

Board of Education of Anne Arundel County | December 1, 2021

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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, December 15, 2021
6:00 pm
Board Room

Policy Committee

Tuesday, January 4, 2022
3:00 pm
Virtual

Equity Committee

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
11:30 am
Virtual

Budget Committee

Monday, December 13, 2021
12:00 pm
Virtual

Board Workshop

Monday, December 13, 2021
6:00 pm
Board Room

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

12:00 pm 2. Opening/Recognition

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

12:30 pm 3. Reports

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| 3.01 President's Report | 3.03 PTA Report |
| 3.02 Policy Committee Report | 3.04 Superintendent's Report -
School Operations |

12:45 pm 4. Public Comments

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1:15 pm 5. Consent Items - Award of Contracts (A)

- 5.01 Fruits and Vegetables
- 5.02 Window Replacement - Meade MS

1:30 pm 6. Action Items (A)

- 6.01 Administrative Personnel Appointments
- 6.02 Personnel

Policy Revisions - Second Reading

- 6.03 Non-Discrimination - Code AC
- 6.04 Violence and Vandalism - Code KG
- 6.05 Board Committees - Code BBE

Other Action Items

- 6.06 Crofton MS Addition - Schematic Design
- 6.07 Appointment of Ethics Panel Member
- 6.08 2022 - 2023 School Year Calendar
- 6.09 Ratification of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and the Association of Educational Leaders (AEL)

2:00 pm 7. Review Items (R)

- 7.01 Award of Contracts

8. Motion to Enter Executive Closed Session (as needed)

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Written Testimony

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ITEM 3.04 – Superintendent’s Report – School Operations

1. I write this testimony to speak out for parent choice for all of our children relating to masking, vaccination and athletes COVID testing. Photos clearly demonstrate government officials, BOE members and adults without masks at many crowded indoor buildings. This is hypocritical while our children suffer daily wearing masks in school. Masks are social inhibitors, hot, and unhealthy both medically and psychologically. Masking decreases learning and socialization.

Furthermore forcing ONLY the student athletes - our children to be tested weekly is discriminatory. Singling out a specific group of children is not inclusive by any means. Their forced weekly testing is frightening, stressful and demeaning to our children and parents alike. What message does this send to our children? How do you think the children process this mandate? Can someone, anyone on the Board of Education please explain how this is Elevating ALL Students and Eliminating ALL Gaps?

Please do the right thing, let the parents decide what is right for their children. If a parent wants to mask and/or vaccinate their child let it be their choice and also if a parent chooses to not mask or vaccinate it is their choice. Bring back learning and leave the medical care to the parents and their pediatricians. Bring back learning, bring back Elevating ALL Students and Eliminating ALL Gaps!

Thank you

Michelli Drish
Arnold

ITEM 6.03 – Non-Discrimination – Code AC

1. Discrimination: the practice of unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people - Merriam-Webster.

A mandate or requirement for student athletes to be vaccinated or test weekly is discrimination against this group of students. There is no reason to single out this group, as there is no data to support this mandate/requirement; therefore, this treatment is unfair. Show us the studies you used to make this decision. Show us the research that supports the position that student athletes are at risk from COVID-19. I am asking for the AACPS BOE to publish the resources used to make this decision.

Jennifer Fold
Linthicum

ITEM 6.04 – Violence and Vandalism – Code BBE

1. What is the definition of a hate group for the purpose of this policy revision? How can you use a term in a policy and not define it? This policy revision uses broad undefined terms and phrases and should be further refined before finalization and implementation.

Jennifer Fold
Linthicum

ITEM 6.06 – Crofton MS Addition – Schematic Design

1. Please vote in favor of the addition to CROFTON MIDDLE school. The school is very small, and the Crofton area keeps growing. The classrooms are extremely crowded, and the school needs to accommodate our student population. Thank you.

Elizabeth Fine
Gambrills

2. The safety of the middle school is a concern with the overcrowding that exists! Students can barely get from class to class with the abundance of students in the hallways! Education is also a concern, being that the classes are so overcrowded! An addition to the middle school is needed for this extremely overpopulated school!

Angela Jones
Crofton

ITEM 6.08 – 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

1. Whichever of the two calendar options that you end up adopting PLEASE do not change it multiple times throughout the year! People make their schedules around the school calendar and it is extremely disruptive when changes are made especially with less than 6 weeks' notice as was the case with the 2021-2022 calendar. Personally, I feel both calendar options have way too many early dismissal days and I am don't quite understand the need for system wide closures for parent/teacher conferences in March. Maybe consider only doing March conferences at the high school level where classes change each semester but at the younger levels it seems unnecessary because if there were issues, I hope they would be addressed much before March!

Cheryl Wolf
Severna Park