

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
Education Transparency Act Description

October 15, 2018 Meeting

The following is a full and accurate description of the final actions taken at the meeting and are provided in accordance with the Education Transparency Act, Md. Ed. Code Ann., §3-2B-09(b)(3). If there is a discrepancy between the video and this description, the video, which constitutes the official minutes of the meeting, shall control. The video/audio recordings of the Board of Education are the official record of the meetings and can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcJw7UAmEM>

The Policy Review Committee of the Board of Education of Baltimore County met on Monday, October 15, 2018, in Building E, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Stephen Verch, Esquire, Chair; Haleemat Adekoya, member; Kathleen Causey, member; and David Uhlfelder, member.

The following committee staff persons were present: Dr. Mary Boswell-McComas, Interim Chief Academic Officer; Margaret-Ann F. Howie, Esq., General Counsel; and Valerie A. Thompson, Esq., Senior Counsel.

The following additional staff persons were present: Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox, Chief of School Climate and Safety; Dr. Sharon Brinkley-Parker, Director, School Climate; and Ms. Patricia Mustipher, Coordinator, School Social Work Services and Responsive Student Programming.

Chair Steve Verch explained the process, to date, of reviewing and revising the Board's student discipline policies, including the directive received from the full Board to review the policies at the October PRC meeting. Mr. Verch also explained to the committee the contents of a project binder, prepared by staff, for the committee. Additionally, Committee members received printed pages from the staff's [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Dr. Martin-Knox, Ms. Mustipher and Dr. Brinkley-Parker, using a slide show, explained the regulatory and statutory framework for the policies as well as input received from TABCO, the Superintendent's listening and learning tours, and the Superintendent's council. Following the presentation, Committee members posed questions about restorative practices; school progress plans; the interplay between equity and the discipline policies; consistency in application, multi-tiered supports and disaggregation of certain data. By consensus, the Committee asked staff to provide additional data on: alternative schools; school progress plans; and a possible school case study. The staff was directed to return at the Committee's next meeting so that the discussion could continue. Mr. Verch specified that the data should be provided "well in advance" of the Committee's next meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Miss Adekoya, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Board Member	Favor	Against	Abstained/Did Not Vote	Absent
Mr. Verch	x			
Ms. Causey	x			
Mr. McDaniels				x
Mr. Uhlfelder	x			
Miss Adekoya	x			