

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

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

Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of the Board was confirmed. All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Ms. Noa Blanken, Ms. Carol Bruce, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Dr. Joyce Herold, Mrs. Denise Perry, Dr. Roy Phillips, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Dr. Carol Mueller

Virtual attendance: Ms. Patrice Ricciardi

Election of Board President, Board of Education of Harford County

Superintendent Bulson opened the floor for nominations for the Presidency of the Board of Education of Harford County.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Roy Phillips nominated Dr. Carol Mueller for the office of Board President, with a second from Mr. Wade Sewell. Dr. Mueller accepted the nomination. Dr. Mueller's appointment to the President of the Board of Education of Harford County was approved in a unanimous roll call vote of 10/0.

Election of Board Vice-President, Board of Education of Harford County

Newly elected President Mueller opened the floor for nominations for the Vice-Presidency of the Board of Education of Harford County.

Motion, Second and Vote – Dr. Roy Phillips nominated Mr. Wade Sewell for the office of Board Vice-President, with a second from Dr. Joyce Herold. Mr. Sewell accepted the nomination. Mr. Sewell's appointment to the Vice-President of the Board of Education of Harford County was approved in a unanimous roll call vote of 10/0.

First and Second Motion – President Mueller made a call for any other nominations. Mrs. Diane Alvarez nominated Ms. Patrice Ricciardi for the office of Board Vice-President, with a second from Mrs. Melissa Hahn. Ms. Ricciardi declined the nomination.

Opening – Dr. Carol Mueller, Board President

Adoption of Agenda

President Mueller called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Blanken made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alvarez and adopted in a voice vote 10-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Wade Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance

Item A. Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided

Item B. Public Comments

Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record either in-person or virtually. President Mueller read a statement regarding protocol for public comments which included a provision that each speaker would have three (3) 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 seven (7) people registered to provide in-person public comment: Davia Jones, David Bauer, Barbara Kreamer, William Martino, Laura Wade, Brian Chan, and Suzie Scott. Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on individual speakers who had pre-registered to provide public comments virtually. The following one (1) registered person provided virtual public comment: Crystal Parks.

*Note: Registered in-person speaker, Davia Jones did not present herself at the meeting and provide a comment

Item C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contract Award: Swan Creek School HVAC Upgrades
2. Contract Award: Plumbing Supplies and Associated Materials
3. Contract Award: Forest Hill Annex Improvements and Print Shop Relocation

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Blanken made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alvarez and the consent agenda was approved in a voice vote of 10-0.

Item D. Decision on Revisions and Renaming of Board Policy 08-0005-000 Video Surveillance

Kimberly H. Neal, Esq., General Counsel, and, reported that the Board's current video surveillance policy was adopted in November of 2004. Since 2004, the use of video surveillance has increased and there have been changes to laws and regulations regarding the retention and disclosure of video records. Ms. Neal and Ms. Julie Uehlein, Supervisor of Risk Management, formed a workgroup to review the current policy, establish a procedure, and propose a revised version of the Video Surveillance policy based upon applicable laws and best practices.

The Board was first presented with the revised and renamed proposed policy at the October 24, 2022 Board meeting and then posted on the HCPS.org website for public comment for thirty (30) days and two (2) comments were received, both in favor of the revisions as posted. Ms. Neal sought Board approval of the proposed revisions and retitling of policy 08-0005-000 Video Surveillance.

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Blanken made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve proposed revisions and retitling of policy 08-0005-000 Video Surveillance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hahn. The motion was approved in roll call vote of 10-0.

Item E. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bulson's report was provided as follows:

Superintendent Bulson encouraged the community you to review the recently elected Board member's introductory videos on the HCPS.org website and HCPS social media pages.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community that there are several activities occurring at HCPS schools and encouraged the community to participate and enjoy the time with your school community and recognize the efforts of PTA's and PTSA's around the county.

Superintendent Bulson shared that the November Family Friendly school award winner was Churchville Elementary School and reminded the community that nominations for the December Family Friendly school award are now open and encouraged the public to nominate schools.

Superintendent Bulson shared that HCPS has the three (3) following award nomination windows coming up: 2023 Teacher of the Year award with nominations being accepted through January 4, 2023, Bus Driver, and Bus Attendant of the Year award. Information on these awards and nominations can be found on the HCPS.org website.

Superintendent Bulson thanked students and staff from HCPS schools who performed at the Harford County Council's inauguration held on Monday, December 5, 2022.

Superintendent Bulson encouraged the community to watch a recent Parent Academy video with Ms. Mary Beth Stapleton, Manager of Family and Community Partnerships and Ms. Shannon Hagan, Supervisor of Staff Management, which talks about HCPS job opportunities for parents.

Superintendent Bulson shared that the HCPS.org website has recently added a Military Family Friendly Welcome Center. Military families now have a place to go and look and get information specific to requests that HCPS has frequently received from military families. Superintendent Bulson encouraged the community to visit the website and if they know people moving to Harford County, particularly those in the military, point them to the HCPS website.

Superintendent Bulson reminded the community that the volunteer counselor applications for Harford Glen are open. This application is for high school students and is located on the HCPS.org website.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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

Dr. Carol L. Mueller, Board President
Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

Attachment

BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 PM – ADJOURNMENT

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion and public attendance will be permitted as explained below:

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:20 PM AND THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

The Board of Education of Harford County will hold a hybrid Business Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:30 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 recognized groups 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, December 5, 2022. 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 6:30 PM on Monday, December 5, 2022.
- 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.
- Board Comment Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person.

The Board has authorized public comment as follows:

- Each speaker shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes and five (5) minutes for individuals representing groups.
- 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.