

Baltimore County Board of Education
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
AND
EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 5:14 p.m., Building E, 6901 Charles Street, Towson, Maryland. Chair Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Vice-Chair Nicholas Stewart, Esquire, Ms. Kathleen S. Causey, Ms. June Eaton, Mr. Roger B. Hayden, Ms. Julie C. Henn, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Ms. Ann Miller, Stephen L. Verch, Esquire, Student Member, Miss Haleemat Adekoya, and Interim Superintendent, Ms. Verletta White.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b)(1) and (b)(7), upon motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, and approved unanimously, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:15 p.m. Chair Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Vice-Chair Nicholas Stewart, Esquire, Ms. Kathleen S. Causey, Ms. June Eaton, Mr. Roger B. Hayden, Ms. Julie C. Henn, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Ms. Ann Miller, Stephen L. Verch, Esquire, , and Student Member, Miss Haleemat Adekoya. In addition, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Verletta White and the following staff members were present: Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief of Staff; Mr. Kevin D. Smith, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer; Dr. Mary Boswell-McComas, Interim Chief Academic Officer; Dr. John Mayo, Chief Human Resources Officer; Margaret–Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Andrew Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Senior Executive Assistant.

Dr. Mayo presented personnel matters to be considered at tonight’s meeting including retirements, resignations, leaves of absence, deaths-recognition of service, certificated appointments, and administrative appointments.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice regarding the effect of the Supreme Court’s decision on *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31* on school system operations. Mr. Nussbaum also provided advice on the case of *Akers v. MSEA, et al.*

Mr. Emory Young entered the room at 5:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION SESSION MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, and seconded by Mr. McDaniels, and approved unanimously, the Board commenced its administrative function session at 5:32 p.m.

Staff members, with the exception of Ms. White and Ms. Howie, exited the room.

Ms. April Lewis, Executive Director of School Safety, and Mr. Richard Muth, Manager, entered the room.

The Board discussed:

- Safety precautions and protocols for Board of Education meetings
- Implementation of the Education Transparency Act

Ms. Howie exited the room. Following Ms. Howie's exit, the Board discussed the Interim Superintendent's contract.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Ms. Eaton, the Board adjourned its administrative function session at 6:20 p.m. Ms. Causey, Mr. Hayden, and Ms. Miller opposed adjourning administrative function session.

EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION

In accordance with the Education Transparency Act, Md. Ed. Code Ann., §3-2B-09(b)(3)(effective July 1, 2018), the following represents a full and accurate description of the final actions of the Board of Education taken at this public meeting of July 10, 2018. If there is a discrepancy between the video and this description, the video, which constitute the official minutes of the meeting, shall control.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. White requested to add the following items to tonight's agenda:

- Item P-2 – Resolution on School Climate, Student Behavior, and Discipline
- Moving Item R-6 to Item P-3 – Employee Benefits Reserve Fund

Board members voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as corrected by Ms. White by adding Items P-2 and P-3.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board of Education Policies

Mr. Stewart moved to approve Policies 1270 and 4002. Mr. Verch asked that Policy 4008 be discussed further; Ms. Miller asked that Policy 4010 be discussed further.

The Board approved Policies 1270 and 4002.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/Abstention
H. Adekoya	x		
K. Causey			x
J. Eaton	x		
E. Gilliss	x		
R. Hayden	x		
J. Henn	x		
C. McDaniels	x		
A. Miller	x		
N. Stewart	x		
D. Uhlfelder	x		
S. Verch	x		
E. Young	x		

Policy 4010.

The Board approved Policy 4010 as recommended by the Policy Review Committee.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed
H. Adekoya	x	
K. Causey		x
J. Eaton	x	
E. Gilliss	x	
R. Hayden		x
J. Henn		x
C. McDaniels	x	
A. Miller		
N. Stewart	x	
D. Uhlfelder	x	
S. Verch	x	
E. Young	x	

Policy 4008

Ms. Causey moved to amend, by inserting to line 22 “volunteers, government agencies and others who have been permitted access to Board data.” Mr. Verch seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved Policy 4008 as amended (favor – 12).

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Matters

On motion of Mr. McDaniels, seconded by Mr. Stewart the Board approved the personnel matters listed in exhibit J (favor – 11). Mr. Verch did not vote on this item.

On motion of Mr. McDaniels, seconded by Mr. Stewart, the Board unanimously approved the appointments as listed in exhibit K.

Interim Superintendent’s Contract

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Verch, the Board approved the interim superintendent’s contract.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/Abstention
H. Adekoya	x		
K. Causey		x	
J. Eaton	x		
E. Gilliss	x		
R. Hayden			x
J. Henn		x	
C. McDaniels	x		
A. Miller	x		
N. Stewart	x		
D. Uhlfelder	x		
S. Verch	x		
E. Young	x		

BUILDING AND CONTRACTS

Ms. Henn moved approval of contracts M-1, M-3, M-4, M-6, M-7, M-8, M-9, M-10, M-11, and M-12. Mr. Young abstained from voting on item M-9. Ms. Miller abstained from voting on items M-7, M-8, and M-10.

Exhibit	Contract Number	Contract Name
1.	JBO-733-18	Supplementary Instructional Materials for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities
3.	LKO-427-18	Robotic Components and Software
4.	MBU-510-18	STEM Summer Enrichment Program
6.	KSH-342-18	Workers' Compensation Claims Administration Services
7.	RGA-142-05	Modification: Human Resources/Financial Management System - Enterprise Software Upgrade
8.	KSH-301-19	Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) System
9.	JMI-601-18	Modification: Telephone Repair Supplies and Accessories
10.	JMI-618-18	Information Technology Staffing Services
11.	MWE-803-17A	Modification: Temporary Leased Space for Rosedale Center
12.	MBU-525-17	Modification: Moving Services

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/Abstention
H. Adekoya	x		
K. Causey	x		
J. Eaton	x		
E. Gilliss	x		
R. Hayden	x		
J. Henn	x		
C. McDaniels	x		
A. Miller	x		Items 7, 8, 10
N. Stewart	x		
D. Uhlfelder	x		
S. Verch	x		
E. Young	x		Item 9

Ms. Miller asked that items M-2 and M-5 be discussed. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved contracts 2 and 5 (favor – 12).

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| 2. | MBU-519-18 | Staff Training in Strategies Using Principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis |
| 5. | JBO-727-18 | Online Courses for Graduate and MSDE Continuing Professional Development Credits |

NEW BUSINESS

Privately-Funded Capital Request

On motion of Mr. Verch, seconded by Ms. Henn, the Board unanimously approved the installation of a Scoreboard for the Upper Field at Parkville High School (favor – 12).

Board of Education Policies

On motion of the Policy Review Committee Chair Mr. Verch, the Board unanimously approved the policies in exhibit O to be advanced to second reading (favor – 12).

NEW BUSINESS

Privately-Funded Capital Request – Pot Spring Elementary School

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Ms. Henn, the Board unanimously approved the Playground Relocation and Enhancement at Pot Spring Elementary School (favor – 12).

Resolution

School Climate, Student Behavior, and Discipline

On motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Ms. Causey, the Board approved Ms. Henn's resolution, as amended:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Baltimore County holds the needs of BCPS students as its first priority and is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment that is positive, respectful, and caring; and

- WHEREAS, A hostile education environment substantially interferes with students’ and staff’s educational and professional benefits, opportunities, and performance, as well as with their physical and psychological well-being; and
- WHEREAS, Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation are strictly prohibited by federal law and will not be tolerated in Baltimore County Public Schools; and
- WHEREAS, The Board, as the governing body of the school system, fulfills its mission by adopting policies concerning the effectiveness of the school system, as well as the standards needed for the improvement of the school system; and
- WHEREAS, The Board believes that its ability to govern is strengthened by its connections to the community it serves and is legally empowered to establish citizen advisory committees; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board hereby establishes the School Climate, Student Behavior, and Discipline Citizens Advisory Committee, for the purpose of providing information and recommendations to the Board, through at least quarterly meetings with the Board, starting July 1, 2018.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed
H. Adekoya		x
K. Causey	x	
J. Eaton	x	
E. Gilliss	x	
R. Hayden		x
J. Henn	x	
C. McDaniels	x	
A. Miller	x	
N. Stewart	x	
D. Uhlfelder	x	
S. Verch	x	
E. Young		x

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Ms. Henn, the Board directed the Policy Review Committee to review the Board’s student disciplinary policies at the Committee’s October 2018 meeting. The Board further directed that the Committee consider input from the Superintendent’s Council and the newly established school climate, student behavior, and discipline citizens’ advisory committee.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed
H. Adekoya	x	
K. Causey	x	
J. Eaton	x	
E. Gilliss		x
R. Hayden	x	
J. Henn	x	
C. McDaniels	x	
A. Miller	x	
N. Stewart	x	
D. Uhlfelder	x	
S. Verch		x
E. Young	x	

The Board adjourned its meeting at 10:01 p.m.