

Baltimore County Board of Education
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
AND
EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, August 20, 2019

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 5:02 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, Mr. Roger B. Hayden, 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, Student Member Omer Reshid, and Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. Ms. MaKeda Scott was absent.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b)(1) and (b)(7), upon motion of Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, and approved unanimously (favor – 11), the Board commenced its closed session at 5:03 p.m. Chair Kathleen S. Causey, and the following Board members were present: Vice Chair Julie C. Henn, Mr. Roger B. Hayden, 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, and Student Member Omer Reshid. In addition, Superintendent, Dr. Darryl L. Williams, and the following staff members were present: Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief of Staff; Mr. Kevin D. Smith, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer; Dr. Mary McComas, Interim Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Maria Lowry, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, 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, and administrative appointments.

Ms. Causey presented the Board's closed session minutes of August 6, August 8, and August 10, 2019, for review and consideration. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Nussbaum provided legal advice concerning the dispositions of the hearing officers' recommendations in cases H.E. 18-56 and H.E. 19-45, where no oral argument was requested. He also provided legal advice related to the Watershed Public Charter School agreement.

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, August 20, 2019. 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/355125770>.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

On the motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Ms. Mack, the board unanimously approved (favor – 11) the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Edward J. Gilliss, Esq., has served as a member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County with distinction and honor from July 2013 through November 2018; and

WHEREAS, He has provided exemplary service to the students, parents, and staff of Baltimore County Public Schools as Chair of the Board for two consecutive years, 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliss has worked actively for the achievement of all Baltimore County students with focus on raising the bar and eliminating achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, He has served on the following Board of Education Committees: Audit, where he served as Vice Chair; and a member of the Curriculum Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliss, as Chair, represented the Board of Education admirably at numerous state and county events; and

WHEREAS, He always placed the needs of all students as his first priority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliss has committed his time and expertise to the Baltimore County Public Schools' community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County, herewith assembled in regular session on the twentieth day of August, in the year two thousand nineteen, recognizes the outstanding contributions of Edward J. Gilliss, Esq.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith extend its deepest appreciation and gratitude for his dedication, loyalty, and service, and further extends its best wishes for good health, happiness, and continued success in his future endeavors.

A portrait of Mr. Gilliss was unveiled and will be displayed in Room 123 across from the Board room.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Matters

On the motion of Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Board unanimously approved the personnel matters listed in exhibit F-1 and F-2. (favor – 11)

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

Mr. Reshid left the room at 6:54 p.m. and returned at 6:58 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of the Watershed Public Charter School, Inc., Agreement

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the Board approved the agreement between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Watershed Public Charter School, Inc. (favor – 10)

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

NEW BUSINESS

Action Taken in Closed Session

On the motion of Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Board unanimously approved the action taken in closed session on appeal cases H.E. 18-56 and H.E. 19-45, where no oral argument was requested. (favor – 11)

Report on Policies (First Reading)

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

1. Policy 1600 – Community Relations: Public Charter Schools
2. Policy 5120 – Students: Enrollment and Attendance – Attendance and Excuses
3. Policy 6102 – Instruction: Curriculum – Teaching of Controversial Issues
4. Policy 6200 – Instruction: Instructional Services – School Libraries

Mr. Hayden left the room at 8:04 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted for posting on the Web site on August 21, 2019.