

Board of Education of Anne Arundel County | March 3, 2021

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Upcoming Meetings

General Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
6:00 pm

Policy Committee
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
3:30 pm
Virtual

Budget Committee
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
3:30 pm
Virtual

10:00 am 1. Motion to Enter Closed Session

12:00 pm 2. Opening/Recognition

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| 2.01 Invocation | 2.06 Recognitions |
| 2.02 Pledge of Allegiance | 2.07 Educator of the Month |
| 2.03 Approval of the Minutes | 2.08 Employee of the Month |
| 2.04 Establish Agenda Order | 2.09 Volunteer of the Month |
| 2.05 President's Update | |

12:15 pm 3. Presentations

- 3.01 Presentation by Anne Arundel County Chief of Police Amal Awad

1:15 pm 4. Public Comments

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2:15 pm 5. Departmental Reports

- 5.01 Safety and Security Report (provided during the presentation section)
5.02 Bullying Prevention Report
5.03 Diversity and Inclusion Report
5.04 Transportation Report

2:35 pm 6. Consent Items – Award of Contracts

- 6.01 Electrical Supplies
6.02 Energy Management and Maintenance, and Control System Programming
6.03 Meade HS Modernization – Mechanical
6.04 Old Mill West HS – Concrete
6.05 Old Mill West HS – Flooring
6.06 Old Mill West HS – General Works and Casework
6.07 Old Mill West HS – Gypsum Walls, Ceiling, and Painting
6.08 Old Mill West HS – Masonry
6.09 Old Mill West HS – Mechanical
6.10 Old Mill West HS – Roofing
6.11 Old Mill West HS - Sitework
6.12 Old Mill West HS – Steel
6.13 Old Mill West HS – Windows

2:45 pm 7. Action Items

- 7.01 Administrative Personnel Appointments
7.02 Personnel
7.03 Items of Legislation
7.04 Old Mill West High School – Stormwater Management Inspection and Maintenance Agreement
7.05 Remembrance Day
7.06 Disposition of Real Property – Transfer to Anne Arundel County for Severn Intergenerational Center Project
7.07 Rescission of Deed of Easement and Agreement (Forest Conservation Easement) - Shady Side Elementary School

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3:45 pm **8. Review Items**

8.01 2020-2021 Reopening Update

8.02 Academic Testing

8.03 Award of Contracts

9. Motion to Enter Closed Session (as needed)

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The following testimony was submitted for the March 3, 2021, meeting of the Board of Education. The “...” designation indicates the cutoff of testimony due to it exceeding the word the limit. The full version of such testimony has been provided to the Board.

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED FOR ITEM 8.01 – 2020-2021 Reopening Update

1. Some school are only having kids in the building 2 days/week due to low numbers of hybrid attendance. In this case, the Group A/B format is not necessary and kids who opted in-person should be in-person as much as possible. Kids should be getting as much in person instruction and interaction as possible and this seems easily possible (same bus schedule and everything since a different group is not going Thurs/Fri).
Understanding there is still a need for deep cleaning (although the same people would be in the building each day), can you please send kids in these schools back to in-person learning 4 days per week?

Mark Chuisano
Laurel, MD

2. The smiles on my children's faces when they got off the school bus yesterday said it all! They all were so excited and could not stop talking and telling me about what a fabulous day of school they had and how they were so excited to finally be back. Kids NEED to be in school. This was long overdue. Please don't stop here. Please work to a full time opening, 5 days a week for all students who wish to attend now. Don't wait any longer, don't wait until the fall. As much time as these kids can have actually in school is beneficial to them in so many ways. Yesterday it felt like a weight had been lifted off of my kids shoulders. They all commented on how it is so much easier to learn when in school.
This Board owes our kids their chance to be kids. They have already paid such a steep price. Do you realize it was 352 days between when they were last in school? These kids can't wait any longer. I encourage you to to move towards a full 5 days in school as soon as possible. Maybe now that the schools have welcomed students back they will realize (and the Union will realize) that it is not so bad and that it can be done.
Also if there is anything but a full re-opening in the fall this Board should be communicating that NOW so parents can make appropriate decisions...

Cheryl Wolf
Severna Park, MD