

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** April 23, 2013

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

**FROM:** S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7240, SCHOOL SITE SELECTION AND ACQUISITION**

**ORIGINATOR:** Michael Sines, Chief Operations Officer

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Kara Calder, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed revisions to Policy 7240, School Sites. This is the third reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 7240

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7240**

**SCHOOL SITES**  
**RENAMED AS, "SCHOOL SITE SELECTION AND ACQUISITION"**

**Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Policy 7240 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 7240 establishes procedures and guidelines for obtaining necessary approvals for the selection and acquisition of new school sites. Staff is recommending Policy 7240 be revised to: (1) include a policy statement that charges the Superintendent with recommending sites for acquisition for new school facilities; and (2) 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 7110, *Determining Needs*
2. Board of Education Policy 7120, *Patterns of Participation*
3. Board of Education Policy 8120, *Purpose, Role, and Responsibilities of the Board of Education*

**Legal Requirements**

1. *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-109, Establishment of Public Schools*
2. *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-115, Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property; Construction, etc., of School Buildings*
3. *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-116, Selection of School Sites; Public Hearing*
4. *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §5-301, State Payment of Certain Public School Construction and Capital Improvement Costs*
5. *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §5-302, Interagency Committee on School Construction*
6. *Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article §§10-501 to 10-511, Meetings (Open Meetings Act)*

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

1. Frederick County Board of Education, Policy 202, *Construction, Renovation and Maintenance*
2. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 6000, *Site Selection and Acquisition*
3. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy FAA, *Long Range Educational Facilities Planning*

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

No other options were considered.

**Timeline**

First reading – February 19, 2013

Public comment – March 5, 2013

Third reading/vote – April 23, 2013

NEW CONSTRUCTION: DESIGNING [Planning]

SCHOOL SITE SELECTION AND ACQUISITION [School Sites]

I. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO THE SELECTION AND ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEED FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES.
- B. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING SITES FOR ACQUISITION TO THE BOARD AND FOR DIRECTING STAFF ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THIS POLICY.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

[The Superintendent of Schools shall establish administrative procedures for the acquisition and development of school sites in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. These procedures shall be subject to such local intergovernmental agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Education.]

LEGAL REFERENCES: *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-109, ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS*  
*ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-115, ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY; CONSTRUCTION, ETC., OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS*  
*ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-116, SELECTION OF SCHOOL SITES; PUBLIC HEARING*

*ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION  
ARTICLE §5-301, STATE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN  
PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT COSTS*

*ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION  
ARTICLE §5-302, INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION*

*ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, STATE  
GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, §§10-501 TO 10-511,  
MEETINGS (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)*

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7110, *DETERMINING  
NEEDS*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7120, *PATTERNS OF  
PARTICIPATION*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8120, *PURPOSE, ROLE,  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION*

Policy

Board of Education of Baltimore County

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