

PTACHC General Meeting Takeaways

January 7, 2019

Call to Order 7:30 pm

Quorum met

Treasurer's Report

Meg Ricks – Treasurer - treasurer@ptachc.org

- PTACHC dues were due Nov. 1, 2018
- Maryland Charitable Registration Renewal was due Dec. 30, 2018
- Form 1099 Misc. due by Jan. 31st
- Treasurer's should refer to Treasurer's Timeline for all due dates

Superintendent's Report

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

- Superintendent's Proposed 2020 Operating Budget is on the HCPSS website.
- Public hearings at 7pm, Jan. 15th & 29th. Work sessions at 1 PM on January 17th, 22nd, 29th & 31st.
- The BOE is scheduled to adopt its budget request on February 12 at 3 p.m. (Operating budget 2020 and 2021-2025 Capital)

Board of Education Report

Jennifer Mallo - jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org

- Please see BOE School Cluster Assignments 2018-2019 at

<https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=84SRLW6E9136>

- The budget totals \$998.4 million and has an increase of \$136.1 million, or 15.8 percent, above the FY 2019 budget.
- Feedback regarding the budget proposal can be sent to boe@hcpss.org

State Legislative Update

Present: Delegate Terri L. Hill - District 12

Senator Clarence Lam - Senate, District 12

Delegate Elect Courtney Watson – District 9B

Delegate Eric Ebersole – District 12

Senator Elect Katie Hester – District 9A

- Work session regarding legislation pertaining to the County's public facilities surcharge, school redistricting, the adequate public facilities ordinance (APFO) process, and school construction funding.
- Saturday, January 12, 2019 10am – 1pm, Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City
- Public invited to attend, but cannot speak

State Legislative Update (Continued)

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary:

- sponsoring a bill to change the way school board members are elected.
- Current basic vision screening at HC public schools does not substitute for full eye exam.

Delegate Terri Hill:

- discussing proposed bill to make sports safe in schools to find areas of agreement.

Senator Clarence Lam;

- discussed a Maryland bill proposing to undo changes made to 529 education saving accounts by the federal tax overhaul that was adopted 2018.
- Wants to close new benefit of 529 that allows parents to use it for K-12 non-public schools

Delegate Eric Ebersole:

- Co-sponsoring bill with Senator Lam regarding 529 to penalize or tax the use of 529 plans for K-12
- Legislation regarding Superintendent hiring and firing, & termination will be reviewed

Delegate Elect Courtney Watson:

- Discussing whether MD Legislation should introduce legislation to ensure that Howard County Schools do not have to with the current State law that they have to start after Labor Day

Senator Elect Katie Fry Hester:

- wants to have more apprenticeships for K-12

State Legislative Update (Continued)

Audience Q & A:

Q: Concern to require council not to vote on legislation if it affects realtors/builders who have contributed to their campaign.

A: Tradition of the Howard County Delegation to first list the local HC bills, then discuss statewide bills

Q: Why are we not allowing the use of 529 for K-12?

A: Can still get the tax advantage; will still have the benefit for federal level but just not for state level.

Q: Can early screening for dyslexia be increased?

A: Delegate Terri Hill: there is a bill but not specifically addressing dyslexia; but possibly there is an unrepresented bill

PTACHC Position: School Facilities Surcharge Fees

Discussion about PTA Council Proposed Position on
School Facilities Surcharge Increase

Motion was made and adopted for Proposed PTA Council
Position on School Facilities Surcharge Increase

- See Position Statement on PTACHC website:
www.ptachc.org

OBRC Report

(Operating Budget Review Committee)

- January 23rd meeting to discuss HCPSS proposed budget; location TBD
- All are invited

Community Advisory Council Report (CAC)

- Representatives needed at CAC meetings (see handout with dates)
- January: discussion about Transgender students & issues
- February: discussion on elementary school curriculum
- Meetings held at HCPSS Board Room B, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Adjournment

Next PTACHC General Meeting, Mon., Feb. 4, 2019:
Homewood School at 7:30 pm

Adjourn: 9:20 PM

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