

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Rachel Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Kanae Holcomb, who had an excused absence.

Note: Dr. Joyce Herold had connection issues and joined the meeting after roll call was taken.

President Gauthier read the following statement:

This meeting will be conducted in a virtual fashion, with Board members, required staff and presenters in attendance via teleconference. The agenda and materials are available on www.hcps.org under Board of Education meetings. The Board will receive public comment as more fully described in the attached public comment notice dated September 13, 2021.

Adoption of Agenda

President Gauthier called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. David Bauer made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jansen Robinson 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 Mr. Robinson and approved in a voice vote 9/0.

Item B. Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Item C. Public Comments

President Gauthier read a statement regarding protocol for public comments which included a provision that each speaker would have two (2) minutes to speak. Ms. Lindsay Bilodeau, Communications Specialist, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments at the Board meeting.

Item D. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contract Award - Conventional Special Needs School Buses Type I
2. Contract Award: Youth's Benefit Elementary School Isolated Masonry Flashing & Miscellaneous Improvements
3. Contract Award: Chiller Replacement at Forest Hill Elementary School
4. Contract Award: Student Chromebooks Purchase
5. Contract Award: Purchase of Grounds Equipment
6. Contract Award: Interactive Panels
7. Contract Award: Grounds Equipment

8. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: August 16, 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 introduced his leadership staff: Ms. Mary Nasuta, Supervisor of Health Services, Mr. Mike O'Brien, Executive Director of Middle and High School Performance, Ms. Renee Villareal, Executive Director of Elementary Education and Dr. Susan Brown, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment who provided continuity of learning updates from their respective disciplines. Questions from the Board members were discussed and answered by the leadership staff.

Item F. Presentation Regarding Request to Delete Board Policy 02-0037-000 Student Backpack Use

Patrick P. Spicer, Esq., presented information regarding proposed request to delete Board Policy 02-0037-000 Student Backpack Use.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Item G. Decision on Proposed Request to Waive, In Part, Application of the Board's Policy 02-0037-000 Student Backpack Use

Patrick P. Spicer, Esq., led a discussion regarding the proposed request to waive, in part, application of the Board's Policy 02-0037-000 Student Backpack Use. Mr. Spicer requested the Board consider a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation contained in the Board report entitled, Request To Waive, In Part, Application Of Student Backpack Use policy.

Motion, Second and Vote - Dr. Bauer made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to waive, in part, the application of Board policy on backpack use as described in the Board report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karwacki and approved in a roll call vote of 9/0.

Item H. Presentation of FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program

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 provided the Board a second presentation of the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Ms. Valentino led the presentation and informed the Board, it will be asked at the September 27, 2021, Board meeting to approve the FY 2023 State CIP budget for submission to the Interagency Commission, the State funding authority for public school construction projects.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Item I. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bulson's report was provided as follows:

- Dr. Bulson welcomed back students to the 2021-2022 school year. He acknowledged and thanked all staff and parents who have contributed to getting school started
- Dr. Bulson made the community aware that on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, communication will be shared with the public regarding his balancing enrollment recommendations and the upcoming public input forums.
- Dr. Bulson shared overall enrollment preliminary numbers as of right now which are currently higher than expected.
- Dr. Bulson shared that Ms. Christy Renzulli, School Counselor at Norrisville Elementary School, was recognized with the Student Services Standout Award for her innovative and student-centered work during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Dr. Bulson shared that on Thursday, August 19, 2021, Ms. Alycia Covelly and Ms. Chiwy Webster, employees at Edgewood High School were honored as the grand prize recipients of the Freedom Federal Credit Union's 2021 Golden Apple Annual Educator Award, grant competition. Ms. Covelly and

Ms. Webster won the \$2,000 grant for plans to start a school-based pantry, called “Blessings in a Backpack”, where students can stock up on necessities like food and clothing before weekends and long breaks.

- Dr. Bulson reminded the community that Harford County Public Schools and offices are closed on Thursday, September 16, 2021, due to the Yom Kippur Holiday.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

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

Rachel Gauthier, Board President
Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
BUSINESS MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM

The Board of Education of Harford County will hold a Business Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:30 PM with 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 virtually 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, September 13, 2021. All fields on the registration form must be completed.

1. First and Last name
 2. Email Address
 3. Phone Number
 4. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person
- Registered 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 6:30 PM on Monday, September 13, 2021.
 - 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.

The Board has authorized public comment as follows:

- Board policy permits speaker three (3) minutes to provide comments. However, ***Board policy authorizes the Board to 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.*** It is anticipated that in light of the number of speakers at recent Board meetings, the Board will reduce the amount of time allocated to each speaker. Consequently, please be prepared to abbreviate your comments.
- 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 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.
- 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.