

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 5:05 p.m., which was held virtually. Chair Kathleen S. Causey, and the following Board members were present: Vice Chair Julie C. Henn, Dr. Erin R. Hager, 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 Joshua Muhumuza, and Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams.

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 July 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/440718089>.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Taken in Closed Session

On the motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Henn, the Board approved the actions taken in closed session on several matters, including on H.E. 20-40, and authorized Ms. Gover to sign the Order on behalf of the Board members. (favor – 10)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Muhumuza			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	2	0

The video/audio recordings of the Board of Education meetings are the official record and minutes of the Board's public meetings. The link to the July 21, 2020, meeting is <https://vimeo.com/440718089>.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of Baltimore County Public Schools’ Reopening Plan for Fall 2020

Dr. Williams provided a statement related to the Reopening Plan for Fall 2020, and requested Board approval to engage in student virtual instruction for the school year 2020-2021 for the first semester, September 8, 2020, through January 29, 2021.

Ms. Jose moved that the Board approve the superintendent’s request to engage in student virtual instruction for the school year 2020-2021 for the first semester, September 8, 2020, through January 29, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Offerman.

First Motion to Amend the Reopening Plan

While Ms. Jose’s motion was pending, Ms. Henn moved to amend the Reopening Plan to indicate that the plan will be reviewed, revised as deemed appropriate based on current health conditions, and presented to the Board for approval following each academic quarter. Ms. Mack seconded the motion.

After discussion on Ms. Henn’s motion, Mr. Offerman moved the previous question, seconded by Ms. Jose. The motion passed. (favor – 8)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager		X		
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Muhumuza		X		
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey		X		
M. Jose	X			
R. McMillion		X		
L. Mack	X			
M. Scott	X			
L. Rowe	X			
Total	8	4	0	0

Ms. Henn’s first motion to amend the Reopening Plan failed.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur		X		
J. Offerman		X		
J. Muhumuza		X		
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose		X		
R. McMillion		X		
L. Mack	X			
M. Scott		X		
L. Rowe		X		
Total	5	7	0	0

Second Motion to Amend the Reopening Plan

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Ms. Rowe, the board amended the Reopening Plan to direct BCPS to survey all stakeholders following each academic quarter of virtual instruction in order to use feedback to promote continuous improvement. (favor – 7)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur		X		
J. Offerman		X		
J. Muhumuza		X		
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose		X		
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack	X			
M. Scott		X		
L. Rowe	X			
Total	7	5	0	0

Third Motion to Amend the Reopening Plan

Ms. Henn moved to amend the Reopening Plan to include “Virtual instruction will now provide live instruction with teachers every school day, Monday through Friday, for every course.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuehn. The motion failed.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager		X		
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur		X		
J. Offerman		X		
J. Muhumuza		X		
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey		X		
M. Jose		X		
R. McMillion		X		
L. Mack		X		
M. Scott		X		
L. Rowe		X		
Total	2	10	0	0

Fourth Motion to Amend the Reopening Plan

Ms. Henn moved to amend the Reopening Plan to include “During virtual instruction, teachers may request permission to teach or complete other work from their assigned classrooms on a scheduled or as-needed basis. Requests will be reviewed by school administrators.” Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager		X		
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur		X		
J. Offerman		X		
J. Muhumuza		X		
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey		X		
M. Jose		X		
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack	X			
M. Scott		X		
L. Rowe		X		
Total	4	8	0	0

Fifth Motion to Amend the Reopening Plan

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Ms. Mack, the board amended the Reopening Plan to include guidance about conducting school and extracurricular activities in a virtual environment, which will include resources for student leaders, volunteer organizations, and school administrators. (favor – 7)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur		X		
J. Offerman		X		
J. Muhumuza			X	
J. Henn	X			
K. Causey	X			
M. Jose		X		
R. McMillion	X			
L. Mack	X			
M. Scott		X		
L. Rowe	X			
Total	7	4	1	0

Motion to Approve Virtual Reopening

The pending motion to approve the superintendent’s request to engage in student virtual instruction for the school year 2020-2021 for the first semester, September 8, 2020, through January 29, 2021, passed. (favor – 11)

Board Member	Favor	Opposed	Did Not Vote/ Abstention	Absent
E. Hager	X			
R. Kuehn	X			
C. Pasteur	X			
J. Offerman	X			
J. Muhumuza	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

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION SESSION MINUTES

On the motion of Ms. Henn, seconded by Mr. Muhumuza, the Board convened an administrative function session at 7:00 p.m. (favor – 12)

Ms. Jose and Ms. Pasteur left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Subject matter(s) discussed:

- Board of Education Retreat
 - Collaboration
 - Communication

Mr. Kuehn and Ms. Rowe left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Pasteur entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Offerman and Mr. McMillion left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Ms. Jose entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Ms. Henn left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Pasteur left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Ms. Mack left the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

In the absence of a quorum, Ms. Causey declared the administrative function session adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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