

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

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The following is a full and accurate description of the final actions taken at the meeting and is 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: <https://vimeo.com/372632957>

The Policy Review Committee of the Board of Education of Baltimore County met on Monday, November 11, 2019, in Building E, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Kathleen Causey, Chair; Cheryl Pasteur, member; Omer Reshid, Student Member; and Lily Rowe, member.

The following 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: Ms. Maria Lowry, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Amalio Nieves, Executive Director, Social-Emotional Support; Ms. Megan Shay, Executive Director, Academics; Ms. Kimberly Ferguson, Director, Student Support Services; and Mr. Homer McCall, Director, Staffing.

Call to order 4:30 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2019

The minutes of the October 17, 2019, meeting of the Policy Review Committee stood approved as recorded.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion by Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Pasteur, the agenda was amended to postpone discussion of Policy 5110 until Mr. Offerman's arrival.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman				X
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

2. Policy 8120, Purpose, Role and Responsibilities of the Board of Education

Mr. Offerman entered room 4:43 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Pasteur, seconded by Ms. Rowe, that the words “on recommendation of the county Superintendent” be added at Paragraph II(B)(22), p. 3, line 18, and at Paragraph II(B)(24), p. 4, line 1. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, that the explanatory footnotes be included in the final document. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Ms. Rowe, that Paragraph II(B), lines 23-24, be modified to read: “Some of the Board’s powers, duties and obligations include:” The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Ms. Rowe, that Paragraph II(B)(6), p.2, line 6, include the words, “and compensation”, following the word, “salary”. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Ms. Rowe, that in Paragraph II(B)(7), p. 2, line 7, include the words, “office of the”, prior to the word, “Superintendent”. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that in Paragraph II(B)(9), p. 2, line 9, the words, “as pre-approved by the Board according to the Superintendent’s employment contract” be inserted at the end of the sentence. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that the Policy Review Committee consider a policy, as recommended by staff, concerning records management, and to give it the same number as the current Records Retention Rule (2380). The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

On motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that Policy 8120 be forwarded to the full Board for approval, as edited. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

3. Policy 5110, Admission

Following presentation by Dr. Nieves and Ms. Shay, Mr. Offerman raised concerns that grade placement at the high school level is not predicated on credits earned.

On motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Ms. Causey, that staff include language between Paragraphs II(D) and II(E) that reflects high school students transferring from another state, county or country will be placed at grade level based on our credits and credits earned. Mrs. Causey amended the motion to include that the Committee authorizes Mr. Offerman to have additional conversation with staff to prepare additional language to address the high school requirement. Ms. Rowe accepted the amendment. The motion, as amended, passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

The Committee voted to recommend that Policy 5110 be moved forward for first reader, as amended, with staff bringing forward recommended language before the full board. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

III. NEW BUSINESS

4. Policy 2310, Organization Charts

Ms. Pasteur left room at 5:47 p.m.

The Committee voted to recommend that Policy 2310 be moved forward for first reader, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur				X
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

Ms. Pasteur returned to the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

5. Policy 4009, Emergency Closings – Employee Attendance

The Committee voted to recommend that Policy 4009 be moved forward for first reader, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Mr. Reshid	X			
Ms. Rowe	X			

IV. COMMITTEE GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

6. Ms. Pasteur provided an update to the Committee concerning her conversations with Ms. Bergman and Ms. Sarhoff following public comments made concerning Policy 8341. Ms. Pasteur will continue to research to determine whether the policy should be further revised and will update the Committee at a future meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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