

PTACHC General Meeting

February 12, 2018

7:30 pm

Treasurer's Report

Laurie Ramey, Treasurer, Presented January & February Treasurer's report

- Misc. Expenses – Attorney fee for subpoena is \$100.
- Motion made to move \$100 from telephone line item to office expenses line item in PTACHC Budget.

Operating Budget Review Committee (OBRC) Report

Laurie Ramey -Operating Budget Review
Committee (OBRC)

- Board of Education meeting on the Adoption of FY2019 Operating and Capital Budget and FY2020-24 Capital Improvement Program will be held on Feb. 22, 2018 at Board of Education building at 3:00 pm.

OBRC Report (continued)

- Howard County schools are facing \$ 20 million budget deficit.
- Discussion about spending and where funds are needed.
- If anyone has any comments or questions or suggestions, please let Laurie know at Treasurer@ptachc.org so she can take it to the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Report

James LeMon: Executive Director of Community, Parent and School Outreach

- Community Cabinet meeting February 27th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at River Hill High school.
- Schools will be in session on April 4, 5 and 6 and for a half-day on May 18 to make up for four inclement weather days used.
- Discussion re closing schools for inclement weather.

Howard County Education Association

Colleen Morris (President HCEA)

- Facilitation of “peace circle training” for educators and administrators , parents and community members. For more information, contact Colleen at HCEA website (www.hceanea.org).
- HCEA recently received a three-year NEA Great Public Schools Fund Grant.
- Applying for a NEAGPS for up to \$500K for training for teachers.

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Update

Brent Loveless

- County Council voted on APFO on Feb 5th. Vote results: ES 105%, MS 110% & HS 115%. PTACHC supported 100% capacity.
- Discussed School Facilities Surcharge Bill introduced to Maryland state legislation.
- Next APFO review is a year after the next general planning.
- Meeting on Feb 13, 2018 – to discuss a buyout provision. PTACHC is opposed.

Legislative Report

- Legislation night in Annapolis 2/13/2018
- BOE (Board of Education): State bill introduced to allow Board of Education to be able to fire superintendent. Motion made and passed that PTACHC take a position to support the Bill.
Testimony / Hearing is on Thursday 2/15/2018.
- APFO (Adequate Public Facility Ordinance) Motion made and passed for PTACHC to support market rate mitigation for Howard County growth.

Policy Committee Report

Policy

- PTACHC, CAC, HCPSS, Council of Elders, and NAACP are working on suspension data issue.

Policies to be reviewed:

1. Ethical Policy
2. Sexual harassment/Discrimination (focus on education, training and Title 9)

Old business

Subpoena

- PTACHC President, Vicky Cutroneo, was interviewed by HCPSS Human Rights Office.

New Business

PTACHC Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee is needed by the March meeting. Duties are to find a slate of officers for PTACHC for the 2018-19 school year.

Grace's Closet

- School has given two storage sites. This would be a direct donation to people in our community in need.

Voter Registration at High Schools

Carolyn Bodziak – Mt. Hebron High School

- Check with local board of Elections to see if their outreach coordinator has attended your High School. May want to ask your PTA's to partner with Board of Elections.

Future Meeting Dates

- March 5, 2018 PTACHC General Meeting
Kevin Gilbert – speaker at next PTACHC meeting to address Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.
- June 3, 2018 – Board of Education Candidates Forum. Atholton High School cafeteria, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Deadline to run for BOE is February 27, 2018