

**Baltimore County Board of Education**  
MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION  
AND  
EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 5:05 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, 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) and (b)(7), upon motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, and approved (favor – 10), the Board commenced its closed session at 5:06 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, 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: Mr. D. Mychael Dickerson, Chief of Staff; Mr. Kevin D. Smith, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer; Dr. Mary McComas, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Homer McCall, Director of Staffing, Human Resources; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esquire, General Counsel; Eric Brousaides, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Education (for Andrew Nussbaum); and Ms. Tracy Gover, Senior Executive Assistant to the Board.

Mr. McCall presented personnel matters to be considered at tonight's meeting including retirements, resignations, leaves, recognition of service, certificated appointments, and administrative appointments.

Mr. Smith, Dr. McComas, and Mr. McCall left the room at 5:09 p.m.

Ms. Causey presented the Board's closed session minutes of Tuesday, September 24, 2019, for review and consideration. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Brousaides provided legal advice concerning a request for oral argument in an employee matter.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION SESSION MINUTES**

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Mr. Kuehn, the Board commenced its administrative function session at 5:14 p.m. to discuss the Board's directive of January 8, 2019, on system records retention and to receive an update on the superintendent's evaluation.

Mr. Dickerson left the room at 5:14 p.m.

Ms. Howie left the room at 6:13 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Kuehn, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Board unanimously adjourned its administrative function session at 6:14 p.m. (favor – 10)

### **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, October 8, 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/365338943>.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Personnel Matters**

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. McMillion, the Board approved the personnel matters listed in Exhibit E-1 through E-5. (favor – 10)

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

Ms. Rowe left the room at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Ms. Jose left the room at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

**Action Taken in Closed Session**

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Offerman, the Board approved the action taken in closed session regarding a request for oral argument in an employee matter. (favor – 8)

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Did Not Vote/ Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
J. Offerman	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur			X	
R. Hayden				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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**Contract Awards**

Ms. Henn presented items L-1 through L-3 and L-5 through L-7 to the full Board for approval.

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, the Board approved the contracts as presented in Exhibit L-1 through L-3 and L-5 through L-7. (favor – 10)

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Contract Number</b>	<b>Contract Name</b>
1.	JMI-612-18	Modification: Textbooks and Instructional Materials
2.	ARA-219-17	Modification: Nonpublic Special Education Facilities
3.	MWE-803-20	Therapy, Nursing, and School-Based Professional Services
5.	JBO-722-19	Office Supplies
6.	JBO-701-19	Replacement of Chadwick Elementary School, Package 32A – Site Work
7.	JBO-701-19	Replacement of Chadwick Elementary School, Package 23A – Mechanical

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Did Not Vote/ Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
J. Offerman	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
R. Hayden				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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

Ms. Henn requested that item L-4 be pulled for additional information requested in committee and brought to a future board meeting.

4.	JMI-631-17	Modification: Information Technology Hardware
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Ms. Scott left the room at 7:46 p.m.

### **Privately Funded Capital Project**

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Mr. McMillion, the board approved the privately funded capital project to purchase and install bleachers at the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology stadium. (favor – 9)

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Did Not Vote/ Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
J. Offerman	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
R. Hayden				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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Board of Education Policies (Third Reading)**

On the motion of Ms. Rowe, the Board approved (favor – 9) to adopt the recommendation of the Board’s Policy Review Committee on the following policies:

1. Policy 1600 – Public Charter Schools
2. Policy 5120 – Attendance and Excuses
3. Policy 6102 – Teacher and Controversial Issues
4. Policy 6200 – School Libraries

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Did Not Vote/ Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
J. Offerman	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
R. Hayden				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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

Ms. Scott returned to the room at 7:48 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Report on the Proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar – Pre- and Post-Labor Day Options**

On the motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the board excluded the use of professional development days associated with religious holidays as make-up days for inclement weather. (favor – 10)

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Did Not Vote/ Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
J. Offerman	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
R. Hayden				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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

Ms. Henn left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Ms. Pasteur left the room at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

Mr. Offerman left the room at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:52 p.m.

### **Report on Water Testing**

Ms. Jose made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Scott:

*Move that the Baltimore County Board of Education shut down all faucets and fixtures that have tested between 5 parts per billion (ppb) to 20 ppb;*

*Whereas, to prevent operational issues within the school system, only those fixtures that are potential drinking water sources will be shut down;*

*Whereas, the current action level of 20 ppb is still in effect, and fixtures that tested above 20 ppb will continue to be replaced as scheduled;*

*Whereas, no amount of lead is acceptable or considered safe, the current action level of 20 ppb is a state mandate and is not a health-based standard;*

*Whereas, the school Board is taking extraordinary steps to replace fixtures between 5 ppb and 20 ppb proactively for the health and safety of all our children.*

Ms. Rowe moved to amend the motion to use only the first sentence, omitting the rest of the statement, which was seconded by Ms. Pasteur.

Ms. Rowe then withdrew her amendment and moved to amend the original motion that the Baltimore County Board of Education shut down all faucets and fixtures that have tested between 5 parts per billion (ppb) to 20 ppb, in which children are likely to ingest. Ms. Scott seconded the motion.

The amended motion was then withdrawn by a consensus of the board, and Ms. Jose resubmitted the motion as follows, seconded by Ms. Pasteur:

*Move that the Baltimore County Board of Education shut down all faucets and fixtures that have tested between 5 parts per billion (ppb) to 20 ppb of those fixtures that are potential drinking water sources.*

The motion was approved. (favor – 10)

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Did Not Vote/ Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
J. Offerman	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
R. Hayden				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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

The Board adjourned its meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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