

Board of Education of Anne Arundel County | July 7, 2021

Board Meetings are held in the Board Room of the Carol Sheffey Parham Building at 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

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Upcoming Meetings

General Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021
12:00 pm

Policy Committee
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
10:30 am
Virtual

Budget Committee
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
3:30 pm
Virtual

Equity Committee
TBD
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 Recognitions

12:10 pm 3. Public Comments

The Board will hear live in-person public comment on agenda items from up to 10 speakers per agenda item during this section of the meeting. Those wishing to provide live in-person 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.

12:15 pm 4. Updates/Reports (I)

- 4.01 President's Update
- 4.02 Policy Committee Update
- 4.03 Safety and Security Report
- 4.04 Bullying Prevention Report
- 4.05 Diversity and Inclusion Report
- 4.06 Transportation Report

1:15 pm 5. Presentations (I)

- 5.01 Summer Programs/Fall Opening Update

1:45 pm 6. Action Items (A)

- 6.01 Administrative Personnel Appointments
- 6.02 Personnel
- 6.03 Filling of Vacancies on Executive Committee of Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

2:00 pm 7. Consent Items – Award of Contracts (A)

- 7.01 Boiler Replacement – Studio 39
- 7.02 Generator Replacement - Brooklyn Park MS
- 7.03 Kindergarten Addition – Brock Bridge ES

2:10 pm 8. Review Items (R)

- 8.01 Construction Status Report
- 8.02 Award of Contracts

9. Motion to Enter Closed Session (as needed)

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

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The following testimony was submitted for the July 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 5.01 – Summer Programs/Fall Opening Update

1. Please continue to keep our children safe both during the summer in summer programs such as Camp Engage as well as in the 2021-22 school year. Children under the age of 12 are not even eligible to get vaccinated yet. With new variants of COVID-19 forming, including the potentially more virulent Delta strain, we need to continue to require schools with students that are not eligible to be vaccinated to require masking for both the unvaccinated children as well as the adults they come in contact with whether vaccinated or not as there is a chance they could spread the virus to an unvaccinated child. Additionally, once mask mandates in schools are lifted, students and their families should be allowed to determine if they wish to continue to mask. This pandemic is a marathon and not a sprint. We have made it 20 miles, but we have the remaining 6.2 to go to complete it. Now is not the time to let up. As the variants are forming, there is potential they will continue to morph into vaccine-resistant strains and cause us to have a backslide we do not want to have. Thank you for looking out for the best interest of our kids by continuing to keep them safe until everyone has the ability to vaccinate.

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