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September 21, 2015

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

- Superintendent Comments
- Board Comments
- Public Comments (please see the archive video for public comments)
- Old Business:
 - Approved Consent Agenda:
 - [Affirmation of Monthly Contracts](#)
 - Award of Contract: Department of Special Education
 - Decision on Appointment of Negotiating Teams for 2016-17 School Year
 - [Strategic Plan Committee – Membership Approval](#)
 - Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 17, 2015
 - Approved Appointment and Promotions by Mrs. Jean Mantegna
 - Approved [Decision on FY17 Capital Improvement Program](#) by Mr. Cornell Brown, Ms. Arianna Langford, Ms. Patti Jo Beard and Mr. Chris Morton
- New Business:
 - Presentations:
 - [Presentation of Automated Transportation Routing Software](#) by Mr. Cornell Brown, Mr. Charlie Taibi, Mr. Matt Bedsaul and Ms. Danielle Lister
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Aberdeen High school was recognized by Newsweek magazine as a school that excels in preparing its students for college while overcoming the obstacles of an economically disadvantaged population. The list, "Beating the Odds," ranks schools based on performance while also controlling for student poverty rates. Aberdeen High made the list at number 480 of 500 public high schools, chosen from 26,000 schools across the U.S.



- Learning Forward Maryland (LFMD), an organization that strives to strengthen leaders nationally and internally through professional learning and development, has announced that Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is the recipient of its 2015 Educators as Innovators Excellence Award in recognition of the school system's 2015 Professional Learning Conference. The HCPS Professional Learning Conference was a groundbreaking endeavor in that it featured an exemplary array of in-depth sessions focusing on content, cultural proficiency, innovative uses of technology, and differentiated approaches to instruction for teachers and staff working with students Pre-k through 12th grade. The keynote sessions were designed to be inspiring, and the workshops and sessions were presented in a variety of formats to meet the needs of teachers' learning styles and provide them with a wealth of opportunities for professional networking. HCPS welcomed university instructors; vendors; and other local, state and national educators to share their knowledge and expertise during the two-day conference. More than 500 interactive presentations were offered to HCPS employees in an online course catalog. The quantity and quality of the session offerings demonstrated the school system's commitment to providing valuable professional development. Teachers and support staff were able to design an individualized schedule of sessions during the conference that best aligned with the needs of their students and their professional interests.
- The Greater Excellence in Education Foundation was able to hold the 5K and mile walk to benefit technology resources in our schools last Saturday, despite the rain. I had a wonderful time at the event and look forward to hearing from GEEF about the results of their efforts- it was a very fun night!

The next Board of Education business meeting will be held **Monday, September 28, 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.

