

Board of Education of Anne Arundel County | May 5, 2021

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Upcoming Meetings

General Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
6:00 pm

Policy Committee

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
3:30 pm
Virtual

Budget Committee

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
3:30 pm
Virtual

Equity Committee

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
6:00 pm
Virtual

10:00 pm 1. Motion to Enter Closed Session

12:00 pm 2. Opening/Recognition

2.01 Invocation

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance

2.03 Approval of the Minutes

2.04 Establish Agenda Order

2.05 President's Update

2.06 Recognitions

2.07 Educator of the Month

2.08 Employee of the Month

2.09 Volunteer of the Month

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. 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. 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

1:15 pm 4. Presentations (I)

4.01 County Executive's Recommended FY2022 Operating and Capital Budgets

4.02 Early Literacy

4.03 2020-2021 Reopening Report

3:15 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

3:35 pm 6. Consent Items – Award of Contracts (A)

6.01 Casework – Hillsmere ES

6.02 Concrete – Hillsmere ES

6.03 Demolition – Hillsmere ES

6.04 Electrical – Hillsmere ES

6.05 Flooring – Hillsmere ES

6.06 Food Service Equipment – Hillsmere ES

6.07 General Trades – Hillsmere ES

6.08 General Works, Casework, and Demolition – Meade HS

6.09 Kindergarten Addition – Sunset ES

6.10 Lighting Retrofit Services

6.11 Main Electrical Distribution Replacement – Georgetown East ES

6.12 Masonry – Hillsmere ES

6.13 Painting – Hillsmere ES

6.14 Plumbing and HVAC – Hillsmere ES

6.15 Roofing – Hillsmere ES

6.16 Roof Replacement – Waugh Chapel ES

6.17 Sitework – Hillsmere ES

6.18 Structural Steel – Hillsmere ES

6.19 Website Content Management System

6.20 Windows – Quarterfield ES

Key: (I) Information (A) Action (R) Review

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3:50 pm 7. Action Items (A)

- 7.01 Renaming of George Fox Middle School
 - 7.02 Administrative Personnel Appointments
 - 7.03 Personnel
 - 7.04 Food and Nutrition Services Pricing for 2021-2022 School Year
 - 7.05 Brock Bridge Elementary School - Forest Conservation Declaration of Covenants, Conditions
 - 7.06 Old Mill Complex - Forest Conservation Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions
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4:50 pm 8. Review Items (R)

- 8.01 Award of Contracts
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9. Motion to Enter Closed Session (as needed)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED FOR ITEM 4.02 – Early Literacy

1. This letter is regarding the literacy interventions, secondary to SB 734, that were deployed this year and our experience with the process.

Per the bill, assessments were to be done in October. On December 2, 2020, our child told me she was pulled out of class but did not know who the person was. After inquiring, I was told it was a reading assessment and that results would be shared. We received a letter about testing, via email, December 4, 2020, though it was dated November 30, 2020.

On February 17, 2021, we received a generic letter about Foundations, there were no test results, yet another violation of the bill language. I emailed for results March 11, and quoted the bill to the reading specialist, to obtain the results.

The school has her in a Tier 1 level, with 23 other kids, for Foundations, started in late February. None of the materials were available until mid-March for pickup. Each child is yielding just over a minute of time, per child, 4 days a week.

There is much lacking in the process for Foundations and even more lacking for students with dyslexia, like ours. Dyslexic students are ignored because the employees appear to not have the motive and/or ability to intervene. We’ve read the AACPS letter of opposition to the dyslexia handbook bill. AACPS is the only school district to oppose the bill, yet you claim you are interested in literacy.

Please reach out for more information.

Holly and Jake Tannehill
Severn

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED FOR ITEM 7.01 – Renaming of George Fox Middle School

1. The renaming of George Fox has caused some issues in our community, but once the community realized why the name change needed to occur most where on board. Many people in the Northeastern cluster came together and voted for their middle school name change. The decision should remain with the community's choice.

Amy East
Pasadena

2. As the mom of 4 students in the Northeast Cluster, I am in full support of the name of George Fox Middle being changed to Northeast Middle School. Having the community involved in every step of the process, from nominations to the second vote, has allowed the community to rally behind the change. The community being able to choose the new name has made all the difference in the opinions of many. Change is sometimes hard, but change is good. It is my hope that the Board votes today to officially change the name of George Fox to Northeast Middle.

Jessica Tewey
Pasadena