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## April 25, 2016

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:

- o Board Committee Reports and Comments
- o Public Comment
- Old Business:
  - Consent Agenda:
    - Monthly Report on Personnel
    - Non-Retention Report 2016
    - Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: April 11, 2016
    - <u>Affirmation of Monthly Contracts</u>
    - <u>Contract Award: Cogent Communication Internet Service</u>
    - <u>2015-16 Calendar Waiver Adjustment</u>
    - <u>School/Organization Sponsored Project Southampton Middle School</u> <u>Landscape Buffer</u>
- New Business:
  - Presentation: 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session, Mrs. Kathy Carmello
    - o Board Informational Report
    - o <u>PowerPoint Presentation</u>
  - Presentation: Office of Accountability Mr. Phillip Snyder, Supervisor of Accountability, Mrs. Sara Saacks, Assistant Supervisor of Accountability, Mrs. BangTam Miller, Coordinator of Accountability, Mrs. Stefanie Mircovich, Instructional Data Specialist
    - o Board Informational Report
    - <u>PowerPoint Presentation</u>
  - Superintendent's Report



• First, I would like to congratulate our high schools that have been named to the Washington Post's, America's Most Challenging High Schools, which ranks schools through an index formula that's a ratio of the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. Given this criteria, 9 of our high schools, Aberdeen, Bel Air, C. Milton Wright, Edgewood, Fallston, Havre de Grace, Joppatowne, North Harford and Patterson Mill were recognized and we wish to congratulate them at this time. I do think it's important to note Harford Technical High School provides technical curriculum that is unique to Harford Tech which can create scheduling challenges that contribute to the fact that they are not included on the list this year. But we are very proud of all of our high schools and know that each one provides a challenging education for our students! Second, I'd like to remind everyone that next Tuesday, May 3, we will be celebrating with the Interim State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jack Smith and his guests from the state as they recognize North Harford Elementary as a Maryland Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. We are very proud of North Harford Elementary School and look forward to seeing many of you at the event!

The next Board of Education business meeting will be held **Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m**. 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 <u>www.hcps.org</u>.

