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October 23, 2017

The Board of Education of Harford County met for an open business meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the A. A. Roberty Building and took the following actions and received the following presentations:

- Board Committee Reports and Comments
- Public Comment
- Old Business:
 - Consent Agenda
 - [Affirmation of Monthly Contracts - September 2017](#)
 - [Award of Contract: Computers, Data Storage Servers, Network Hardware and Peripherals](#)
 - [Award of Contract: On-Line Market Place for Purchases of Products and Services](#)
 - [Award of Contract: Natatorium Ceiling Renovation at Edgewood Middle School](#)
 - Minutes of Previous Board Meetings:
 - September 25, 2017
 - October 9, 2017
 - Monthly Report on Personnel - September 2017
- New Business:
 - [Presentation on Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30 2017](#), Ms. Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Mr. Jay Staab, Director of Finance, Mr. Gray Smith, Managing Partner, SB & Company LLC
 - Presentation on Annual Report of the Citizen Advisory Committees: Peter S. Carpenter, Ed.D. Coordinator, Accelerated Learning and Intervention Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Mrs. Yani Peyton, Committee Member
 - [Gifted and Talented Education Board Informational Report](#)
 - [Gifted and Talented Education Annual Report](#)



- Mr. Bob Benedetto, Coordinator of Safety and Security, Mr. Mark Stillwagon, Committee Member
 - [Safety and Security Board Informational Report](#)
 - [Safety and Security Annual Report](#)
- Superintendent's Report: I would like to thank everyone that is here this evening. I know you are all here with an open heart for a good reason and a good cause. I can assure everyone that we are working diligently to make sure that everyone affected by this incident at Bel Air High School is touched, is touched with a soft voice, and in some cases, a hard hand. We know that you are here because you care for all children- those that make mistakes, and those that do not. One thing that I believe in is that God sends us things (in very unusual ways); instead of sending David to Goliath, he sent Goliath to David to see what David could do. I think that right now, each one of us is a David. This incident opened dialogues and opened hearts, and will continue to do that. I can assure you that the behavior that was displayed and the reactions to that behavior that were negative in any way, shape or form, insulting, discriminating, or any other word that you might want to use to describe it, is not something that we tolerate and certainly not something that we promote. One of the things that I would like to do tonight is tell you that there have been many people involved in this hearing process, but we try to make one person the core that can really assemble all of the thoughts, all of the ideas and all actions that have taken place. I am going to put Ms. Laurie Namey on the spot right now , she is the Supervisor of Equity and Cultural Proficiency , and ask her to give you an idea of where we have come from, where we are, and where we need to go. Thank you.

The next Board of Education business meeting will be held **Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** All Board meetings are held in the A. A. Roberty Building. To access all future meeting dates and agendas, log onto the school system website at www.hcps.org.

