

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
Education Transparency Act Description
February 26, 2019 Meeting

The following is a full and accurate description of the final actions taken at the meeting and are provided in accordance with the Education Transparency Act, Md. Ed. Code Ann., §3-2B-09(b)(3). If there is a discrepancy between the video and this description, the video, which constitutes the official minutes of the meeting, shall control. The video/audio recordings of the Board of Education are the official record of the meetings and can be viewed at:
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The Policy Review Committee of the Board of Education of Baltimore County met on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, in Building E, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Kathleen Causey, Chair; John Offerman, Vice Chair; Haleemat Adekoya, student member; Cheryl Pasteur, member; and Lily Rowe, member.

The following committee staff persons were present: Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esq., General Counsel; and Patricia Clark, Policy and Compliance Officer.

The following additional staff persons were present: Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox, Chief of School Climate and Safety; Ms. April Lewis, Executive Director, School Safety; Dr. Amalio Nieves, Executive Director, Social-Emotional Support; Ms. Kim Ferguson, Director, Student Support Services; Dr. Sharone Brinkley-Parker, Director, School Climate; Ms. Patricia Mustipher, Coordinator, School Social Work Services and Responsive Student Programming; and Dr. Kevin Roberts, Coordinator, Pupil Personnel Services.

Call to order 4:32 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2018

The minutes of the November 12, 2018, meeting of the Policy Review Committee stood approved as recorded.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Discipline Policy Project

The following bargaining unit representatives provided comments and recommendations concerning the Board's discipline policies: Maureen Astarita, Member, CASE Executive Board; Ms. Jeanette Young, President, ESPBC; Mr. Michael Fahey, President, AFSCME; and Abby Beytin, President, TABCO.

Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox provided an update on the work of the Student Behavior and Discipline Council.

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that staff incorporate recommendations with footnotes explaining the sources of these recommendations in order to align our main discipline policies (Policies 5550 and 5560) with current law and COMAR. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

3. Policy 8130, Formulation

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Miss Adekoya, that staff recommend language that permits, but does not require, PRC review of policies between first and second reading by the Committee. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

4. Policy 8222, Secretary-Treasurer

Ms. Howie distributed a copy of Md. Ed. Code Ann. § 3-2B-09, Education Transparency Act, to the members of the Committee.

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Committee voted to amend Policy 8222 in Paragraph II(B)(3), line 12, by adding the words “and Vice Chair” following “Board Chair.” The paragraph will read, “In collaboration with the Board Chair and Vice Chair, and upon approval by the Board Chair *and Vice Chair*, prepare the agenda for each Board meeting.” The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

Upon motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Rowe, that the Committee recommend to the full Board the expenditure of an estimated \$38,294.50 to provide a court reporter and transcript of each of the board’s regular meetings, as well as its work sessions and public hearings. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

Upon motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the Committee voted to amend Policy 8222 in Paragraph II(B)(9), line 27, by adding the words “and Board Meetings” following “hearings.” The paragraph will read, “Maintain accurate records including a stenographic transcript of all public board hearings and board meetings to be made available on the Web site, as appropriate.” The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Committee voted to recommend adoption of Policy 8222, as edited. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

III. NEW BUSINESS

6. Policy 2361, Distribution of Non-School Materials

Following a presentation by Alyssa Alston, Senior Communications Officer, and upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Committee voted to recommend adoption of Policy 2361, as presented by staff. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

7. Policy 8132, Policy Availability

Upon motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Committee voted to recommend adoption of Policy 8132, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

8. Policy 8250, Board Member Responsibilities

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, that staff research the Board's options for providing a \$1000 scholarship, instead of a \$100 scholarship, to the current student board member. Based

upon changes to Md. Ed. Code Ann., § 3-2B-06, which grants a \$1000 scholarship for student board members who serve as of the 19-20 school year. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya			x	
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Committee voted to recommend adoption of Policy 8250, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

8. Policy 8315, Meetings, Participation by the Public

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Miss Adekoya, that discussion on the policy be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee. The motion passed.

Mr. Offerman left the room at 6:35 p.m.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman				x
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe	x			

Mr. Offerman returned to the room at 6:36 p.m.

10. Policy 8330, Minutes

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Miss Adekoya, the Committee voted to recommend adoption of Policy 8330, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur			x	
Ms. Rowe	x			

11. Social Media Research

At the request of the Committee Chair, staff distributed to members research conducted concerning social media. Ms. Causey asked that the members review the materials and reflect on the research for future incorporation into the Board Handbook in addition to possible policy recommendations.

12. Scheduling March 11, 2019, PRC Meeting

Ms. Causey informed the Committee that the next PRC meeting coincides with the March for Our Schools in Annapolis and asked availability of the members to reschedule the meeting to 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All members being available, the meeting will be rescheduled on March 11, 2019, at 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

IV. COMMITTEE GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted for posting on the Web site on 2/28/19