Board of Education of Baltimore County

6901 N. Charles Street

Julie C. Henn, Chair

Towson, Maryland 21204-3711

RESOLUTION 2022-04 - COVID-19

- WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., governor of the state of Maryland, issued a Declaration of State Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency COVID-19 on March 5, 2020, regarding the outbreak of disease caused by the novel coronavirus; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to all states and local governments, and all citizens, recommending preparedness to prevent community spread and guard against COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) deems it essential to prepare for the possibility that, due to medical or health emergencies related to COVID-19, individual Board members may not be able to attend Board meetings or Board committee meetings, or the possibility that it may be necessary for the entire Board or a Board committee to meet remotely or "virtually" in order to protect the health of the public or Board members; and
- WHEREAS, the business of the Board must continue even if medical or health emergencies related to COVID-19 arise; and
- WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the Maryland Open Meetings Act requires that the Board hold its meetings in public, unless otherwise permitted under the Act; be it therefore
- **RESOLVED**, that notwithstanding any other Policy of the Board, limitations on the number of Board meetings that an individual Board member may attend remotely and the bases for participating remotely are suspended through June 30, 2022; and be it further
- **RESOLVED**, that notwithstanding any other Policy of the Board, this Resolution is retroactive to the start of the 2021-2022 school year; and be it further
- **RESOLVED**, that the superintendent is authorized to establish an appropriate technological mechanism that would allow Board members, individually or as a whole, to fully participate in meetings remotely, without being physically present; and which would allow the public to attend the meeting by being able to fully listen to those portions of the meeting that are open pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

January 25, 2022

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