

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** February 27, 2007  
**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8110 – COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ORIGINATOR:**

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the revisions to Policy 8110. This is the first reading this Policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 8110

**Policy Analysis for  
Board of Education Policy 8110**  
*Composition of the Board of Education of Baltimore County*

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 8110 contains an outmoded reference to the Board's composition, as it repeats language no longer part of the statute.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

The Board will not incur additional costs by amending Policy 8110.

Other School System Policies Reviewed

1. Anne Arundel County Policy 200.01, *Board Membership*
2. Carroll County Policy B, *School Board Governance and Operations*
3. Harford County Policy 22, *School System Governance*
4. Howard County Board of Education, *Board Responsibilities*

Legal Requirements

Md. Ed. Code Ann. §4-108.

Time line for Adoption

February 27, 2007 First Reading and Presentation to the Board  
March 13, 2007, Second Reading  
March 27, 2007, Adoption by the Board of Education

## POLICY 8110

### INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization

#### Composition of Board of Education of Baltimore County

[The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, §3-108 and §3-109, generally reads:

- “(a) Appointment – The Governor shall appoint the members of each county board from the residents of that county.
- (b) Qualifications – (1) Each member shall be appointed solely because of his character and fitness and without regard to political affiliation. (2) An individual who is subject to the authority of the county board may not be appointed to or serve on the county board.
- (c) Term; vacancies – (1) Each member serves for a term of 5 years beginning July 1 after his appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. (2) The Governor shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy on an appointed board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. (3) Unless otherwise disqualified under this section, a member of a board is eligible for reappointment.”
- “(a) Appointment – The Baltimore County Board consists of 12 members who shall be appointed as follows:
  - (1) Four from the County at large;
  - (2) One from each of the seven councilman districts in Baltimore County;
  - And
  - (3) One student member from the County at large.
- (b) Student member – (1) The student member shall:
  - (i) Be an eleventh or twelfth grade student in the Baltimore County public school system;
  - (ii) Serve for 1 year;
  - (iii) Advise the Board on the thoughts and feelings of students.
- (2) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the County Board, the student member may not attend an executive session that relates to :
  - (i) Hearings on appeals of special education placements
  - (ii) Hearings held under §6-202(a) of this article; or
  - (iii) Collective bargaining.
- (3) As provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the student member may vote on all matters except those relating to:
  - (i) Section 6-202 (a) of this article;

- (ii) Collective bargaining;
  - (iii) Capital and operating budgets; and
  - (iv) School closings, Reopenings, and boundaries.
- (4) On a majority vote of the nonstudent members, the Board may determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a matter under consideration is covered by the exclusionary provisions listed in paragraph (3) of this subsection.
- (c) Removal.—A Board member who does not maintain his residential Qualification shall be replaced as a member.
- (d) Effect of boundary change.—If the boundary line of a legislative district is changed, the term of an incumbent member of the County Board who no longer resides in the legislative district because of the change is not affected during this term.”]

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE, §3-108 AND §3-109

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