

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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

In-person attendance: Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Ms. Carol Bruce, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Dr. Joyce Herold, Mrs. Denise Perry, Dr. Roy Phillips, Ms. Patrice Ricciardi, Ms. Noa Blanken Mr. Wade Sewell, and Dr. Carol Mueller

Adoption of Agenda

President Mueller called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Herold made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Blanken and adopted in a voice vote 10-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Sewell 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 Mueller 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-six (26) people registered to provide in-person public comment: David Bauer, Josie Cosgrove, Benjamin Heiser, Marla Posey Moss, Cindy Poper, Linda Stine Flint, Stella Peters, Suzie Scott, Nonie Czajka, James Ramsey, Brenda Pedrick, Aravinda Pilladamarr, Shakori Green, Emma Peller, DeLane Lewis, Renee De Biase, Jessica Fendryk, Cheryl Adams, Jeannine Cannito, Tanya Tyo, William Martino, Christina Lanocha, Teri Tanner, Bernadette Zgorski, Nadia McDonald, Cassandra Beverley. Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments virtually. The following two (2) people registered to provide virtual public comment: Amy Nelson and Crystal Parks.

Item C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contract Award: Architectural Services for Fallston High School Strive and Professional Foods Lab, C. Milton Wright High School Professional Foods Lab and Child Care Lab, Riverside Elementary School Strive
2. Contract Award: Removal and Replacement of Flooring at Bel Air Middle and Fountain Green Elementary Schools
3. Contract Award: Special Education Contractual Services Provider
4. Contract Award: Bry's Lawn Care and Landscaping LLC
5. Contract Award: Capturing Kids Hearts Professional Development
6. Contract Award: Copyrighted Materials
7. Contract Award: Classroom Libraries
8. Contract Award: Board Certified Behavioral Analysts and Registered Behavior Technicians
9. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: January 23, 2023

Motion, Second and Vote – Mrs. Alvarez made a motion to approve the consent agenda with items five (5), six (6), and seven (7) removed for discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Blanken and the consent agenda was approved with items 5, 6, and 7 removed in a voice vote of 10-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

Consent Item #5 Motion, Second and Vote – Mr. Sewell made a motion to approve consent agenda item “5. Contract Award: Capturing Kids Hearts Professional Development”. The motion was seconded by Dr. Herold and approved in a voice vote of 8-0. Casting the affirmative votes: Mrs. Bruce, Dr. Herold, Mrs. Perry, Dr. Phillips, Ms. Ricciardi, Ms. Blanken, Mr. Sewell, and Dr. Mueller. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative votes: Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. Hahn.

Consent Items #6 and #7 Motion, Second and Vote – Mrs. Alvarez made a motion to table consent agenda items “6. Contract Award: Copyrighted Materials” and “7. Contract Award: Classroom Libraries” until the next Board Meeting scheduled for February 27, 2023. The motion was seconded by Dr. Herold and approved in a voice vote of 10-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

Item D. Harford County Public Schools Celebrates Black History Month

Dr. Paula Stanton, Supervisor of Equity and Cultural Proficiency led a presentation to the Board on Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) celebration of Black History Month. The presentation highlighted district wide celebrations of Black History month and some of the ways HCPS students and staff are learning about and celebrating the contributions of African Americans during Black History Month, February 2023. Dr. Stanton was joined by the following Magnolia Middle School staff and one seventh grade student: Ms. Terri Tanner, Teacher, Ms. Sabrina Wiggins, Media Specialist, Ms. Genelle Hatcher, Community School Specialist who shared the activities happening at Magnolia Middle School during this month.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Item E. Decision on the Superintendent’s Proposed FY2024 Budget

Ms. Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview of the Superintendent’s proposed budgets for FY2024, and the Board took the following action.

Unrestricted Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Herold made a motion, seconded by Dr. Phillips to approve the Unrestricted Fund in the amount “six hundred thirty million, nine hundred four thousand, three hundred fifty-eight dollars and zero cents” (\$630,904,358.00). The motion passed with a 9-1 roll call vote. Casting the affirmative votes: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Hahn, Dr. Herold, Mrs. Perry, Dr. Phillips, Ms. Ricciardi, Ms. Blanken, Mr. Sewell, and Dr. Mueller. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative vote: Mrs. Alvarez.

Restricted Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Herold made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Perry to approve the Restricted Fund in the amount of “thirty-eight million, four hundred eighty-three thousand, eight hundred twenty-nine dollars and zero cents” (\$38,483,829.00). The motion passed with a 9-1 roll call vote. Casting the affirmative votes: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Hahn, Dr. Herold, Mrs. Perry, Dr. Phillips, Ms. Ricciardi, Ms. Blanken, Mr. Sewell, and Dr. Mueller. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative vote: Mrs. Alvarez.

Food and Nutrition Fund: Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Herold made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bruce 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. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

Item F. Presentation on the Blueprint for our Students’ Future

Ms. Katie Ridgway, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Mr. Mike O'Brien, Executive Director of Secondary Ed Services, Ms. Heather Kutcher, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Mr. Bernard Hennigan, Executive Director of Student Support Services, and Dr. Rebecca Gault, Teacher at Bel Air High School, presented the Board with

the draft of the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) Blueprint Implementation Plan. The following items were addressed during the presentation:

- HCPS is required to submit an implementation plan on March 15, 2023, to the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB), which is the governing board overseeing the implementation of this legislation.
- All local education agencies in Maryland are required to use a template for Blueprint plans created by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), which includes specific questions, data tables, and artifacts required for submission.
- The HCPS Blueprint Implementation Draft is publicly viewable on hcps.org.
- HCPS is committed to stakeholder feedback through our implementation committees, work groups, advisory councils, community forums, Board of Education public meetings, and through our online information and survey. An online survey to collect feedback on the draft plan is available through March 6, 2023, on hcps.org.

Ms. Ridgway shared that further information can be found on the HCPS.org website under the “Superintendent” menu tab and then selecting the “HCPS Blueprint” option.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Item G. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bulson’s report was provided as follows:

Superintendent Bulson made the community aware that on February 6, 2023, Teacher of the Year nominees from each Harford County Public school were announced. On April 12, 2023, HCPS will announce the top five (5). Dr. Bulson invited the public to tune in on April 12th when the Teacher of the Year, along with Teacher Hall of Fame inductees, will be named.

Superintendent Bulson congratulated Ms. Claire Ring, at Fallston Middle School who was named as a finalist for the 2023 Maryland School Librarian of the Year by the Maryland Association of School Librarians. The Librarian of the Year will be announced on April 15, 2023.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community that this Thursday, February 16, 2023 is an early dismissal and Friday, February 17, 2023, schools are closed for students as staff attend professional development.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community that the Swan Creek School applications close this Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community that Wednesday, February 15, 2023 is Career and Technology Education (CTE) Night at Patterson Mill. This is open to families with students in grades 2-7. Superintendent Bulson encouraged families to stop by between 6 and 8 p.m. to learn about opportunities available in high school.

Superintendent Bulson congratulated three (3) students of the P-TECH program, juniors Precious Ikejiofor, James Liu, and sophomore Carter Wells, who passed the Network+ exam at the end of January on their first attempt. The certification they earned makes them career ready. Many companies will be able to consider these students for jobs at the ages of 16 and 17 because they are now certified.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 10:39 PM.

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

Dr. Carol L. Mueller, Board President
Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

ATTACHMENT

~~OPEN SESSION: 5:30 PM – 5:35 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: 5:35 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 13, 2023, 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 and In-Person Process

Individuals or groups recognized by Harford County Public Schools (i.e. – PTAs, unions, and other school system stakeholders) wishing to speak on an agenda item or to comment on an education-related matter not on the agenda may request to do so by sending an email to publiccomment@hcps.org or calling 410-588-5347.

Call-In Registrations must be received by 12:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2023. All fields on the registration form must be completed.

1. First and Last name / if speaker is a Group Representative, then please state the name of the Group
2. Local Address
3. Email Address
4. Phone Number
5. Agenda item or subject your Public Comment pertains to
6. Will you provide in-person *or* virtual Public Comment
7. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person

****Failure to provide complete information as required above will void the request to provide Public Comment.***

- Registered virtual 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 13, 2023.
- 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.
- "Request to Appear Before the Board" cards will be available for in-person attendees prior to the Board Meeting for sign-up and must be submitted prior to the opening of the meeting.
- Board Comment Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person.

The Board has authorized public comment in accord with its policy [Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings](#) and as summarized below:

- Each speaker shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes and five (5) minutes for individuals representing groups. Speakers must state his or her name, and, if representing a group, must identify the group he or she represents. If a speaker identifies themselves as a representative of a group then only one (1) representative from the group may provide comment for the identified group.
- 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.**

*Updated February 10, 2023