

# Board of Education of Anne Arundel County | April 7, 2021

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## Upcoming Meetings

### General Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
6:00 pm

### Policy Committee

Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
3:30 pm  
*Virtual*

### Budget Committee

Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
3:30 pm  
*Virtual*

### Equity Committee

Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
6:00 pm  
*Virtual*

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## 10:00 am 1. Motion to Enter Closed Session

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## 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      |                             |
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## 12:15 pm 3. Public Comments

The Board will hear public comment on agenda items from up to 10 speakers per agenda item during this section of the meeting. Those wishing to provide live testimony may register, space permitting, at [www.aacps.org/boardtestimony](http://www.aacps.org/boardtestimony). All speakers will be allotted 2 minutes. Written comments on agenda items can also be submitted through a form available at [www.aacps.org/boardtestimony](http://www.aacps.org/boardtestimony). The process for submitting such comments and comments on non-agenda items, which are only accepted in writing, can be found at [www.aacps.org/boardtestimony](http://www.aacps.org/boardtestimony)

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## 1:15 pm 4. Presentations (I)

- 4.01 Cultivating Communities of Wellness - Building a Culture of Wellness and Inclusivity
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## 2:15 pm 5. Departmental Reports (I)

- 5.01 Safety and Security Report
  - 5.02 Bullying Prevention Report
  - 5.03 Diversity and Inclusion Report
  - 5.04 Transportation Report
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## 2:35 pm 6. Consent Items – Award of Contracts (A)

- 6.01 Art Supplies
  - 6.02 AVID Program
  - 6.03 Electrical – Old Mill West HS
  - 6.04 Exterior Door Replacement – Central ES, Hilltop ES, and Marley Glen Special School
  - 6.05 Exterior Wall Repairs – Shady Side ES
  - 6.06 Gymnasium Equipment and Partition Inspection, Maintenance, Repair, and Installation
  - 6.07 Health Suite Renovations – Crofton Meadows ES
  - 6.08 Lighting Upgrades
  - 6.09 Preventive Maintenance and Repairs – Boilers and Hot Water Generators
  - 6.10 Quarterfield ES – Electrical
  - 6.11 Quarterfield ES – Flooring
  - 6.12 Quarterfield ES – Food Service Equipment
  - 6.13 Quarterfield ES – Gypsum Wall Board, Ceilings, and Painting
  - 6.14 Quarterfield ES – Masonry
  - 6.15 Quarterfield ES – Roofing
  - 6.16 Quarterfield ES- Sitework
  - 6.17 Security Vestibules – Corkran MS and Meade MS
  - 6.18 Stadium Sound System- Crofton HS
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## 2:50 pm 7. Action Items (A)

- 7.01 Administrative Personnel Appointments
  - 7.02 Personnel
  - 7.03 New Course Approvals
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Key: (I) Information (A) Action (R) Review

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**Policy Revision – Second Reading**

7.04 Student Nutrition Services – Whole 7.05 S School – Code EB

**Policy Introduction – Second Reading**

7.05 Data Governance – Code DL

**Other Action Items**

7.06 West County Elementary School – New School - Design Development (DD)

7.07 Old Mill Middle School South - Replacement - Design Development (DD)

7.08 Quarterfield Elementary School Forest Conservation Easement

7.09 2021-2022 Board Meeting, Hearing, and Workshop Calendar

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**3:50 pm 8. Review Items (R)**

8.01 2020-2021 Reopening Update

8.02 Award of Contracts

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**9. Motion to Enter Closed Session (as needed)**

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The following testimony was submitted for the April 7, 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. Kids would now like to go back to school full time. Stop the insanity- we have all begged and pleaded, you know how damaging this is. Yet you still do nothing! please be the hero and give these kids a go, a chance, each day means so much to them! We can bring our kids to school if needed (the buses are empty!!). We can make it work. A year and a half is too long- (by end of year, will have been). Two days is nothing! Please! Seattle is back- Cali is back 5 days!!!!  
Sincerely,

Becca Robison  
Arnold

2. I am pleading with you to return ALL students to in person learning for four days a week at minimum. I listened carefully to last week's special board meeting and honestly the slow phasing in of students may have been appropriate back in November when this plan was designed but it's way too late for this now. There have been many new updates since then including the fact that 100% of school personnel who wanted the vaccine are now fully vaccinated and the fact that the CDC has reduced the distancing guideline to 3 feet. Once again schools across Maryland and this nation have figured it out but AACPS continues to hide behind "logistics" as a reason to remain hybrid. This is totally unfair to the students who you are tasked with representing!  
For those Board members who feel a motion isn't in order to re-open schools I couldn't disagree with you more. Your motion opened schools in this hybrid format and unless you want to keep kicking this can down the road then you need to motion to re-open them. Please, I urge you to introduce a motion to re-open schools now. Don't waste any more time. For those students/parents who feel their risk is too great they have the option to remain virtual but for those who have come to terms with the inherent risks of this pandemic we deserve the option of allowing our kids to return to school to receive the education that they deserve!...

Cheryl Wolf  
Severna Park

3. I would implore the Board to revisit the topic of reopening 4 days a week in schools where attendance allows it and implement it immediately.  
MANY schools, including the ones my children attend on the Broadneck peninsula only have enough students to support one group of cohort days and the buses are running near empty. There is no reason why these children can't return 4 days a week - it wouldn't change spacing at all. The same group would be in the classroom. I realize every school won't be able to do this, but for the ones who are - please allow them to do so. A one-size-fits-all approach isn't going to work.  
Since my children have been back 2 days a week, it is like a light has turned back on inside them.

My son's teacher reached out to me after just one day back in the school and told me how wonderful his participation and engagement level was to see. The difference is remarkable! PLEASE revisit this and allow the students who can, to go back 4 days a week. This last marking period, every day should count!

Nicole Morella  
Arnold