

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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>

Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Dr. David Bauer, Mrs. Sonja Karwacki, Ms. Patrice Ricciardi, Dr. Carol Mueller, and Mrs. Rachel Gauthier

Virtual Attendance: Dr. Joyce Herold, Mrs. Ariane Kelly, Dr. Roy Phillips, Mr. Jansen Robinson, and Ms. Noa Blanken

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 Ms. Ricciardi 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 seven (7) people registered to provide in-person public comment: Stella Peters, Suzie Scott, Ben Heiser, Melissa Hahn, William Martino, Thomas Piddington, and Tina Lanocha. Ms. Stephanie Wall, Graphic Design/Technical Specialist, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments virtually. The following two (2) people registered and provided virtual public comment: Crystal Parks and Katie York.

Item C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contract Award: Heating Oil
2. Contract Award: Kettles
3. Contract Award: Outdoor Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Combination Replacement at Magnolia Elementary School
4. Contract Award: Construction Management Services Harford Technical High School Limited Renovation
5. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings: August 22, 2022, September 12, 2022, and September 19, 2022

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

Item D. Decision on Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 22-0008-000, Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings

Kimberly H. Neal, Esq., General Counsel presented information regarding proposed revisions to Board Policy 22-0008-000, Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings. This policy was brought to the Board for a

decision on August 22, 2022. The Board revised the draft policy submitted by the Superintendent, based on the workgroup findings. This revision by the Board to the draft recommendation resulted in the requirement of an additional 30-day public comment posting of this policy. Upon posting the policy for comment on August 23, 2022, an additional revision was made to the policy and the policy was reposted with that revision, within the 30-day time period. The Board received seventeen (17) public comments. Eight (8) of the comments were specific to the additional revision made. After the presentation, Ms. Neal sought Board approval of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 22-0008-000, Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mueller to approve the proposed revisions to Board Policy 22-0008-000, Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 10-0.

Item E. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bulson's report was provided as follows:

Superintendent Bulson shared that the 2022-23 Maryland State Teacher of the Year, was announced on October 6, 2022. Dr. Bulson congratulated Ms. Ashley Gereli, Harford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, for being recognized as one of the seven (7) Maryland State finalists. Dr. Bulson also congratulated Ms. Berol Dewdney, Baltimore City Public Schools pre-kindergarten teacher, who was named as the 2022-23 Maryland State Teacher of the Year.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community that the option to purchase a device protection plan through Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is still available for \$20 through October 31, 2022. Details are on hcps.org.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community to nominate your Harford County Public School for the October Family Friendly Award. Nomination information can be found on hcps.org.

Superintendent Bulson shared that starting tomorrow magnet and technical program open houses will begin to explore specific programs in more depth. Dates and times for all magnet and technical program open houses can be found on hcps.org.

Superintendent Bulson shared that Harford Glen is accepting volunteer counselor applications. High School students are encouraged to submit the application as soon as possible and can find details on hcps.org.

Superintendent Bulson shared that October is National Principal's month. This month, and every month, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) honor our school leaders who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of teachers and students.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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

Rachel Gauthier, Board President
Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022

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, October 10, 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. Seats will be available on a first come-first served basis. 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, October 10, 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, October 10, 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.

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, personnel, any person or group 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. In addition, public comment is an opportunity for members of the community to address the Board of Education. Please direct your comments to the Board and not to other members of the public in the audience.
- 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.