

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 2019 MEETING

EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT DESCRIPTION

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The Policy Review Committee of the Board of Education of Baltimore County met on Friday, May 17, 2019, in Building E, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members were present: Kathleen Causey, Chair; John Offerman, Vice Chair; Haleemat Adekoya, student member; and Cheryl Pasteur, member.

The following committee staff persons were present: Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esq., General Counsel; and Patricia Clark, Policy and Compliance Officer.

The following additional staff persons were present: Mr. Kevin Smith, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer; Dr. Mary Boswell-McComas, Interim Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Renard Adams, Interim Senior Executive Director, Curriculum Operations; Mr. Ryan Imbriale, Executive Director, Innovative Learning; Dr. Amalio Nieves, Executive Director, Social-Emotional Support; Ms. Patricia Mustipher, Coordinator, School Social Work; John Billingslea, Director, Social Studies; Valerie Thompson, Esq., Senior Counsel.

Call to order 9:03 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2019

The minutes of the April 15, 2019, meeting of the Policy Review Committee stood approved as recorded.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Discipline Policies Update

Dr. Amalio Nieves provided an update on the work of the Student Behavior and Discipline Council, including the council's review of the student discipline policies. Dr. Nieves advised the Committee that the Council had met on May 15th. At that meeting, the Council reviewed Policy 5520, *Student Dress Code*; Policy 5561, *School Use of Reportable Offenses*; and Policy 5580, *Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment or Intimidation*. The

Council recommended minor edits to these policies, which involved the Policy Review Committee’s editing conventions, ensuring consistent use of language across all of the policies, and defining additional terms.

3. Consideration of public comment received on May 7, 2019

- a. Policy 1110, Publications, Radio, Television and Digital Media
Policy 1200, Community Involvement

As no public comments were received regarding the revisions recommended for Policy 1110 and Policy 1200, the policies will be moved forward for third reader on June 11, 2019.

- b. Public Justice Center and Disability Rights Maryland

Renuka Rege, Esq., Public Justice Center, and Megan Berger, Esq., Disability Rights Maryland, were again invited to provide comments and recommendations concerning the Board’s discipline policies, Policies 5550 and 5560. The attorneys advised the Committee that comments had been provided at the May 7th meeting and they had no additional comments to provide. Mrs. Causey thanked the attorneys for attending.

- c. Policy 5550, Disruptive Behavior

Hearing no further corrections, additions or modifications to Policy 5550, the policy, as presented with additional edits from staff, will be moved forward for third reader.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya				x
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

- d. Policy 5560, Suspension, Assignment to Alternative Programs or Expulsion

Hearing no further corrections, additions or modifications to Policy 5560, the policy, as presented with additional edits from staff, will be moved forward for third reader.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya				x
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

III. NEW BUSINESS

4. Policy 5110, Admission

Ms. Adekoya entered the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

In Paragraph II(A), Mr. Offerman asked whether school staff were permitted to make exceptions to placing a student in the same grade as certified by the sending school. Mr. Offerman wanted to ensure that school administrators know the steps to follow and that parents also know any recourse they may have concerning the placement. Staff will review and revisit the policy.

On motion of Mr. Offerman, seconded by Ms. Pasteur, the Committee voted to postpone the policy to the next PRC meeting.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

5. Policy 5120, Attendance and Excuses

Following a presentation by Dr. Amalio Nieves and Ms. Patricia Mustipher, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Policy 5120, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	X			
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Ms. Rowe				x

6. Policy 7530, Naming of an Area of a School

Following a presentation by Mr. Kevin Smith and Mr. Pete Dixit, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Policy 7530, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	X			
Ms. Causey	X			
Mr. Offerman	X			
Ms. Pasteur	X			
Ms. Rowe				x

7. Policy 1600, Public Charter Schools

On motion of Ms. Causey, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that Paragraph IV(D)(3), be revised to read, “The public charter school shall provide a written annual report to the appropriate Community Superintendent, *Superintendent and the Board* by September 30.” The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

Following a presentation by Dr. Renard Adams, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Policy 1600, as revised. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

8. Policy 6102, Teaching Controversial Issues

Following a presentation by Dr. Renard Adams, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Policy 6102, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

9. Policy 6200, School Libraries

Following a presentation by Dr. Renard Adams and Mr. Ryan Imbriale, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Policy 6200, as presented. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

10. Policy 6702, Extracurricular Activities

On motion of Ms. Pasteur, seconded by Mr. Offerman, that Paragraph I, line 8, be revised by adding “while maintaining student safety” at the end of the sentence. The sentence will read, “The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to providing a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities for students *while maintaining student safety.*” The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

Following presentation by Dr. Renard Adams, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Policy 6702, as revised. The motion passed.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

IV. COMMITTEE GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

11. Policy 8362

a. Policy 8362 was being visited at the request of Committee member Rowe. As Ms. Rowe was unable to attend the meeting, the Committee, by consensus, agreed to move the discussion to the next Committee meeting.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/ Did Not Vote	Absent
Miss Adekoya	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. Offerman	x			
Ms. Pasteur	x			
Ms. Rowe				x

b. Mr. Offerman informed the Committee of his interest in the review of Policy 6400, Magnet Programs, as the result of a recent Board appeal. Following discussion, Dr. McComas offered to provide a presentation during the June Curriculum Committee meeting that would outline the historical background of magnet programs in BCPS and the current status. Dr. McComas said she would also send a link to all Board members following the Curriculum Committee meeting to ensure that all Board members have the historical background.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Causey informed the public that the Education Transparency Act Description of today’s meeting will be posted to the school system’s Web site on Monday, May 20, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Submitted for posting on the Web site on May 20, 2019.