

PUBLIC  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

*The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the above meeting of the Board of Education of Harford County. The video recordings of the Board 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>*

Open Session

The Board of Education of Harford County met in open session in hybrid format in person and via video teleconference on Monday, February 14, 2022. President Rachel Gauthier called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Board Members Present

All Board members were present with the exception of Mr. Jansen Robinson and Ms. Kanae Holcomb, who were absent.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Ariane Kelly, Dr. Roy Phillips, and Dr. Carol Mueller

Virtual attendance: Dr. David Bauer, Mrs. Rachel Gauthier, Dr. Joyce Herold, Mrs. Sonja Karwacki, and Ms. Patrice Ricciardi

Motion, Second and Vote

Dr. David Bauer made a motion to waive public comment in its entirety in light of the limited nature of the open session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a voice vote 8-0.

Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon a motion by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Dr. Mueller, by unanimous vote of the Board members present, the Board of Education of Harford County met in closed session in a hybrid fashion.

Closed Session

Board Members Present

All Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Kanae Holcomb, who was absent.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Ariane Kelly, Dr. Roy Phillips, and Dr. Carol Mueller

Virtual attendance: Dr. David Bauer, Mrs. Rachel Gauthier, Dr. Joyce Herold, Mrs. Sonja Karwacki, Ms. Patrice Ricciardi, and Mr. Jansen Robinson

Note: Mr. Jansen Robinson joined the meeting virtually after the roll call was taken

Staff Present:

Dr. Sean Bulson, Superintendent

Dr. Eric Davis, Chief of Administration

Dr. Mae Alfree, Director of Staff and Labor Relations

John Burke, Esq., Staff Attorney

Eric Clark, Director of Budget

Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Patrick P. Spicer, Esq., General Counsel

Yvonne Rallo, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

In-person attendance: Dr. Sean Bulson, Dr. Eric Davis, John Burke, Esq., Patrick Spicer, Esq., and Mrs. Yvonne Rallo

Virtual attendance: Dr. Mae Alfree, Mr. Eric Clark, Ms. Deborah Judd, and Mr. Ben Richardson

The Board of Education met in closed session for the purposes of discussing:

Topic: Discussion and possible decision regarding parameters for negotiations with bargaining units.

Reason for Closed Session: To maintain confidentiality of potential parameters, if any, of negotiation with bargaining units and discussions related thereto.

Mr. Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, introduced Ms. Mae Alfree, Director of Staff and Labor Relations who updated the Board on negotiations with the different bargaining units. Mr. Richardson, Ms. Alfree, Ms. Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Mr. Eric Clark, Director of Budget, were available to answer the Board questions.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Topic: Presentation of background/qualifications of persons recommended by the Superintendent for the following position: Coordinator of Title I.

Reason for Closed Session: To preserve the privacy and confidentiality of information regarding the nominee. Mr. Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources led a discussion and presentation regarding the proposed candidate for the position of Coordinator of Title I

No formal action was taken by the Board.

#### Adjournment

With no further business, Ms. Ricciardi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and with Board consensus, the closed session adjourned at 5:33 PM.

#### Business Meeting

##### Call to Order / Roll Call

President Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Ariane Kelly, Dr. Roy Phillips, and Dr. Carol Mueller

Virtual attendance: Dr. David Bauer, Mrs. Rachel Gauthier, Dr. Joyce Herold, Mrs. Sonja Karwacki, Ms. Patrice Ricciardi, Mr. Jansen Robinson, and Ms. Kanae Holcomb

##### Adoption of Agenda

President Gauthier 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 Dr. Herold and adopted in a voice vote 10-0.

##### Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance

##### Item A. Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

##### Item B. Public Comments

Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record either in-person or virtually. President Gauthier read a statement regarding protocol for public comments which included a provision that each speaker would have three (3) minutes to speak. Mrs. Yvonne Rallo, Board of Education Administrative Support

Coordinator, called on individual speakers who were in person at the meeting and had registered to speak at the Board meeting. The following twenty-one (21) people registered to provide in-person public comment: Brenda Lee Robinson, Laura Wade, Emma Peller, Robert Tucker, Melissa Hahn, Anna Worthington, Cindy Poper, Cheryl Adams, Michelle Willoughey, Tina Graf, Becky Maloy, Megan Fitzgerald, Evangeline Fitzgerald, Traci Offidani, Lisa Ritchie, William Martino, Michele Kinder, Josh Koziol, Shekinah Hollingsworth, Justin Martinek, and Jeanine Cannito. Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments virtually. The following six (6) people registered and provided virtual public comment: Jenine Brown, Josephine Cosgrove, Benjamin Heiser, Jawaria Bhat, Jill Ferrara, and Jared DeCoste.

Note: Due to attendee verbal interruptions, noncompliance of wearing a face mask during public comments, and after warnings by the Board Vice President, Dr. Carol Mueller, to attendees regarding removal from the meeting room if such conduct continued, Vice President Mueller announced that attendees who would not put their face mask back on needed to leave the Board room. Attendee disruptions continued despite this warning. As a result, the Vice President Mueller suspended the meeting until non-compliant attendees left the Board room. Vice President Mueller permitted in-person speakers who remained and were orderly to resume with in-person public comment.

Additional Note: The following three (3) registered in-person public speakers left the meeting and did not provide a comment: Lisa Ritchie, Josh Koziol, and Jeanine Cannito.

#### Item C. Consent Agenda

President Gauthier called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Affirmation of Monthly Contracts: January 2022
2. Contract Award: Network Switch Refresh
3. Contract Award: Maintenance for Aruba Wireless Components
4. Contract Award: Maintenance for Extreme Wireless Components
5. Contracted Services Award: Music Therapist
6. Contract Award: Safety and Security Upgrades for Multiple Locations
7. Contract Award: UPS Replacement
8. Contract Award: Wireless Access Points Replacement
9. Executive Salary Schedule Correction
10. Ratification of Negotiated Agreements with The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
11. Approval of Proposed Havre de Grace Middle/High School Surplus Property
12. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: January 24, 2022

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and the consent agenda was approved in a voice vote of 10-0

#### Item D. Update on Continuity of Learning

Superintendent Bulson shared remarks pertaining to staff vaccination percentages, and off ramps required for face masks set by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Dr. Bulson stated HCPS will continue to monitor what occurs over the next few weeks, if any adjustments to the current regulations are made. Dr. Bulson introduced members of his leadership staff: Ms. Mary Nasuta, Supervisor of Health Services and Ms. Katie Ridgway, Director of Strategic Initiatives. Ms. Nasuta, reported out on current Harford County Covid-19 transmission rates which have improved but still remain high, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Ms. Nasuta shared highlights of the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) dashboard including numbers for students and staff currently in isolation and quarantine. Ms. Nasuta ended her comments by encouraging the community to get vaccinated against Covid and to get their boosters. Ms. Nasuta then turned the discussion over to Ms. Ridgway. Ms. Ridgway shared that due to the decreasing metrics experienced since the New Year, the HCPS Covid team is working on a new operational status. The Covid team targeted efforts are looking towards a March

1, 2022 date to update the HCPS status. Highlights of the plan relate to after-school activities, whereby HCPS is planning to transition the after-school testing program from required to voluntary, and HCPS is also planning to allow all clubs and teams to hold in-person activities. Ms. Ridgway shared that last week MSDE released a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource outlining the current mask requirements, off-ramps, and other data sources for public schools in Maryland. HCPS has posted these MSDE clarifications on the HCPS.org website.

Item E. Decision on Administrative and Supervisory Appointments

Mr. Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, sought Board approval of the Superintendent's nominee, Ms. Chelsea L. Davies for the position of Coordinator of Title I.

Motion, Second and Vote – Mrs. Karwacki made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Ms. Chelsea L. Davies to the position of Coordinator of Title I. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bauer. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 10-0.

Item F. Decision on refunding the A.A. Roberty Building Certificates of Participation

Ms. Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview of the Superintendent's proposed refunding of the debt for the A.A. Roberty Building. Ms. Judd shared that Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) entered into a financing agreement for the A.A. Roberty Building in 2004. The bonds were initially refunded in 2012, however, with the current market and drop in interest rates, HCPS is able to refund the existing debt again, resulting in approximately two hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$213,000) in savings. HCPS has about eight (8) years left on the lease term. Ms. Judd introduced, Mr. John Stalfort, Principal of Miles and Stockbridge, Ms. Jennifer Diercksen, First Vice-President, and Mr. Joe Mason, Senior Vice-President, both of Davenport & Company, LLC, who presented the Board a summary of the refunding proposals. Ms. Judd then sought the Board's approval on refunding HCPS' outstanding Certificates of Participation for the A.A. Roberty Building through the adoption of a resolution dated February 14, 2022 as presented and copy attached. Ms. Judd made the Board aware that upon their approval the next step is approval from Harford County Council which is being sought at their meeting being held on February 15, 2022 through adoption of a similar resolution.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the refunding of the A.A. Roberty Building Certificates of Participation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 10-0.

Item G. Decision on the Superintendent's Proposed FY2023 Budget

Ms. Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview of the Superintendent's proposed budgets for FY2023, and the Board took the following action.

Food Service Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mueller to approve the Food Service Fund in the amount of "nineteen million, two hundred three thousand, three hundred sixty-eight dollars and zero cents" (\$19,203,368.00). The motion passed in a unanimous 10/0 roll call vote.

Capital Projects Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of "ninety-six million, two hundred thirty-one thousand, one hundred sixty-seven dollars and zero cents" (\$96,231,167.00). The motion passed in a unanimous 10/0 roll call vote.

Restricted Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Restricted Fund in the amount of "thirty-nine million, three hundred ninety-nine thousand, eight hundred eleven dollars and zero cents" (\$39,399,811.00). The motion passed in a unanimous 10/0 roll call vote.

Unrestricted Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Unrestricted Fund in the amount of "five hundred sixty-eight million, seven hundred sixty-five thousand, six hundred fifty dollars and zero cents" (\$568,765,650.00). The motion passed in a unanimous 10/0 roll call vote.

Item H. Decision on Proposed Balancing Enrollment Final Plan

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Cornell Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Ms. Missy Valentino, Facilities Planner on the final Balancing Enrollment recommendations that consist of the following four (4) major sections as follows:

1. Address Middle School Capacity Concerns (Implementation 2022)
2. Address Elementary School Capacity Concerns (Implementation 2026)
3. Plan for Future Growth
4. Policy and Procedure Updates

Mr. Brown and Ms. Valentino provided the Board a recap of the Balancing Enrollment process, including background information, public input opportunities, amount of public input received and a timeline for implementation. Mr. Brown sought the Board's approval for the Superintendent's recommendations for the Balancing Enrollment final plan.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the final recommendations as presented as a whole for Balancing Enrollment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 9-1. Dr. Mueller dissented from the majority.

Item I. Decision on the Reappointment of Dr. Sean W. Bulson as Superintendent of Schools for Harford County  
President Gauthier read a resolution as presented in the attached for the reappointment of Dr. Sean W. Bulson, as Superintendent of Schools for Harford County Public Schools for a four-year term, beginning July 1, 2022.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the resolution to reappoint Dr. Sean W. Bulson to the position of Superintendent of Schools for Harford County Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karwacki. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 10-0.

#### Item J. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bulson's report was provided as follows:

- Superintendent Bulson reminded the community of two surveys that Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) would like the community to share their feedback on. The surveys are as follows:
  - The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has developed an option for local school systems to repurpose inclement weather days as virtual school days. In MSDE's inclement weather virtual day plan, there is a requirement of a minimum of four (4) hours of live, interactive, instruction for all students on each virtual inclement weather day, and attendance will be taken for all students and teachers on these days. Dr. Bulson shared that Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) wants to know the community's opinion regarding these parameters from MSDE and asked the community to share their feedback by completing the survey.
  - The Maryland Public Schools Strategic Planning Survey will help MSDE shape the future of Maryland Public Schools. This survey can be found on the HCPS Facebook page.
- Superintendent Bulson shared with the community that February 7-11, 2022 was National School Counseling Week. Dr. Bulson thanked all of Harford County Public Schools' counselors for the passion and commitment they bring to their work each day.
- Superintendent Bulson recognized Havre de Grace Middle/High School's "The Volunteer Club", as the Freedom Federal Credit Union's #FreedomToHelpChallenge winner. The school was presented with a thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a local charity of their choosing. The school chose to give the donation to the Citizens Against Trash (CAT) club of Havre de Grace.
- Superintendent Bulson shared with the community that Freedom Federal Credit Union, in partnership with Harford County Public Schools (HCPS), is providing all new educators, teaching in kindergarten through second grade, with starter libraries for their classrooms. Across Harford County, forty-two (42) new teachers, across twenty-two (22) schools, will receive a bundle of over five hundred (500) grade-specific reading books.

- Superintendent Bulson congratulated Ms. Cherry, a pig who is a former Grand Champion at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, who had fourteen (14) piglets last weekend (January 30, 2022). The piglets have found a very happy home in the agricultural program at North Harford High School.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

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

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Rachel Gauthier, Board President  
Board of Education of Harford County

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution to authorize the issue, sale, and delivery by the Board of Education of Harford County (the "Board") of amendments to (i) a Conditional Purchase Agreement, executed by the Board and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to Truist Equipment Financing Corp., as successor in interest to SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp., as Seller, as amended, (ii) a Certificate of Participation Trust Indenture, executed by the Board and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to SunTrust Bank, as indenture trustee, as amended, to issue a new Certificate of Participation to refund a certain 2012 Certificate of Participation issued to SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp. pursuant to the foregoing Certificate of Participation of Trust Indenture, as amended, and (iii) a certain Ground Lease between the Board, as lessor, and SunTrust Bank, as lessee, with respect to financing for the acquisition of an administration building by the Board at Hickory Avenue and Courtland Street in Bel Air, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Harford County (the "Board") arranged in September 2004, for the acquisition of an administration building containing approximately 60,000 square feet ("Administration Building") located on 0.774 acres of land, more or less, at Hickory Avenue and Courtland Street, Bel Air, Maryland (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Board financed the construction and acquisition of the Administration Building with SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp., in the form of a lease-purchase financing and a ground lease from the Board, as lessor, and SunTrust Bank, as lessee (the "Ground Lease"); and

WHEREAS, SunTrust Bank, as trustee, leased the Administration Building to the Board pursuant to a Conditional Purchase Agreement executed by the Board and SunTrust Bank, as Seller (the "Conditional Purchase Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the financing for the construction of the Administration Building, including

contingencies, cost of closing and cost of issuance, was pursuant to the Certificate of Participation Trust Indenture (the "COP Trust Indenture"), pursuant to which SunTrust Bank as indenture trustee and seller under the Conditional Purchase Agreement, acquired an interest in the Annual Payments under the Conditional Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp. purchased the Certificate of Participation pursuant to the COP Trust Indenture (the "2004 Certificate of Participation"); and

WHEREAS, construction of the Administration Building was completed on or about December 31, 2005, and the Administration Building has been occupied by the Board since approximately March 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board agreed that the execution of the Ground Lease and the obligations of the Board incurred pursuant to the Conditional Purchase Agreement and the COP Trust Indenture were in the best interests of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.01 of the COP Trust Indenture, the 2004 Certificate of Participation was subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board, upon advice from Davenport & Company, LLC, its financial advisor, determined that it was in the best interest of the Board to refund the outstanding 2004 Certificate of Participation; and

WHEREAS, the Board received a proposal from SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp., to refund the outstanding 2004 Certificate of Participation (the "SunTrust Refunding Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, the Board approved the SunTrust Refunding Proposal by Resolution dated April 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2012, the Board and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor to SunTrust Bank ("U.S. Bank"), executed a First Amendment to Conditional Purchase Agreement to reflect the new lease rate and new installment payments under the SunTrust Refunding Proposal (the "First Amendment to CPA"); and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2012, the Board and U.S. Bank, as successor to SunTrust Bank, executed

a First Supplemental Certificate of Participation Trust Indenture to reflect the new lease rate and new installment payments under the SunTrust Refunding Proposal (the “First Supplement to COP Trust Indenture”); and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2012, the Board issued a Certificate of Participation to refund the 2004 Certificate of Participation in accordance with the SunTrust Refunding Proposal (the “2012 Certificate of Participation”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.01 of the First Supplement to COP Trust Indenture, the 2012 Certificate of Participation is subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Board at a redemption price equal to 102% of the Series 2012 Certificate of Participation to be redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised by Davenport & Company, LLC, its financial advisor, that it may be in the best interest of the Board to refund the outstanding 2012 Certificate of Participation issued pursuant to the First Supplement to COP Trust Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received a proposal from Sterling National Bank, or successor by merger, dated January 28, 2022, to refund the 2012 Certificate of Participation at a lease rate of 1.710% requiring semi-annual lease interest payments and annual lease principal payments together of approximately \$797,223, beginning September 1, 2022 through March 1, 2030, inclusive (the “Annual Payments”) permitting prepayment on any payment due beginning March 1, 2027 (the “Sterling Refunding Proposal”) subject to the Ground Lease; and

WHEREAS, all installment payments required by the 2012 Certificate of Participation to be made in each year on the first day of March 2013 through 2022, inclusive, have been or will be made by March 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that the Conditional Purchase Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment to CPA, shall be further amended to reflect the new lease rate and new installment payments to be made by the Board, beginning September 1, 2022 under the Sterling Refunding Proposal (the “Second Amendment to CPA”); and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that the COP Trust Indenture, as amended by the First Supplement to the COP Trust Indenture, shall be further supplemented to reflect the new lease rate and new installment payments to be made by the Board under the Sterling Refunding Proposal, beginning September 1, 2022 (the “Second Supplement to COP Trust Indenture”).

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board will derive benefit from the Ground Lease, the Conditional Purchase Agreement, and the COP Trust Indenture, all as amended or supplemented pursuant to the Sterling Refunding Proposal.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Sterling Refunding Proposal, subject to such changes as the Superintendent of Schools for Harford County, Maryland, and with the approval of counsel, determines to be in the best interests of the Board and the Assistant Superintendent of the Board is authorized to execute the Sterling Refunding Proposal on behalf of the Board.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board execute the Second Amendment to CPA, the Second Supplement to COP Trust Indenture, and an amendment to the Ground Lease, as amended, as soon as practicable, and that a new Certificate of Participation (the “2022 Certificate of Participation”) be issued to redeem the outstanding 2012 Certificate of Participation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the each of the Superintendent of Schools for Harford County, Maryland, the President of the Board and the Vice President of the Board (the “Authorized Persons”) are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute, issue and deliver to U.S. Bank as indenture trustee, Truist Bank, as successor in interest to SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp., and Sterling National Bank, as the case may be, for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board and to execute and deliver any and all other instruments and documents and cause to be done all such further actions as shall be deemed necessary, advisable, convenient or proper by the Authorized Persons or required by U.S. Bank as indenture trustee, Truist Bank, as successor in interest to SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp., and Sterling National Bank in connection with the amended or supplemented Ground Lease, the Second Amendment to CPA, and/or the Second Supplement to COP Trust Indenture and the issuance of the 2022 Certificate of Participation, which action and things heretofore done to effectuate the purpose

of purposes this Resolution are hereby in all respects ratified, confirmed, and approved as the act or acts of the Board; and

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that an amended Ground Lease, the Second Amendment to CPA, and the Second Supplement to the COP Trust Indenture are hereby approved and authorized; and that one or more of the Authorized Persons are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the amended Ground Lease, the Second Amendment to CPA, and the Second Supplement to COP Trust Indenture in substantially the forms approved by the Authorized Persons, provided, however, that one or more of the Authorized Persons are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to approve such changes in the form, substance, and content of the amended Ground Lease, the Second Amendment to CPA, and the Second Supplement to COP Trust Indenture and any other documents required by U.S. Bank as indenture trustee, Truist Bank, as successor in interest to SunTrust Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp., and Sterling National Bank as may be necessary, appropriate, or advisable, the execution and delivery of the amended Ground Lease, the amended Conditional Purchase Agreement, and the amended COP Trust Indenture on behalf of the Board to be conclusive evidence of such approval;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aggregate principal amount of the 2022 Certificate of Participation shall not exceed the current principal amount due pursuant to the 2012 Certificate of Participation and the First Supplement to COP Trust Indenture, plus costs of issuance; and

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the obligations of the Board to make payments pursuant to the Second Amendment to CPA shall be subject to appropriation by Harford County in each and every year that the Second Amendment to CPA is outstanding and is in effect;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board covenants that it will not make any use of the proceeds of the 2022 Certificate of Participation, or any monies, securities, or other obligations on deposit to the credit of the Board or otherwise which may be deemed by the Internal Revenue Service to be proceeds of the financing pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and income tax regulations thereunder (collectively the "Code"), which would cause the 2022 Certificate of Participation, or payments thereunder, to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board covenants that it will comply with those provisions of the Code applicable to the financing on the date of issuance of the 2022 Certificate of Participation, or which may be subsequently, lawfully applicable thereto;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board covenants that it will not take any action, fail to take any action or make any use of the proceeds of the 2022 Certificate of Participation which will cause the interest component of the Annual Payments, pursuant to the Second Amendment to CPA, to become includable in gross income for the purposes of federal income taxation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board shall advise Harford County, Maryland that it intends to realize savings with respect to its lease payments pursuant to the existing First Supplement to COP Trust Indenture by the issuance of the 2022 Certificate of Participation, to be issued pursuant to the Second Supplement to COP Trust Indenture;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part hereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any persons or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, or unconstitutionality or inapplicability will not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Resolution or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Resolution would have been passed if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included herein, as if the person or circumstances to which this Resolution or any part hereof are inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authority herein granted is expressly subject to the approval by bond counsel;

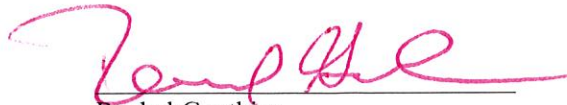
AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Education of Harford County.

(SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW)

ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2022.



Sean W. Bulson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Rachel Gauthier  
President Board of Education

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Harford County has the legal authority and responsibility to appoint a Superintendent of Schools for Harford County Public Schools, with the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has discussed with Dr. Sean W. Bulson, the incumbent Superintendent, serving another four-year term as Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Dr. Bulson have discussed the terms and conditions of a contract between them which would govern Dr. Bulson's new four-year term which would run from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this contract is attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education and Dr. Bulson wish to enter into the contract attached as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution; and

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby appoints Dr. Sean W. Bulson to the position of Superintendent of Schools for Harford County Public Schools for a four-year term, beginning July 1, 2022, subject to the execution of the employment contract attached as Exhibit 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the employment contract between Dr. Bulson and the Board of Education dated today, February 14, 2022, attached as Exhibit 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its President to execute the employment contract on behalf of the Board.



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

OPEN SESSION: 5:15 PM – 5:20 PM

This meeting will be conducted virtually with no public attendance due to the brief nature of this meeting and the logistical issues regarding allowing public attendance in advance of the 6:30 PM meeting.

*\*The only item the Board will consider during this open meeting is consideration of meeting in a closed session.*

CLOSED SESSION: 5:20 PM - 6:15 PM

BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 PM – ADJOURNMENT

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion and public attendance will be permitted as explained below:

**DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:20 PM AND THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

The Board of Education of Harford County will hold a hybrid Business Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM in the Board Room of the A.A. Roberty Building with Board Members, staff, and presenters in attendance both virtually and in-person. A **30-seat capacity** will be available to the public. Seats will be available on a first come-first served basis. **Masks are required indoors and must remain on at all times.** 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 virtually 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 9:00 AM on Monday, February 14, 2022. All fields on the registration form must be completed.

1. First and Last name
  2. Email Address
  3. Phone Number
  4. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person
- Registered speakers will receive an email from HCPS with a Call-in Phone # and a Conference ID #.
  - Registered speakers are required to call-in and enter the conference ID# at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 14, 2022.
  - Important: If you are unable to take your phone off mute, you may need to dial \*6.
  - If you are admitted from the virtual lobby to the meeting, you will be greeted by an HCPS staff member when it is time to begin your public comment. Expected hold time in the virtual lobby 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.

**Public Comment Participation In-Person Process**

Persons who are attending the meeting in person, as provided above, may make in-person public comment. Board Comment cards will be available for Board meeting attendees prior to the Board Meeting for sign-up. Board Comment Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person. **Masks are required indoors and must remain on at all times, including while speaking.**

**The Board has authorized public comment as follows:**

- Board policy permits speaker three (3) minutes to provide comments. **However, Board policy authorizes the Board to reduce the amount of time allocated to each speaker if allocating 3 minutes to each speaker will impede the Board's ability to complete scheduled business.**
- The Board will receive in-person public comment first and virtual public comment second. The Board expects that all comments will be submitted with the decorum and respect appropriate to the conduct of public business.
- Topics such as personnel matters, pending appeals, specific student disciplinary matters or which constitute commercial solicitations are not permitted.
- 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.
- 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.**