PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

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, April 27, 2026. Vice President Wade Sewell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Board Members Present
All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry, Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mr. James McVicker, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Ms. Lauren Paige.

Virtual attendance: Ms. Carol Bruce.

Motion, Second and Vote
Dr. Mueller 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 Mr. McVicker and approved in a voice vote of 9-0. (Includes 1 affirmative student member vote).

Attendance of the Student Member of the Board in Closed Session - Motion, Second and Vote
Mr. Sewell made a motion to invite Mr. McVicker to attend closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a roll call vote of 6-3 (student member cast a preferential affirmative vote). Casting the negative votes: Ms. Norkaitis, Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Alvarez.

Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon a motion by Dr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Sewell and approved in a voice vote 9-0, the Board of Education of Harford County met in closed session in hybrid fashion.

Closed Session

Board Members Present
All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry, Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mr. James McVicker, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Ms. Lauren Paige.

Virtual attendance: Ms. Carol Bruce.

Staff Present:
Dr. Kelly Griffith, Lead Consultant, MABE Superintendent Search Committee
Dr. Lynne Duncan, MABE Superintendent Search Committee
Dr. Edward Shirley, MABE Superintendent Search Committee
Yvonne Rallo, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

In-person attendance: Dr. Kelly Griffith, Dr. Lynne Duncan, Dr. Edward Shirley, and Mrs. Yvonne Rallo.

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

Topic: Discussion of the application for candidates to be considered for the appointment of the superintendent.
Reason for Closed Session: To preserve the privacy and confidentiality of information regarding qualifications of potential candidates.
The Board consulted with MABE Superintendent Search Committee and discussed matters regarding the superintendent search.

Adjournment
With no further business, Dr. Mueller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Norkaitis, and with Board consensus, the closed session adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call
President Lauren Paige called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present

In-person attendance: Mrs. Denise Perry, Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mr. James McVicker, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Ms. Lauren Paige.

Virtual attendance: Ms. Carol Bruce.

Adoption of Agenda
President Paige called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Mueller made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Norkaitis and adopted in a voice vote of 9-0.

Pledge of Allegiance
Vice President Wade Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments
Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record either in-person or virtually. President Paige read a statement regarding protocol for public comments which included a provision that each speaker would have three (3) minutes to speak and speakers representing a group would have five (5) 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 four (4) people registered and provided in-person public comment: David Bauer, Cristina Lanocha, David Faby, and Jessica Fendryk.

There were no registered virtual speakers.

Board Member Comments
Board member comments were provided.

Interim Superintendent's Report
Dr. Dyann Mack provided the Interim Superintendent's report.

Old Business
President Paige announced no "Old Business" was scheduled for discussion.

Item A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Ratification of Harford County Education Association Certificated (HCEA-Cert), Harford County Education Association Education Support Professionals (HCEA-ESP), Association of Harford County Administrative, Technical, and Supervisory Professionals (AHCATSP), American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and Association of Public School Administrators and Supervisors of Harford County (APSASHC) Tentative Agreements.
2. School Sponsored Project: Havre de Grace Elementary School - Eileen Friel Memorial
3. Contract Award: Usage for Computers, Servers, Network Hardware, and Related Peripherals and Accessories
4. Contract Award: Learning Management System Annual Renewals
5. Contract Award: Wireless Data, Voice, and Accessories
6. Contract Award: Fresh Produce
7. Contract Award: Medical Supply Solutions
8. Contract Award: Pumping Septic and Wastewater Treatment Systems
9. Contract Award: On-Call Emergency Snow Removal Services
10. Contract Award: Playground, Site Amenities, and Outdoor Fitness Equipment with Related Accessories and Services
11. Contract Award: North Harford High School Roof Replacement & Rooftop Energy Recovery Units Replacement

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Mueller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. McVicker. The motion was approved in a voice vote of 9-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

New Business

Item B. Presentation and Decision on Proposed Update to the 2027-2028 HCPS Calendar

Ms. Katie Ridgway, Chief of Staff, updated the Board on the proposed revisions to the school calendar to align with the requirements of the Maryland State Board of Education. At the April 20, 2026, work session some of the Board had expressed support for using virtual learning during inclement weather. Recommendations were made to the Board designating three particular dates as the three inclement weather makeup dates. Dr. Dyann Mack, Interim Superintendent, emphasized the importance of timely Board direction to allow sufficient time to develop a virtual learning plan, finalize the school calendar, and provide families with adequate notice of any school calendar changes.

Motion, Second and Vote – Mr. Sewell made a motion to approve the use of virtual learning for the next school year (for inclement weather as presented). The motion was seconded by Ms. Paige. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 5-4. Dr. Mueller, Mr. McVicker, Mrs. Hahn, and Mrs. Alvarez cast negative votes. (Includes 1 preferential negative student member vote).

Motion, Second and Vote – Mr. Sewell made a motion to approve the adjustments to the calendar by accepting the proposal (as presented). The motion was seconded by Ms. Paige. The motion was approved in a roll call vote of 7-2. Mr. McVicker and Mrs. Hahn cast negative votes. (Includes 1 preferential negative student member vote).

Item C. Additional Consent Agenda: Ratification of Collaborative Healthcare for Tentative Agreements

President Paige called for a motion to approve the additional consent agenda item for the "Ratification of Collaborative Healthcare for Tentative Agreements". The Board took the following action:

Motion, Second and Vote – Mr. Sewell made a motion to approve the consent agenda additional item: Ratification of Collaborative Healthcare for Tentative Agreements. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller. The motion was approved in a voice vote of 9-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

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Dyann R. Mack, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer

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Lauren Paige
President, Board of Education of Harford County

Attachment

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

(The scheduled May 4, 2026 Board Business Meeting has been advanced to this new date: April 27, 2026)

OPEN SESSION: 5:00 PM – 5:05 PM

This meeting will be conducted in hybrid fashion. The open session will be streamed live and archived for later viewing on the HCPS Website. The only item the Board will consider during this open meeting is consideration of meeting in a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION: 5:05 PM – 5:55 PM

BUSINESS MEETING: 6:00 PM – ADJOURNMENT

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

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:55 PM AND THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM

The Board of Education of Harford County will hold a hybrid Business Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:00 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, April 27, 2026. 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 6:00 PM on Monday, April 27, 2026.
- 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.

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 for individuals 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 presiding officer may 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.