

Baltimore County Board of Education
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
AND
EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:12 p.m., Building E, 6901 Charles Street, Towson, Maryland. Chair Kathleen S. Causey, and the following Board members were present: Vice Chair Julie C. Henn, Ms. Moalie S. Jose, Mr. Russell T. Kuehn, Ms. Lisa A. Mack, 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), (b)(8), and (b)(9), upon motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Mr. Offerman, and approved (favor - 11), the Board commenced its closed session at 5:13 p.m. Chair Kathleen S. Causey, and the following Board members were present: Vice Chair Julie C. Henn, Ms. Moalie S. Jose, Mr. Russell T. Kuehn, Ms. Lisa A. Mack, 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; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Judith Bresler, Esquire, Counsel for the Board of Education (by telephone); J. Stephen Cowles, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel; and Ms. Tracy Gover, Senior Executive Assistant to the Board.

Ms. Lowry presented personnel matters to be considered at tonight's meeting including terminations, retirements, resignations, recognition of service, and administrative appointments.

Ms. Lowry left the room at 5:22 p.m.

Ms. Mack discussed the superintendent's evaluation and evaluation tool.

On the motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Scott, 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 – 11)

Ms. Lowry and Mr. George Duque, Manager, Office of Staff Relations and Performance Management, entered the room at 5:25 p.m., and updated the Board regarding negotiations with CASE, TABCO, BCPSOPE, ESPBC, and AFSCME.

Ms. Lowry and Mr. Duque a left the room at 5:55 p.m.

Ms. Causey presented the Board’s closed session minutes of Thursday, January 9, 2020, for review and consideration. The minutes were approved as presented.

Ms. Bresler provided legal advice concerning the dispositions of the hearing officer’s opinion in case H.E. 20-13 where no oral argument was requested, as well as case H.E. 19-33 where oral argument was heard. She also provided an update on outside investigations related to a board matter.

On the motion of Mr. Kuehn, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Board adjourned its closed session at 6:41 p.m. (favor – 11)

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, January 21, 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/386497875>.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Matters

On the motion of Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the Board approved the personnel matters listed in Exhibit E-1 through E-4. (favor – 11)

On the motion of Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Board approved the administrative appointments listed in Exhibit F-1. (favor – 11)

Dr. Williams left the room at 7:09 and returned at 7:17 p.m.

Report on Board Policies (First Reading)

On the motion of Ms. Mack, the Board approved (favor – 11) the recommendations of the Board’s Policy Review Committee on the proposed changes to the following Board Policy:

1. Policy 5110 – Students: Enrollment and Attendance – Admission
2. Policy 5460 (renumbered Policy 5570) – Students: Services to Students - Searches
3. Policy 5500 – Students: Code of Student Conduct
4. Policy 8120 – Internal Board Policies: Organization – Purpose, Role and Responsibilities of the Board of Education

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	11	0	0	0

Action Taken in Closed Session

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Ms. Mack, the Board approved the action taken in closed session on H.E. 20-13, and on the disposition of H.E. 19-33, for which oral argument was held. (favor – 11)

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	11	0	0	0

Legislative Update

On the motion of Ms. Pasteur, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the board approved (favor – 11) the following Board of Education Resolution related to the *Built to Learn Act of 2020*:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) believes that the Built to Learn Act of 2020 will provide increased state funding for school construction and renovation projects to invest in Baltimore County Public Schools’ aging facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Board further believes that Baltimore County Public Schools will benefit from the legislation to provide equitable access to 21st century facilities and programs in order to deliver the highest quality education for every student to be career and college ready; and

WHEREAS, The Board is united with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education in their support of this legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, herewith assembled in regular session on the twenty-first day of January, in the year two thousand twenty, wishes to convey its support of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1, Built to Learn Act of 2020, being introduced during the 2020 Maryland General Assembly session.

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	11	0	0	0

On the motion of Ms. Pasteur, seconded by Ms. Scott, the board approved (favor – 10) the following Board of Education Resolution related to the Kirwan Commission’s *Blueprint for Maryland’s Future in 2020*:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) believes that the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education’s Blueprint for Maryland’s Future in 2020 to develop funding and policy reform will provide sustained and increased local investments in education and improve the quality of Maryland’s public education system to benefit Baltimore County Public Schools’ 115,000 students; and

WHEREAS, The Board also believes that Baltimore County Public Schools will benefit from the legislation to expand early education opportunities; provide high-quality and diverse teachers and leaders; raise standards to be globally competitive, be equitable in funding across the state; and deliver the highest quality education for every student to be career and college ready; and

WHEREAS, The Board is united with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education in their support of this legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, herewith assembled in regular session on the twenty-first day of January, in the year two thousand twenty, wishes to convey its support of the Kirwan Commission’s Blueprint for Maryland’s Future in 2020 being introduced during the 2020 Maryland General Assembly session.

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	1	0

Ms. Jose left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Ms. Scott left the room at 8:12 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY2021 County Capital Budget

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Board approved (favor – 9) the FY2021 County Capital Budget as presented.

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. Scott returned to the room at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Pasteur left the room at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 8:58 p.m.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted for posting on the Web site on January 23, 2020.