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November 6, 2017

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:

- Board Committee Reports and Comments
- Public Comment
- Old Business:
 - Consent Agenda
 - Contract Award: Cleaning Supplies, Equipment and Custodial Related Services and Solutions
 - Minutes of October 23, 2017
- New Business:
 - Presentations from Citizen Advisory Committees:
 - Career and Technology Education Committee: Mr. Robert Limpert, Supervisor of Business, Technology, and Magnet Programs, Ms. Katie Campbell, CTE Curriculum Specialist, Ms. Patrice J. Ricciardi, Committee Chairperson
 - <u>Career and Technology Education Board Informational</u>
 <u>Report</u>
 - Career and Technology Education Annual Report
 - Family Life Education Committee: Mr. Joseph Harbert, Supervisor of Elementary/Middle Physical Education/Adapted PE/Health
 - Family Life Education Board Informational Report
 - o Family Life Education Annual Report
 - Special Education Committee: Dr. Susan Austin, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Dawn Markovic, Committee Chairperson
 - Special Education Board Informational Report
 - Special Education Annual Report
 - Board Discussion on the FY19 Operating Budget- Board Member Priorities and Parameters



Superintendent's Report: This budget has been worked on since the beginning of July and we have gotten a lot of input on it. I would like to remind my colleagues on the Board that we meet frequently with you. twice a month and sometimes more, and we do listen to what you have to say and what your priorities are. In building this budget we are very sensitive to those priorities. I think that when the budget is presented on December 18, you will be pleasantly surprised. I think that it is important for the community to know we are not going to go upstairs tomorrow morning and start to create a budget; we've been doing working on it since July. The Board will see how connected the issues are that were brought up tonight are how they are reflected in this budget. I do want to remind you that there are some heavy-duty items in this budget; healthcare, which increases every year: the salary package is enormous and the employees deserve it. We have worked hard to make sure employees have been compensated. I think that it is important for me to say that I felt left out of this conversation tonight. With that being said, I listened very intently and it's my conclusion that everybody sitting up here wants what is best for kids and what is best for every employee in the system. This is the note we need to end on. I am going to present an instructionally sound budget that provides for a safe, secure and embracing atmosphere for children and employees.

The next Board of Education business meeting will be held **Monday, November 13, 2017 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 www.hcps.org.

