

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

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 Lauren Paige called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present with the exception of Mrs. Denise Perry, Dr. Carol Mueller, and Mr. James McVicker III, who were absent.

In-person attendance: Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Ms. Carol Bruce, Mrs. BangTam Miller, Mr. Wade Sewell, and Ms. Lauren Paige.

Virtual attendance: Mrs. Diane Alvarez.

Adoption of Agenda

President Paige called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Norkaitis made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sewell and adopted in a voice vote of 7-0. Mrs. Denise Perry, Dr. Carol Mueller, and Mr. James McVicker III were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Wade Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item A. Special Recognition by Harford County Board of Education

The following two presentations took place:

- The Board, Interim Superintendent Dyann Mack, Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly, and Harford County Council President Pat Vincenti recognized Roye-Williams Elementary School's "Maryland Purple Star School" designation. Ms. Rose Martino, Roye-Williams Elementary School (RWES) Principal and Ms. Stephanie Harris, RWES Vice-Principal, were present to receive the accolades on behalf of the school.
- The Board and Interim Superintendent Dyann Mack recognized the "Superintendent's Student Advisory Council" 2025-2026 students for their participation and contributions throughout the school year on this council. The following students were present to receive their certificates in person: Samanyu Nanduri, Serafina Das, Madelyn Loftus, Jose Gomez, Anjolina Nago, Imani Aluoch, Gregory Garlen, and Oluferanmi "Fera" Olusola.

Item B. Student Presentation "Educators Rising – Today's Students Tomorrow's Educators"

Ms. Audrey Vohs, Coordinator of TeachHCPs, was joined by HCPs Students: Miss Isla Milanowski (Patterson Mill), Miss Ellie Miller (Havre de Grace High), Miss Eva Roberts (North Harford High), and Miss Isabella Housley (Edgewood High) and they provided the Board a presentation on the "Educators Rising Program".

Public Comments

Speakers were invited to the meeting to provide their comments for the record either in-person or virtually. President Paige 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 seven (7) people registered to provide in-person public comment: Hannah Cosentino, Andrew Hoffman, David Bauer, Gary Johnson, William Martino, Jackie Johnson, and David Faby.

Note: Ms. Hannah Cosentino did not present herself when her name was called and did not provide any comments.

Ms. Jillian Lader, Manager of Communications, called on the individual speaker who had pre-registered to provide public comments virtually. The following one (1) person registered to provide virtual public comment: Phil Snyder.

Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Interim Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dyann Mack provided the Interim Superintendent's report.

Old Business

President Paige announced no "Old Business" was scheduled for discussion.

Item C. Consent Agenda

President Paige announced no "Consent Agenda" items were scheduled for decision.

New Business

Item D. Presentation of the 2026 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP)

Ms. Cathy Bendis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Mr. Colin Carr, Director of Facilities Management, Mr. Chris Morton, Supervisor of Planning and Construction, and Ms. Missy Valentino, Facilities Planner, discussed with the Board the proposed 2026 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP). The Capital Improvement Projects proposed in the plan will be the basis for the FY27 Capital Improvement Program.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Item E. Discussion of Proposed New Board: "Policy for Establishing Board Policy"

Mrs. Diane Alvarez, Board Member presented the proposed new Board: "Policy for Establishing Board Policy" for Board discussion of the policy's intention and purpose. The proposed policy will be posted on the HCPS website for thirty (30) days to allow for public comment. Board approval of the proposed new policy will be sought at a subsequent Board Meeting.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Adjournment

With no further business and with Board consensus the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Dyann R. Mack, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer

Lauren Paige
President, Board of Education of Harford County



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

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 5:55 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, June 1, 2026, 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, June 1, 2026. 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, June 1, 2026.
- **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 for individuals 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.



Board of Education of Harford County

Resolution on

Roye-Williams Elementary School

June 2026

*W***HEREAS**, Roye-Williams Elementary School has been awarded the prestigious Maryland Purple Star School designation by the Maryland State Department of Education; and

*W***HEREAS**, Roye-Williams Elementary School is the first school within Harford County Public Schools to receive this distinguished recognition; and

*W***HEREAS**, the Maryland Purple Star School Program was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 2022 to recognize schools that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families; and

*W***HEREAS**, the Board of Education commends Roye-Williams Elementary School for its outstanding leadership, compassion, and dedication in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for military-connected students and their families; and

*W***HEREAS**, the Maryland Purple Star School designation will remain in effect for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years, serving as a testament to the school’s continued commitment to excellence, service, and support for military-connected students and families.

*R***ESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of Harford County hereby congratulates Roye-Williams Elementary School on earning the Maryland Purple Star School designation and commends its administration, faculty, staff, students, and families for their dedication to supporting military-connected students and for the positive impact their efforts have made throughout the Harford County community.

Lauren Paige

Lauren Paige, Board President

Wade Sewell

Wade A. Sewell, Board Vice President

Bang Sam Miller

Bang Sam Miller, Board Member

Liliana Norkaitis

Liliana Norkaitis, Board Member

Denise E. Perry

Denise E. Perry, Board Member

Carol L. Mueller

Carol L. Mueller, Ph.D., Board Member

Melissa L. Hahn

Melissa L. Hahn, Board Member

Carol P. Bruce

Carol P. Bruce, Board Member

Diane M. Alvarez

Diane M. Alvarez, Board Member

James McVicker III

James McVicker III, Student Member

Dyann R. Mack, Ed.D.

Dyann R. Mack, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Sec./Treasurer