

Baltimore County Board of Education
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
AND
EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, September 25, 2018

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland met in closed session at 4:50 p.m. at Greenwood. Board Chair Edward J. Gilliss, Esq., and the following Board members were present: Vice Chair Nicholas Stewart, Esquire, Ms. Kathleen S. Causey, Ms. June Eaton, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. David Uhlfelder, Stephen L. Verch, Esquire, Mr. Emory Young, and Miss Haleemat Adekoya. In addition, Ms. Verletta White, Interim Superintendent, and staff members were present.

In its quasi-judicial function, the Board entertained oral argument in Hearing Examiner's Case #18-38. The matter was heard in closed session.

In addition to the above listed Board members, the following persons were present for oral argument: Dr. Mary McComas, Interim Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Kevin D. Smith, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer; Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief of Staff; Dr. John Mayo, Chief Human Resources Officer; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; J. Stephen Cowles, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel; Andrew W. Nussbaum, Esquire, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Senior Executive Assistant. The appellant did not appear.

The proceedings of the hearing were recorded by a court reporter.

Board members deliberated on the case without staff present.

The deliberation on H.E. 18-38 was concluded at 5:01 p.m.

In its quasi-judicial function, Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice to the Board concerning the dispositions of the hearing officers' opinions in case H.E. 18-51, H.E. 18-60, and H.E. 18-64, where no oral argument was requested.

The Board adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 5:15 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. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. David Uhlfelder, Stephen L. Verch, Esquire, Mr. Emory Young, 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. Eaton, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, and approved unanimously, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:17 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. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. David Uhlfelder, Stephen L. Verch, Esquire, Mr. Emory Young, and Student Member, Miss Haleemat Adekoya. In addition, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Verletta White and the following staff members were present: Dr. Mary McComas, Interim Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Kevin D. Smith, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer; Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief of Staff; 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.

Board member, Ms. Julie Henn, entered the room at 5:19 p.m.

Dr. Mayo presented personnel matters to be considered at tonight’s meeting including retirements, resignations, and administrative appointments.

Mr. Gilliss presented the Board’s closed session minutes of Tuesday, September 11, 2018, for review and consideration.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION SESSION MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Eaton, and approved unanimously, the Board commenced its administration function session at 5:31 p.m. Staff exited the room.

The Board discussed the following items:

- Records retention directive issued August 21, 2018.
- Superintendent’s travel for 2018-2019.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Verch, the Board adjourned its administrative function session at 6:19 p.m. (favor – 8)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya	X		
K. Causey		X	
J. Eaton	X		
E. Gilliss	X		
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn		X	
C. McDaniels	X		
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart	X		
D. Uhlfelder	X		
S. Verch	X		
E. Young	X		
Total	8	2	2

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 September 25, 2018. If there is a discrepancy between the video and this description, the video, which constitute the official minutes of the meeting, shall control. The official minutes can be found at <https://vimeo.com/291943727>.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Causey moved to add the topic of transportation to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henn. The motion failed.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya		X	
K. Causey	X		
J. Eaton	X		
E. Gilliss		X	
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn	X		
C. McDaniels		X	
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart		X	
D. Uhlfelder		X	
S. Verch		X	
E. Young	X		
Total	4	6	2

Ms. Causey moved to add the topic of transportation to the agenda of the next scheduled board meeting (October 9, 2018). The motion was seconded by Ms. Henn. The motion failed.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya		X	
K. Causey	X		
J. Eaton		X	
E. Gilliss		X	
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn	X		
C. McDaniels		X	
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart		X	
D. Uhlfelder		X	
S. Verch		X	
E. Young		X	
Total	2	8	2

The Board members voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Matters

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board unanimously approved the personnel matters listed in exhibit F. (favor – 10)

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder, the Board unanimously approved the administrative appointments listed in exhibit G. (favor – 10)

Action Taken in Closed Session

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the action taken in closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniels.

The Board approved the action taken in closed session on Oral Argument #18-38.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya	X		
K. Causey	X		
J. Eaton	X		
E. Gilliss	X		
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn			ABSTAIN
C. McDaniels	X		
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart	X		
D. Uhlfelder	X		
S. Verch			ABSTAIN
E. Young	X		
Total	8	0	4

The Board approved the action taken in closed session on H.E. 18-51.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya	X		
K. Causey	X		
J. Eaton	X		
E. Gilliss	X		
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn			ABSTAIN
C. McDaniels	X		
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart	X		
D. Uhlfelder	X		
S. Verch			ABSTAIN
E. Young	X		
Total	8	0	4

The Board approved the action taken in closed session on H.E. 18-60.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya	X		
K. Causey	X		
J. Eaton	X		
E. Gilliss	X		
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn			ABSTAIN
C. McDaniels	X		
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart	X		
D. Uhlfelder	X		
S. Verch			ABSTAIN
E. Young	X		
Total	8	0	4

The Board approved the action taken in closed session on H.E. 18-64.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention
H. Adekoya	X		
K. Causey	X		
J. Eaton	X		
E. Gilliss	X		
R. Hayden			ABSENT
J. Henn			ABSTAIN
C. McDaniels	X		
A. Miller			ABSENT
N. Stewart	X		
D. Uhlfelder	X		
S. Verch			ABSTAIN
E. Young	X		
Total	8	0	4

Contract Awards

Mr. Stewart presented items I-1 through I-8 to the full Board for approval. Ms. Henn requested that items I-2 and I-3 be separated for further discussion.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve contracts I-1 and I-4 through I-8.

	Contract Number	Contract Name
1.	MWE-845-14	Modification: Database Resource
4.	MBU-504-19	Public Notice – ESOL for Immigrant and Refugee Students
5.	KSH-310-19	Public Notice – Family Literacy with Young Learners
6.	KSH-358-18	Vision Equipment Supply and Repair
7.	ARA-205-19	Copy and Printing Devices
8.	MBU-507-18	Security System/Access Control Installations, Repairs, parts, and Preventive Maintenance

The Board unanimously approved contract I-2. (favor – 10)

2. ARA-223-17 Modification: Public Notice – Conscious Discipline

The Board unanimously approved contract I-3. (favor – 10)

3. KSH-319-17 Modification and Extension: Restorative Practices
Professional Development

Ms. Eaton left the room at 7:38 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 9:03 p.m.