

Baltimore County Board of Education
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
AND
EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 5:10 p.m., Building E, 6901 Charles Street, Towson, Maryland. Chair Kathleen S. Causey, and the following Board members were present: Ms. Moalie S. Jose, Mr. Russell T. Kuehn, Mr. Rodney R. McMillion, Mr. John H. Offerman, Jr., Ms. Cheryl E. Pasteur, Ms. Lily P. Rowe, Ms. Makeda Scott, Student Member Omer Reshid, and Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b)(1), (b)(7), and (b)(9), upon motion of Mr. Kuehn, seconded by Ms. Rowe, and approved (favor – 9), the Board commenced its closed session at 5:11 p.m. Chair Kathleen S. Causey, and the following Board members were present: Ms. Moalie S. Jose, Mr. Russell T. Kuehn, Mr. Rodney R. McMillion, Mr. John H. Offerman, Jr., Ms. Cheryl E. Pasteur, Ms. Lily P. Rowe, Ms. Makeda Scott, and Student Member Omer Reshid. In addition, Superintendent, Dr. Darryl L. Williams, and the following staff members were present: Ms. Maria Lowry, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer; J. Stephen Cowles, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel; Andrew Nussbaum, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Tracy Gover, Senior Executive Assistant to the Board.

Ms. Lowry presented personnel matters to be considered at tonight's meeting including retirements, resignations, recognition of service, Southeast Area Education Advisory Council member appointment, and administrative appointments.

Ms. Lowry left the room at 5:14 p.m.

Mr. Offerman provided an update on the Superintendent's evaluation. Dr. Williams presented his verbal report to the Board members.

On the motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Board permitted the student member of the Board to attend the closed session regarding collective bargaining matters as provided by Section 3-2B-05 (b)(3) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. (favor – 9)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
O. Reshid	X			
J. Henn				X
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	9	0	0	2

Ms. Lowry and Mr. Whit Tantleff, Director, Office of Budget and Reporting, entered the room at 5:44 p.m., and updated the Board regarding negotiations with CASE, TABCO, BCPSOPE, ESPBC, and AFSCME.

Ms. Causey recessed closed session at 6:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:24 p.m. for additional discussion related to negotiations.

Ms. Causey recessed closed session at 6:31 p.m. until the end of open session.

Ms. Julie Henn entered the room at 6:32 p.m.

EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION

In accordance with the Education Transparency Act, Md. Ed. Code Ann., §3-2B-09(b)(3) (effective July 1, 2018), the following represents a full and accurate description of the final actions of the Board of Education taken at its public meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2020. If there is a discrepancy between the video and this description, the video, which constitutes the official minutes of the meeting, shall control. The official minutes can be found online at <https://vimeo.com/393974747>.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

On the motion of Ms. Jose, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Board approved the addition of an agenda item concerning the nomination of Mr. Roger Hayden to receive, posthumously, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education’s 2020 Distinguished Board Service Award. (favor – 10)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
O. Reshid	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	10	0	0	1

The agenda was adopted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Maryland Association of Boards of Education’s 2020 Distinguished Board Service Award

On the motion of Ms. Jose, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the board nominated Roger B. Hayden to receive, posthumously, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education’s 2020 Distinguished Board Service Award. (favor – 10)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
O. Reshid	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	10	0	0	1

Personnel Matters

On the motion of Mr. Kuehn, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Board approved the personnel matters listed in Exhibit E-1 through E-4. (favor – 10)

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the Board approved the administrative appointments listed in Exhibit F-1. (favor – 10)

Report on Board Policies (First Reading)

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, the Board approved (favor – 10) the recommendations of the Board’s Policy Review Committee on the proposed changes to the following Board Policies:

1. Policy 5510 – Students: Conduct – Positive Behavior (renamed as Positive School Climate)
2. Policy 5520 – Students: Conduct – Student Dress Code
3. Policy 5530 – Students: Conduct – Student Use and Possession of Tobacco (renamed as Student Use and Possession of Tobacco Products)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
O. Reshid	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	10	0	0	1

Ms. Henn moved to approve Policy 2380 – Administration: Administrative Operations – Records Information Management, which was brought forward without a recommendation from the Policy Review Committee. Ms. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur		X		
J. Offerman		X		
O. Reshid		X		
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose		X		
R. McMillion		X		
L. Mack				X
M. Scott		X		
L. Rowe	X			
Total	4	6	0	1

On the motion of Ms. Jose, seconded by Ms. Scott, the Board referred Policy 2380 – Administration: Administrative Operations – Records Information Management to the Policy Review Committee for further review. (favor – 9)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn			X	
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
O. Reshid	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	9	0	1	1

Ms. Scott left the room at 8:26 p.m. and returned at 8:27 p.m.

Contract Awards

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. McMillion, the Board approved the contracts as presented in Exhibits J-1: CWA-124-20 Marching Band Uniforms and J-2: CWA-125-20 Cut Sheet Paper. (favor – 10)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
O. Reshid	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	10	0	0	1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget

The Student Member of the Board, Mr. Reshid, was not eligible to vote on items related to the proposed operating budget.

On the motion of Mr. McMillion, seconded by Ms. Henn, the board rescinded action approved by the Board on February 11, 2020, to terminate the Innovative Learning Contract ARA-210-19 for Culture Grams, SIRs Discover, and SIRs Issue Researcher. (favor – 9)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	9	0	0	1

On the motion of Ms. Jose, seconded by Ms. Scott, the board amended the FY2021 budget to add \$1 million to replace all school faucets that are currently shut off because they have tested between 5 and 20 parts per billion of lead. (favor – 9)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	9	0	0	1

Mr. Offerman left the room at 9:27 p.m. and returned at 9:28 p.m.

Ms. Pasteur left the room at 9:33 p.m.

Ms. Rowe left the room at 9:37 p.m.

Ms. Causey recessed the open session at 9:39 p.m. and reconvened with all members present at 9:52 p.m.

On the motion of Ms. Jose, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the board approved the FY2021 Operating Budget as amended. (favor – 9)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	9	0	0	1

Ms. Henn left the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Ms. Jose left the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

The board adjourned open session at 10:35 p.m. and reconvened closed session at 10:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Ms. Causey presented the Board’s closed session minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2020, for review and consideration. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice concerning the disposition of a petition for declaratory ruling.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION SESSION MINUTES

On the motion of Ms. Scott, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Board commenced its administrative function session at 10:49 p.m. to discuss Board member concerns, testifying on legislative matters as a Board member, Board member conduct, and the approval of additional business travel for the superintendent.

On the motion of Ms. Pasteur, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Board adjourned its administrative function session at 11:22 p.m. (favor – 8)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Henn				X
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose				X
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack				X
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	8	0	0	3

Submitted for posting on the Web site on February 27, 2020.