

**APPROVED – APRIL 15, 2019**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY  
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES AND EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION  
MARCH 11, 2019 MEETING**

(Items 1-3 occurred in the absence of live-stream availability. Items 4-12 represent the Education Transparency Act Description of the meeting.)

**MINUTES**

The Policy Review Committee of the Board of Education of Baltimore County met on Tuesday, March 11, 2019, in Building E, beginning at 11:00 a.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: Mr. Mychael Dickerson, Chief of Staff; Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox, Chief of School Climate and Safety; Dr. Renard Adams, Interim Senior Executive Director, Curriculum Operations; Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Senior Executive Director, Administrative Services; Mr. James Corns, Executive Director, Information Technology; Mr. Ryan Imbriale, Executive Director, Innovative Learning; Dr. Amalio Nieves, Executive Director, Social-Emotional Support; Dr. Melissa Whisted, Executive Director, Academic Services; 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; Dr. Kevin Roberts, Coordinator, Pupil Personnel Services; Ms. Ann Geisinger, HR Officer; Mr. Brandon Oland, Specialist; Ms. Sue Hahn, Program Specialist; Ms. Catherine Murray, Program Specialist.

Call to order 11:09 a.m.

Due to technical difficulties in the control center, minutes are provided for Items 1-3.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2019

The minutes of the February 26, 2019, meeting of the Policy Review Committee stood approved as recorded.

## II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2. Policy 5550, Disruptive Behavior

In response to the Committee’s request at its February 26, 2019, meeting, Ms. Howie presented recommended revisions to Policy 5550 with footnotes explaining the legal sources of these recommendations.

In Paragraph I(A), Mr. Offerman questioned insertion of the word “equitably” whether insertion of this word means the same for all. Ms. Howie responded no two cases are completely parallel.

On p. 7, Category II(aa) offense, Mr. Offerman asked Ms. Howie to explain the gang policy in relation to the Category II offenses. Ms. Howie responded that a student involved in criminal gang activity would also be violating the discipline policy. (A copy of the Gang Policy was provided to Mr. Offerman by staff.)

Mrs. Causey asked whether a violation of the gang policy might also be considered a violation of a Category III offense. Ms. Howie responded affirmatively, adding if there were activities in which the student engaged that would be subject to a Category III offense.

Ms. Rowe asked which policies address students who are repeatedly suspended or expelled and prefer to attend an alternative education program. Dr. Martin-Knox explained the scenario described rarely takes place and explained the school develops a student support plan to change behaviors. Dr. Martin-Knox explained the review and reinstatement process where a student may request to remain in the alternative education setting.

Ms. Rowe questioned whether the prohibition of expelling 2<sup>nd</sup> graders would result in additional discipline problems that would require behavioral assessments. Dr. Whisted provided an overview of continuum of services including assessments, working with families, and supports provided through the Student Support Team process.

In Paragraph IV(A)(i), Ms. Causey asked about amending the section to include “vaping.” Following discussion, Ms. Causey stated her agreement for leaving the policy more general and including additional language in the rule.

The Committee recommended adoption of Policy 5550, as presented.

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

## EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION

*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 for items 4-12 are the official record of the meetings and can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/322868839>*

### 3. Policy 5560, Suspensions, Assignment to Alternative Programs or Expulsions

In response to the Committee’s request at its February 26, 2019, meeting, Ms. Howie presented recommended revisions to Policy 5560 with footnotes explaining the legal sources of these recommendations.

The Committee recommended adoption of Policy 5560, as presented.

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

### 4. Policy 8130, Formulation

At its February 26, 2019, meeting the Committee asked that staff recommend language that permits, but does not require, the Committee to review policies between first and second reader. Ms. Howie presented three options for the Committee’s consideration.

Upon motion of Miss Adekoya, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Committee voted to accept Policy 8130, Option 2. The motion passed.

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

The Committee recommended adoption of Policy 8130, Option 2, as presented.

5. Policy 8315, Meetings: Participation by the Public

Ms. Howie presented Policy 8315 and provided an overview of the recommended changes.

Upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, that Policy 8315 be revised in Paragraph II, to add a student slot and clarifying that the first student to sign up will be allowed to speak. Ms. Causey amended the motion to clarify the slot is for a Baltimore County Public Schools student. The motion passed.

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

The Committee recommended adoption of Policy 8315, as edited.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Offerman left room at 12:31 p.m.

6. Policy 1110, Publications, Radio, Television and Digital Media

Following a presentation by Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Oland, the Committee voted to recommend Policy 1110, as presented.

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

7. Policy 1200, Community Involvement

Following a presentation by Mr. Dickerson and Ms. Sue Hahn, the Committee voted to recommend Policy 1200, as presented.

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

8. Policy 1260, School Volunteers

Following a presentation by Mr. Dickerson and Ms. Murray, the Committee voted to recommend Policy 1260, as presented.

Mr. Offerman returned at 12:33 p.m.

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

9. Policy 1270, Parent and Family Engagement

Following a presentation by Mr. Dickerson and Ms. Hahn, the Committee voted to recommend Policy 1270, as presented.

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

10. Policy 4104, Technology Acceptable Use Policy (TAUP) for Employees and Approved Non-Employees

Following a presentation by Mr. Jim Corns and Ms. Ann Geisinger, the Committee voted to recommend Policy 4104, as presented.

Ms. Pasteur left room 12:38 p.m.

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

11. Policy 6202, Technology Acceptable Use Policy (TAUP) for Students

Following presentation by Mr. Jim Corns, Mr. Ryan Imbriale, and Dr. Renard Adams, and upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that the policy be edited in Paragraph II(A), Line 25, that the word “supports” be substituted for the word “enriches.” The motion passed.

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

Ms. Pasteur returned at 12:46 p.m.

Upon motion of Mrs. Causey, seconded by Ms. Rowe, that the policy be edited in Paragraph II(A), Line 26, to read, “...that supports the curriculum, the instructional program and student achievement.” The motion passed.

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

The Committee voted to adopt Policy 6202, as edited. The motion carried.

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

**IV. COMMITTEE GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mr. Offerman extended thanks to staff for preparing the meeting documents.

Ms. Causey advised that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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