

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** May 22, 2012

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY 8270, BOARD COMMITTEES**

**ORIGINATOR:** Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., General Counsel

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):** Patricia Clark, Policy and Compliance Officer

**INFORMATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 8270. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attached II – Policy 8270

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8270  
STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES  
RENAMED AS, "BOARD COMMITTEES"**

**Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

In accordance with Policy and Rule 8130, Policy 8270 is scheduled for review in school year 2011-2012. Policy 8270 outlines the authority of the Board to establish committees to review specific topics and make recommendations or, in the case of student suspensions and expulsions, issue decisions on behalf of the Board. Policy 8270 has been revised to: (1) rename the policy; (2) include a policy statement; (3) authorize the Board president to appoint members to serve on Board committees; (4) conform with the Policy Review Committee's editing conventions.

**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**

1. Board of Education Policy 5560, *Suspensions, Assignment to Alternative Programs, or Expulsions*

**Legal Requirements**

1. *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-305, Suspension and expulsion*

**Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems**

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy BEE, *Board Committees*
2. Caroline County Board of Education, Policy BCE, *School Board Committees*
3. Charles County Board of Education, Policy BDE, *Board Committees*
4. Washington County Board of Education, Policy BDE, *Board Member Standing Committees*

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

No other alternatives were considered.

**Timeline**

First Reading – May 22, 2012

Public Comment – June 12, 2012

Third Reading/vote – July 10, 2012

INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Duties and Responsibilities

BOARD [Standing and Special] Committees

I. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) REVIEWS AND ACTS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES. AT TIMES, IT IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL [standing] committees of THE BOARD [members] TO REVIEW A SPECIFIC TOPIC; REPORT TO AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD; OR, IN THE CASE OF STUDENT SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS, HEAR APPEALS AND ISSUE DECISIONS.

II. POSITION

- A. THE BOARD PRESIDENT WILL ANNUALLY APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE ON ITS COMMITTEES, which shall be advisory in nature. [, may be appointed annually.] The judgments and recommendations of such committees shall be submitted to the entire Board for [any] formal action [to be taken].
- B. Special committees of members may be created by the Board for specific assignments. These SPECIAL committees shall be appointed by the BOARD president AND SHALL TERMINATE [. Special committees shall be terminated] upon the completion of THE COMMITTEE'S [their] assignment or by a vote of the Board.
- C. THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A hearing panel[s] composed of at least three non-student Board members TO HEAR APPEALS FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY 5560, *SUSPENSIONS, ASSIGNMENT TO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, OR EXPULSIONS*, AND TO ISSUE DECISIONS [may be established for appeals of suspension or expulsion of students].

POLICY 8270

Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-305, Suspension and expulsion*

RELATED POLICY: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5560, *SUSPENSIONS, ASSIGNMENT TO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, OR EXPULSIONS*

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