators in attendance. Provided an opportunity for Mrs. Mantegna and Mr. Snyder to respond to Mr. Burbey's presentation. Reiterated the purpose of annual school visits, open dialogue and continuous improvement and collaboration. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday!

The next Board of Education business meeting will be held **Monday, January 7, 2015 at 6:30pm**. All Board meetings are held in the A. A. Roberty Building. To access all future meeting dates and agendas, log onto the school system website at www.hcps.org.

