

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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 Aaron Poynton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Ms. Carol Bruce, Mrs. Terri Kocher, Dr. Carol Mueller, Mrs. Denise Perry, Miss Madina Sabirova, Mr. Wade Sewell, Ms. Lauren Strauss, and Dr. Aaron Poynton.

Virtual attendance: Mrs. Melissa Hahn

Adoption of Agenda

President Poynton called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Bruce made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alvarez and adopted in a voice vote of 10-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Terri Kocher led the Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Dr. Sean W. Bulson

Dr. Sean Bulson, Superintendent of Schools, was named Maryland Superintendent of the Year by the Public Schools Superintendents' Association of Maryland (PSSAM) on November 2, 2023. Dr. Bulson was presented with a proclamation for this honor by Bob Cassilly, Harford County Executive. Mr. Cassilly was joined by Patrick Vincenti, Harford County Council President, Jacob Bennett, Harford County Council Member, Aaron Penman, Harford County Council Member, and Tony Giangiardano, Harford County Council Member to congratulate Dr. Bulson

Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Public Comments

Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record either in-person or virtually. President Poynton 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 thirteen (13) people registered and provided in-person public comment: Jacob Bennett, William Thomas, Cindy Poper, Christie Crawford-Smick, representing the group "HCEA", Jackie Johnson, Gary Johnson, William Martino, Nonie Czajka, Suzie Scott, representing the group "Moms for Liberty Harford County", Emma Peller, DeLane Lewis, Jeannine Cannito, and Doug Rudd. There were no virtual speakers.

Note: The following registered in-person public speaker, DeLane Lewis filled out a "Request to appear before the Board of Education Card" but did not present herself when her name was called.

Old Business

President Poynton called for a motion to approve the following old business item:

1. Decision on Previously Tabled: Behavior-Based Energy Conservation Program Services

Motion, Second and Vote – Mrs. Kocher made a motion to approve old business item one (1) “Decision on Previously Tabled: Behavior-Based Energy Conservation Program Services” contract. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alvarez. The motion failed in a voice vote of 8-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Ms. Bruce and Mrs. Perry abstained from voting.

New Business

Item A. Decision on Recommendation to Delete Board Policy 0032-000 Vendor Sales to Students

Ms. Deborah Judd, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, and Ms. Jenn Horner, Supervisor of Purchasing sought Board approval of the recommended proposed deletion of Board policy 0032-000 Vendor Sales to Students. The recommendation was first presented to the Board at the September 18, 2023, Board meeting and was posted on HCPS.org for thirty (30) days to allow for public comment. No public comments were received.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Mueller made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to delete Board Policy 0032-000 Vendor Sales to Students. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Perry and approved in a voice vote of 10-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

Item B. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bulson’s report was provided as follows:

Superintendent Bulson made the community aware that this week, November 6-10, 2023, is National School Psychology Week.

Superintendent Bulson encouraged the community to join their local school’s PTA.

Superintendent Bulson made the community aware of the recent ribbon cutting for the new Aberdeen Middle School’s new STEM Cart. With financial support from BGE and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Aberdeen Middle School unveiled their new STEM cart for students to use.

Superintendent Bulson took a moment to recognize the upcoming “Veterans Day” holiday on Saturday, November 11, and also observed on Friday.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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

Aaron S. Poynton, D.P.A.
President, Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Attachment

Start Time is 6:00 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 5:50 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, November 6, 2023, 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, November 6, 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 6:00 PM on Monday, November 6, 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.

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 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.