

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: May 19, 2009
TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF
EDUCATION POLICY 1220 – CITIZENS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

ORIGINATOR: Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 1220. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 1220

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 1220
Citizen's Advisory Committee**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 1220 has not been reviewed since it was adopted in 1969. The policy is being revised to reiterate the Board's desire for community input on specific issues and to better coordinate with other policies that address community input.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the revision of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*

Board of Education Policy 1230, *Area Education Advisory Councils*

Board of Education Policy 1270, *Family/Community Involvement*

Legal Requirements

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-112

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Montgomery County, Policy BMA, *Board of Education Advisory Committees*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

Staff considered deletion of the policy, which was rejected in favor of revising the policy.

Timeline:

First reading – May 19, 2009

Public comment – June 9, 2009

Third reading – July 14, 2009

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

Citizens Advisory Committee

[The Board of Education encourages the use of citizens and community resources to assist in developing the educational program. Advisory committees shall be appointed by the Board of Education to perform a definite function; this function shall be indicated to such an advisory committee in detail, in writing, at the time of appointment. Advisory committees shall be appointed primarily to advise the Board of Education, but the Board of Education shall seek the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools before establishing or dissolving any advisory committee.]

All public announcements concerning the operation or recommendations of an advisory committee shall be released through the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Upon completing its assignment, an advisory committee shall either be given new duties or shall be dissolved. The Board of Education shall have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees at any time during the life of any such committee.]

I. PROCESS

- A. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) VALUES THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS, BUSINESS PARTNERS, AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND ENCOURAGES THEIR INPUT AND SUPPORT IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS. THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT CITIZEN AND EMPLOYEE ADVISORY COMMITTEES CAN CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARD THE BETTERMENT OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.
- B. FROM TIME TO TIME, THE BOARD HAS FOUND THAT COMMUNITY INPUT IS BEST CHANNLED THROUGH THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED COMMITTEES TO RESEARCH, REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND INFORM THE BOARD ON MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.
- C. COMMITTEES MAY BE APPOINTED AS THE NEED ARISES. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVE IN AN ADVISORY ROLE. FINAL DECISIONS REST WITH THE BOARD.

LEGAL REFERENCE: *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND*, EDUCATION
ARTICLE §4-112

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1200,
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1230, *AREA*
EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCILS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270,
FAMILY/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Policy
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REVISED: _____

Board of Education of Baltimore County