

PUBLIC  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
MINUTES OF MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

*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 Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum of the Board was confirmed. All Board members were present with the exception of Dr. Herold, who had an excused absence.

In-person attendance: Mr. Robinson, Dr. Mueller, Ms. Bailey

Virtual attendance: Dr. Bauer, Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Karwacki, Mrs. Kelly, Dr. Phillips, Ms. Ricciardi

Ms. Gauthier read the following statement:

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion, with Board members, required staff and presenters in attendance either in-person or via teleconference. There is limited public access to the A. A. Roberty Building, 102 S. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014. The agenda and materials are available on [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) under Board of Education meetings. In light of the logistical/technological issues involved with allowing public comment, it is anticipated that the Board will vote to waive the requirement that the Board receive in-person public comment, and that, in substitution for in-person public comment, the Board will receive public comment as more fully described in the attached public comment notice dated June 21, 2021. The Audio Live Stream is available on [HCPS.ORG/BOE/LIVESTREAM](http://HCPS.ORG/BOE/LIVESTREAM).

Adoption of Agenda

President Robinson called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

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

Item A. Request to Waive, In Part, Provisions of Policy 22-0008-000 - Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to waive, in part, provisions of Policy 22-0008-000 - Public Participation at Board Open Meetings or Public Hearings and to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the same. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a voice vote 9/0.

Item B. Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Item C. Public Comments

Speakers were virtually invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record. Public comment parameters were approved earlier in the evening (3 minutes per speaker/comment and a total amount of time allotted for public comments at two (2) hours). Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments at the Board meeting.

Item D. Consent Agenda

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

1. Monthly Personnel Report - April and May 2021
2. Contract Award: Dreambox Seat License Subscription Expansion
3. Contract Award: for Math Textbooks
4. Contract Award: English Resources for Elementary Reading
5. Contract Award: Maintenance Contract for WiFi Components
6. Contract Award: Maintenance Contract for Aruba WiFi Components
7. Contract Award: It's Learning Annual Maintenance
8. Contract Award: Stadium Sound System Upgrades
9. Contract Award: Pre-Construction and Early Relocatable Bid Package Management Services
10. Contract Award: Architectural/Engineering Services Homestead/Wakefield Elementary Replacement School
11. Contract Award: Replacement of the Fire Alarm System at Havre de Grace Elementary School
12. Special Education Citizen Advisory Committee Annual Report
13. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: June 7, 2021

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and the consent agenda was approved in a voice vote of 9/0.

#### Item E. Update on Continuity of Learning

Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson shared that on July 1, 2021, a new Continuity of Learning document will be posted with updated information. Ms. Katie Ridgway, Supervisor of Risk Management gave updates on current Covid-19 metrics and shared that Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is awaiting the Center for Disease Control and Maryland State Department of Education's guidance guidelines for any changes to the 2021 – 2022 school year. Ms. Renee Villareal, Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Mr. Mike O'Brien, Executive Director of Middle and High School Performance gave an update on summer school and virtual school plans for Swan Creek School including enrollment, staffing numbers and transportation communication that will be shared with families who qualify. The Board was made aware that students at Swan Creek will not be able to participate in athletic interscholastic sports however Mr. Robert Deleva, Principal of Swan Creek is open to other activity options based on student interest. Discussion was given regarding HCPS planning for the fall start of the new school year. HCPS is planning to have in school learning five days a week with face masks optional and holding a full fall sports season.

Please see archived video for full discussion.

#### Item F. Decision on 2021 Educational Facilities Master Plan and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

Mr. Cornell Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Ms. Patti Jo Beard, Executive Director of Facilities Management, Mr. Chris Morton, Supervisor of Planning and Construction and Ms. Missy Valentino, Facilities Planner presented the 2021 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) and the 2021 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan. Mr. Brown sought the Board's approval of both plans to submit to the State by the required deadlines as follows: EFMP by July 1, 2021, and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan by October 1, 2021. Both combined plans form the basis for the fiscal year 2023 Capital Improvement Program.

Motion, and Second - Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2021 Educational Facilities Master Plan for submission to the State. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller. Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson asked the Board to amend the motion to include the 2021 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

Amendment, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2021 Educational Facilities Master Plan and the 2021 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for submission to the State. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a roll call vote of 9/0.

Item G. Decision on the Education Specification for the Homestead/Wakefield Elementary Replacement School

Mr. Cornell Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Mr. Chris Morton, Supervisor of Planning and Construction and Ms. Missy Valentino, Facilities Planner presented the educational specifications for the Homestead Wakefield Elementary Replacement School project. These specifications need to be submitted to the Public-School Construction Program by July 1, 2021 and approved by the State Superintendent of Schools to be considered for State construction funding in fiscal year 2023.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve submission to the State the Educational Specifications for the Homestead/Wakefield Elementary Replacement School.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gauthier and approved in a roll call vote of 9/0.

Item H. Decision on Proposed Student Attendance Policy No. 02-0001-000

Patrick P. Spicer, Esq., General Counsel discussed the proposed revisions to current policy entitled 02-0001-000-Student Attendance to align with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) definition requirements for reporting attendance. The changes are for reporting a full day, partial day, and absences as: present, partial day, tardy or early dismissal to align with MSDE definitions.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the proposed revised policy entitled 02-0001-000 Student Attendance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mueller and approved in a roll call vote of 9/0.

Item I. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bulson's report was provided as follows:

- Dr. Bulson thanked student Board Member, Ms. Phoebe Bailey for her contributions during her time on the Board.
- Dr. Bulson shared that families participating in virtual summer programs received communications about device pick-up. Those students attending in-person summer programs will get their device on the first day of their program.
- Dr. Bulson shared that on June 22, 2021, families will receive information about the first hybrid Board of Education meeting, in July. Details will also be posted in the News Alert on the [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) website.
- Dr. Bulson shared that families with students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the 2021-22 school year will receive additional communication on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, about a change to their log-in information. On Thursday, June 24, 2021, families will receive an email with the results of the HCPS Student Engagement Survey. There are 8,000 hand-written responses that HCPS still needs to process, and HCPS is looking forward to doing that this summer and providing an analysis of that information in the fall.
- Dr. Bulson reminded the community that if your child is one of HCPS' Littles University Scholars, be sure to visit the HCPS website for a link to Harford County Education Foundation's application for a copy of the July reading book, "Blueberries for Sal."
- Dr. Bulson shared that high school students have received information about Harford Community College's virtual dual enrollment event. HCPS encourages students to review and register to attend either July 20 or July 21, 2021.

Please see archived video for full report.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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

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Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION  
BUSINESS MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 – 6:30 PM

The Board of Education of Harford County Business Meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM with only Board Members, staff, and presenters in attendance virtually. The meeting will be streamed live *and* archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

Public Comment Participation Call-In Process

Community members who wish to provide comments during the *Public Comments* segment of the Business meeting are required to register by completing this form [Public Comment Registration Form](#).

Registrations **must** be received by **9:00 AM on Monday, June 21, 2021**. All fields on the registration form **must** be completed.

- First and Last name
  - Mailing Address
  - Email Address
  - Phone Number
1. Registered speakers will receive an email from HCPS with a Call-in Phone # and a Conference ID #.
  2. Registered speakers are required to call-in and enter the conference ID# at **6:30 PM on Monday, June 21, 2021**.
  3. **Important: If you are unable to take your phone off mute, you may need to dial \*6.**
  4. All speakers, regardless of affiliation, will receive 3-minutes per speaker. Speakers may be interrupted and be given notice when they have 30 seconds left. When speakers have reached their 3-minute mark, callers will be removed from the meeting.
  5. The Board has allotted two-hours for the *Public Comments* segment of the Business meeting.
  6. If you are admitted from the virtual lobby to the meeting within the two-hour time constraint, you will be placed on hold and greeted by an HCPS staff member when it is time to begin your public comment. Expected hold time 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.**
  7. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person.
  8. In accordance with Board policy, if the number of speakers impede the ability of the Board to complete scheduled business, the Board reserves the right to reduce the amount of time allotted per speaker, or overall time allotted for public comment.
  9. The Board expects that all comments will be submitted with the decorum and respect appropriate to the conduct of public business.
  10. Topics such as personnel matters, pending appeals, specific student disciplinary matters or which constitute commercial solicitations are not permitted.
  11. Disparaging comments, personal attacks, and inflammatory remarks about specific schools or personnel 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 from the call.
  12. 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.**