

PUBLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
MINUTES OF MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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>

Open Session

The Board of Education of Harford County met in open session in person on Monday, August 17, 2026. President Lauren Paige called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM

Board Members Present

All Board members were present with the exception of Mrs. Diane Alvarez, who was absent.

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

Motion, Second and Vote

Dr. Mueller made a motion to waive public comment in its entirety in light of the limited nature of the open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller and approved in a voice vote of 8-0. Mrs. Alvarez was absent.

Attendance of the Student Member of the Board in Closed Session - Motion, Second and Vote

Dr. Mueller made a motion to invite Miss Nanduri to attend closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sewell and approved in a roll call vote of 5-3. (Includes 1 affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative vote: Ms. Norkaitis, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Hahn. Mrs. Alvarez was absent.

Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon a motion by Dr. Mueller, seconded by Ms. Bruce and approved in a voice vote 8-0, the Board of Education of Harford County met in closed session. Mrs. Alvarez was absent.

Closed Session

Board Members Present

All Board members were present with the exception of Mrs. Diane Alvarez, who was absent.

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

Staff Present:

Dr. Dyann Mack, Superintendent
Bernard Hennigan, Deputy Superintendent for Schools
Dr. Katie Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Lauren R. Driver, Esquire, General Counsel
Yvonne Rallo, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

In-person attendance: Dr. Dyann Mack, Mr. Bernard Hennigan, Dr. Katie Ridgway, Mr. Ben Richardson, Lauren Driver, Esq., and Mrs. Yvonne Rallo.

The Board of Education met in a closed session for the purpose of discussing:

Topic: Presentation of background/qualifications of candidate nominated by the Superintendent for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services.

Reason for Closed Session: To preserve the privacy and confidentiality of information regarding the nominee.

Mr. Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, led a discussion and presentation regarding the proposed candidate for the Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services.

Adjournment

With no further business, Ms. Norkaitis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and with Board consensus, the closed session adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Lauren Paige called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

In-person attendance: Ms. Liliana Norkaitis, Dr. Carol Mueller, Miss Vibha Nanduri, Mrs. BangTam Miller, Mrs. Melissa Hahn, Ms. Carol Bruce, 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 – Mr. Sewell made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller and adopted in a voice vote of 9-0. (Includes 1 affirmative student member vote).

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 four (4) people registered and provided in-person public comment: Gary Johnson representing the group “Moms for Liberty”, David Bauer, Jackie Johnson, and Cristina Lanocha.

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: Melissa Frasier Santiago.

Board Member Comments

Board member comments were provided.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Dyann Mack provided the Superintendent’s report.

Old Business

President Paige announced no “Old Business” was scheduled for discussion.

Item A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Monthly Report on Certificated Personnel: July 2026

2. Contract Award: Comprehensive Mechanical Maintenance Services (Extension)
3. Contract Award: Open-End Water and Sewer Construction
4. Contract Award: Reading and Math Seat License Renewals
5. Contract Award: Institutes of Higher Education Partnerships
6. Contract Award: Usage for Virtual Hosting Environment for Security Servers
7. Contract Award: Trades, Labor, and Materials
8. Contract Award: Private Duty Nurse
9. Contract Award: Sunflower Seeds and Bread Products
10. Contract Use: Procurement Card (P-Card) Services Extension
11. Contract Award: Travel for Festivals of Music-Music in the Parks
12. School/Organization Sponsored Project: Dublin Elementary School Harford County DPW Forest Planting
13. Transfers Between State Categories for the FY2026 Budget
14. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings: June 22, June 29, and July 20, 2026

Motion, Second and Vote –Dr. Mueller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller and approved in a voice vote of 9-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote).

New Business

Item B. Decision on Administrative and Supervisory Appointment

Mr. Ben Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, sought Board approval of the proposed candidate for the following.

Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services

Tammy L. Bosley

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Paige made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mueller, to approve Ms. Tammy L. Bosley, for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. The motion was approved in a voice vote of 6-2. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Casting the negative votes: Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hahn. Note: Mrs. Alvarez was no longer virtual and present at the meeting and did not cast a vote.

Item C. Decision on Proposed Updates to the Board Handbook

President Paige introduced the topic and proposed the following action before inviting Board member, Ms. Norkaitis, to discuss the proposed Board Handbook changes for the Board's consideration.

Motion, Second and Vote – Ms. Paige motioned that consideration and action on the Handbook items be postponed until the Board's next regular scheduled meeting, and that the Board continue tonight just in discussion and deliberation on the Handbook items without taking a final vote. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller and approved in a voice vote of 8-0. (Includes 1 preferential affirmative student member vote). Mrs. Alvarez was absent.

Item D. Presentation of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 20-0002-000 School Calendar.

President Paige introduced the topic on the proposed revisions to Board policy 20-0002-000 School Calendar. The proposed updated policy puts the development of the school calendar as a responsibility of the Superintendent, and the ultimate authority stays with the Board after a more open and efficient process. The proposed changes are for more direct engagement and more transparency with the public. The proposed School Calendar Policy will be posted on HCPS.org for thirty (30) days to allow for public comment. Following the 30 days, Board approval of the proposed revised policy "School Calendar" 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 7:55 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, AUGUST 17, 2026

OPEN SESSION: 5:45 PM – 5:50 PM

This meeting will be conducted virtually with no public attendance due to the brief nature of this meeting and the logistical issues regarding allowing public attendance in advance of the 6:00 PM meeting.

**The only item the Board will consider during this open meeting is consideration of meeting in a closed session.*

CLOSED SESSION: 5:50 PM – 5:55 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 5:55 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, August 17, 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, August 17, 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, August 17, 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.