

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PRESENTATION OF

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION
OF A CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION ETHICS
PANEL POSITION**

April 11, 2016

Background Information:

The Board Ethics Policy provides for a five member Ethics Panel to implement the Board Ethics Policy. The members of this Panel are persons selected by the Board and who are not employed by the Board. There is one vacancy with respect to the Panel. This vacancy occurred in February, 2016, with the resignation of Mr. Thomas E. Hammen.

Discussion:

The Board, through public notice, advertised the vacancy and requested letters of interest with biographical sketches from persons interested in applying for the vacant membership positions. Dr. William B. Seccurro, former Harford County Public Schools administrator and former chairman of the Harford County Chamber of Commerce and Patrick P. Spicer, General Counsel, reviewed the two submissions received and interviewed both candidates on March 31, 2016. After conducting the interviews of both candidates, Dr. Seccurro and Mr. Spicer decided to recommend Pastor Mark R. Nolan to fill the vacancy. Pastor Nolan currently serves at New Hope Ministries, and as the Recording Secretary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of Maryland. Pastor Nolan has also served on the Ad-Hoc Committee of the Harford County Board of Education, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and served as President of the Harford and Cecil Counties Ministerial Alliance.

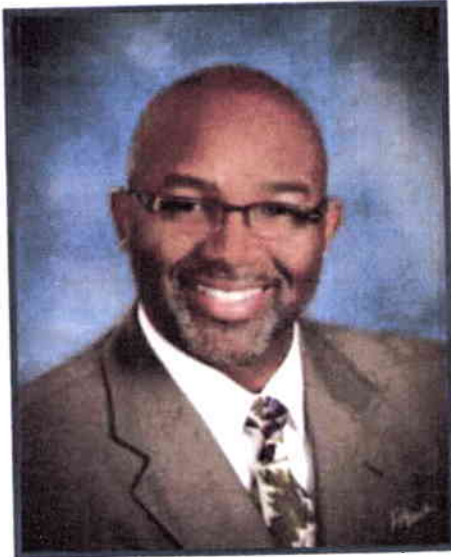
Attachments:

1. Ethics Panel application of Pastor Mark R. Nolan.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve Pastor Mark R. Nolan, for a five-year term beginning April, 2016 and ending March, 2021 for the Board Ethics Panel.

Pastor Mark R. Nolan



Mark R. Nolan is the anointed Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Bel Air, Maryland. Educated in the Baltimore and Harford Counties schools, and is a graduate of the Northfield University. He is the eighth child of Betty P. Nolan and the late Raymond H.C. Nolan. Mark accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of eleven.

Pastor Nolan's ministry began on the second Sunday in March of 1977 at the Mount Zion A.M.E. Church in Long Green, Maryland, under the pastorate of the Reverend James C. Stewart. Since then, he has served under seven pastors in three churches. Mark joined the New Hope Baptist Church in February of

1993 under the late Pastor Charles E. Copeland. He was ordained in the A.M.E. Church at the age of eighteen and later in the Baptist Church.

Pastor Nolan was blessed to meet and marry the former Tawana Rochelle Copeland on May 4, 1991. To that great union of love, God has blessed them with three beautiful children; Amaris Talia, Israel Eugene and Elon La'El.

Along with serving the New Hope family, Pastor Nolan also serves the larger community in several capacities. Pastor has been a part of the Ad-Hoc Committee of the Harford County Board of Education, worked with Habitat for Humanity and served as President of the Harford and Cecil Counties Ministerial Alliance. He is currently the Recording Secretary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of Maryland.

Pastor Nolan has served the New Hope Ministries for almost fifteen years as God's messenger. He has watched the Lord speak and perform miracles that are undeniable. Pastor Nolan's desire is to so teach the Word that all should come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20 - King James Version (KJV)

