

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the meetings of the Board of Education of Harford County. The video recordings of the meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be viewed at: <http://www.hcps.org/boe/livestream/>. Informational reports are located at: <https://www.hcps.org/boe/boardmeetingschedules.aspx>

Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum of the Board was confirmed. All Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Bailey and Dr. Mueller, whom both had an excused absence.

Ms. Gauthier read the following statement:

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted in a virtual fashion, with Board members, required staff and presenters in attendance via teleconference. There is limited public access to the A. A. Roberty Building, 102 S. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014. The agenda and materials are available on www.hcps.org under Board of Education meetings. In light of the logistical/technological issues involved with allowing public comment, it is anticipated that the Board will vote to waive the requirement that the Board receive in-person public comment, and that, in substitution for in-person public comment, the Board will receive public comment as more fully described in the attached public comment notice dated April 26, 2021. The Audio Live Stream is available on HCPS.ORG/BOE/LIVESTREAM.

Adoption of Agenda

President Robinson called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gauthier and adopted in a voice vote 7/0. Ms. Bailey and Dr. Mueller were absent.

Item A. Request to Waive, In Part, Provisions of Policy 22-0008-000 - Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to waive, in part, provisions of Policy 22-0008-000 - Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings and to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the same. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gauthier and approved in a voice vote 7/0. Ms. Bailey and Dr. Mueller were absent.

Item B. Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Item C. Public Comments

Speakers were virtually invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record. Public comment parameters were approved earlier in the evening to be adjusted in accordance with Board policy as shared in the Board notice of public comment participation (number 8 in the public comment participation notice) due to the number of registered speakers. Speakers were informed prior to the meeting of the adjustment via their registered emails. Board members wanted to ensure each registered speaker had an opportunity to speak within the two (2) hour public comment time frame. Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments at the Board meeting.

Item D. Consent Agenda

President Robinson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda:

1. Monthly Personnel Report - March 2021
2. Non-Renewal Recommendations
3. Appointment of Membership to the Board of Education's Audit Committee
4. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: April 12, 2021

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Herold and the consent agenda was approved in a voice vote 7/0. Ms. Bailey and Dr. Mueller were absent.

Item E. Update on Continuity of Learning

Superintendent Bulson, Mr. Mike O'Brien, Executive Director of Middle and High School Performance and Ms. Renee Villareal, Executive Director of Elementary Education gave an update on current percentage of return to in person learning four (4) days a week students. HCPS will continue the four (4) day a week model until the end of this school year for all students that have chosen to return to in school learning. HCPS is preparing for school next year with summer options and virtual school options being offered. Mrs. Karwacki requested that the Board receive an updated report of school enrollment numbers by school and a report on school boundary exceptions by type. Mr. Bernard Hennigan, Executive Director of Student Services stated he would provide the requested information to the whole Board.

Please see archived video for full discussion.

Item F. Update: Equity Policy Implementation Procedures

Dr. Paula Stanton, Manager of Equity and Cultural Proficiency, presented an update on Equity Policy Implementation Procedures. The update included: the make-up of the three stakeholder groups that helped develop our procedures for the Equity Policy that the Board adopted in December 2020, the four (4) focus equity areas identified by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) which are Academic Achievement and Growth, Leadership and Human Capital, School Climate and Culture, and Educator and Staff Capacity. Dr. Stanton also shared the committee work being done, the questions that were asked to the student advisory council for feedback and the next steps and tentative outline for the next presentation to the Board.

No formal action was taken.

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Item G. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's report was provided.

Dr. Bulson thanked the community for their input and comments regarding balancing enrollment. HCPS has been listening and will continue to do so.

Dr. Bulson congratulated Ms. Lauren Byrd of Hickory Elementary School for being named the 2021 HCPS Teacher of the Year and congratulated all the finalists.

Dr. Bulson congratulated Mr. James Grant, Social Studies teacher at Fallston High School, for being awarded a \$24,000 James Madison Fellowship from the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. Mr. Grant will be able to use the money for work on a master's degree through Georgetown University. He is only the second HCPS Social Studies teacher to receive this honor.

Dr. Bulson congratulated, Dr. Peter Carpenter, Supervisor of Personalized Learning & Leadership Development, for being named the Outstanding Educator in Gifted and Talented Education as a local school or school system program coordinator, and as part of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Advisory Council.

Dr. Bulson shared a reminder that applications for the Blended Virtual Learning Program are accessible on www.hcps.org. Applications are due by May 5, 2021 so please apply by then.

Dr. Bulson asked the community to help spread the word that Prekindergarten applications, kindergarten registration, kindergarten early entrance applications, and advanced placement to first grade applications will be available May 7, 2021 to view and print on the www.hcps.org website.

Dr. Bulson shared that high school students received communication on April 21, 2021 regarding graduation ceremony information.

Dr. Bulson congratulated Ms. Karen Cunningham, School Counselor at Edgewood Elementary School, for her achievement in being acknowledged as a Recognized American School Counseling Association Model Program (RAMP) School. This is the very first such recognition in Harford County Public schools. Ms. Cunningham has worked tirelessly for the last four (4) years to obtain this recognition which not only recognizes her school but shines a light on the great work of our entire HCPS school counseling team.

Please see archived video for full report

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Sean W. Bulson, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer

Jansen M. Robinson, Board President
Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
BUSINESS MEETING – April 26, 2021 – 6:30PM

The Board of Education of Harford County Business Meeting will be held on April 26, 2021 at 6:30PM with only Board Members, staff, and presenters in attendance virtually. The meeting will be streamed live *and* archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

Public Comment Participation Call-In Process

Community members who wish to provide comments during the *Public Comments* segment of the Business meeting are required to register by completing this form [Public Comment Registration Form](#).

Registrations **must** be received by **9:00AM on Monday, April 26, 2021**. All fields on the registration form **must** be completed.

- First and Last name
 - Mailing Address
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
1. Registered speakers will receive an email from HCPS with a Call-in Phone # and a Conference ID #.
 2. Registered speakers are required to call-in and enter the conference ID# at **6:30PM on Monday, April 26, 2021**.
 3. **Important: If you are unable to take your phone off mute, you may need to dial *6.**
 4. All speakers, regardless of affiliation, will receive 3-minutes per speaker. Speakers may be interrupted and be given notice when they have 30 seconds left. When speakers have reached their 3-minute mark, callers will be removed from the meeting.
 5. The Board has allotted two-hours for the *Public Comments* segment of the Business meeting.
 6. If you are admitted from the virtual lobby to the meeting within the two-hour time constraint, you will be placed on hold and greeted by an HCPS staff member when it is time to begin your public comment. Expected hold time may vary based on number of registered speakers. **The maximum wait time in the lobby is 30 minutes; should you be disconnected please call back.**
 7. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person.
 8. In accordance with Board policy, if the number of speakers impede the ability of the Board to complete scheduled business, the Board reserves the right to reduce the amount of time allotted per speaker, or overall time allotted for public comment.
 9. The Board expects that all comments will be submitted with the decorum and respect appropriate to the conduct of public business.
 10. Topics such as personnel matters, pending appeals, specific student disciplinary matters or which constitute commercial solicitations are not permitted.
 11. Disparaging comments, personal attacks, and inflammatory remarks about specific schools or personnel are not permitted. Speakers who engage in these comments will be reminded of the rules and the Board reserves the right to remove the speaker from the call.
 12. All public comments submitted will be part of the records maintained by the Board office.

Speakers are reminded that public comments are considered public information and, as such, are subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.