Meetings

I. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) establishes this policy to govern meetings of the Board. The Board shall establish guidelines for the conduct of official business in an open and public manner and in accordance with state law.

II. Schedule

A. Each April, the Board will adopt a schedule of its regular meetings for the succeeding school year.

B. From August through May of each year, with the exception of April, unless such dates conflict with holidays or Board-related events, the Board will hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

III. Types of Public Meetings

A. Regular Meetings
   1. Business Meetings
      During business meetings, the Board may take action on policies, procurement, personnel and budget matters and may also receive public comment at the meeting.
   2. Work Sessions
      During work sessions, the Board will review and evaluate the school program and/or develop and discuss Board policy. The Board reserves the right to receive public comment and to act on personnel matters at its work sessions.

B. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Board.

C. The Board may, from time to time, schedule public hearings to solicit public input to comply with Board policy, to comply with state law and/or at the direction of the Chair.
IV. Closed Meetings

The Board has the right to conduct certain business in closed session or in administrative function session in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

V. Conduct of Meetings

All Board meetings will be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner using the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, except when such rules are superseded by Board policy or Maryland law.

VI. Notice

The Board shall give reasonable advance notice of its meetings. This notice shall be posted on the BCPS Web site and shall include the date, the time, the place of the meeting and the agenda of the meeting.

VII. Implementation

The Board shall implement this policy.

Legal References: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-107, Meetings, Compensation, and Reimbursement of Expenses

Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article §§3-101 to 3-501 (Open Meetings Act)

COMAR 13A.02.01.01, Rules for Meetings

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 8314, Meetings: Agenda

Board of Education Policy 8315, Meetings: Participation by the Public

Board of Education Policy 8330, Minutes
POLICY 8311

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