

**PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)  
(Virtual) General Membership Meeting 4 January 2021**

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**Board Attendees:**

1. Brent Loveless, President
2. Felicia West, Executive Vice President
3. Tonya Tiffany, Vice President, Issues
4. Nicole Alston, Treasurer
5. Tasha Vanterpool, Secretary
6. Meg Ricks, Chair, Policy Committee
7. Jeffrey Johnson, Chair, Membership Committee
8. Meng Zhu, Chair, Reflections Committee
9. Sara Mungo, Chair Scholarship Committee
10. Dr. Yun Lu, Howard County Board of Education / BOE PTACHC Liaison

**Meeting was called to order:** 7:00PM at by President, Brent Loveless. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Quorum was confirmed by the President, Brent Loveless and Secretary, Tasha Vanterpool. Presentation slides will be made available on the PTACHC website.

**Announcements:**

- I. Maryland PTA**
  - a. Various Executive Committee and Board vacancies to consider
  - b. Online Voting - The MDPTA provided guidance allowing online PTA voting.
    - i. Further guidance on specifics pending from MDPTA
    - ii. PTA's should refrain from in-person meetings approved by HCPSS for voting unless this guidance is rescinded.
- II. OBRC – (see slides for meeting schedule)**
  - a. Review of Superintendent's Proposed FY22 Operating Budget
  - b. Meeting will be televised, and web streamed live
- III. Howard County Fee-in-Lieu Bill (by Delegate Atterbeary)**
  - a. Fee-in-lieu bill for moderate income housing in Howard County - FOR the purpose of prohibiting Howard County from authorizing payment of a fee-in-lieu of a requirement under local law that a developer provide moderate-income housing units in a new residential development project; and generally relating to moderate-income housing unit requirements in Howard County.
  - b. Details [HERE](#)
- IV. HCPSS School Enrollment Report 2019-2020 vs. 2020-2021**
  - a. 2019-20 enrollment: 58,868
  - b. 2020-21 enrollment: 57,189
    - i. Per Pupil State Aid = # of Students X \$
      1. meaning the per pupil amount stays the same... however
    - ii. Per Pupil State AID = # of students at official count in prior years X \$
      1. Lagging measure could provide higher or lower \$ per student
- V. FY2020 County Budget Dates – the schedule of dates has been revised (see slides)**
- VI. Howard County Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)**

- a. The second PAC meeting will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM; can also view retroactively on YouTube when your schedule allows.
- b. The public is invited to view the meeting via livestream using this link: <https://youtu.be/lxxIKZacD54>(External link). Learn more about the PAC by visiting: <https://www.hocobydesign.com/planning-advisory-committee>
- c. HoCo by Design - The General Plan will affect growth patterns, budgets and community needs. Mixed Comments – "education will be included this time", "Schools and sites are up to the BOE." PTA members need to stay involved through the entire process.

**VII. Howard County Housing Task Force – Themes of Concern**

- a. Committee meetings are done and recommendations are currently being finalized
- b. Recommendations are required by state law to include housing recommendations for the General Plan
- c. Among the drafted recommendations (final version pending), the following are PTACHC's areas of concern / positions we have voted on as a group:
  - i. Exemptions to Overcrowding
  - ii. Exemptions to Mitigation (funding enough schools for our student population)
  - iii. Concentrations of Poverty (directly impacts redistricting)
  - iv. PTAs are encouraged to examine these recommendations; directly impacts our education system

**VIII. Policy 6010 – Redistricting – committee recommendations have been finalized and are not going through legal system and BOE for approval. The drafted recommendations are still in review.**

- a. Defining capacity over 100% - will help provide realistic goals with redistricting
- b. Weighted analytical measures (Weighted Decision Matrix) would be included.
  - i. Would provide scores to the redistricting factors, weighting them with the intention of creating a fairer, more analytical process. The BOE and community can examine the different weights as priorities shift over the years.
  - ii. Provides the ability to account for various factors that directly impact our school system such as priority considerations for capacity and equity
- c. Extra language has been included to account for public input and notice
- d. PTACHC positions have been posted on the PTACHC website.
- e. Timeline of Policy 6010 – (Meg Ricks) policies are currently in the process of review with the policy office, legal, superintendents office, and ultimately to the BOE before the vote will take place. It will go into effect this Spring 2021 and there will be additional opportunities for input from the community.
  - i. Other policies being recorded at the BOE (Meg Ricks)
    - 1. Policy 7040 (Alcohol & Non-controlled Substance Abuse by Employees)
    - 2. Policy 7050 (Drug Use by Employees)
    - 3. Policy 8090 (Non-curricular School Hour Programs)

**IX. Presentation Debrief (Q & A)**

- a. Feasibility Study (May) – School Director of Planning will release school projections earlier ahead of the Feasibility Study
- b. Covid & Construction Timelines – BOE Member Vicky Cutroneo confirmed we are currently ahead of schedule and according to plan (Hammond HS, Talbot, and HS 13)
  - i. County is currently paying for construction without state matching for Hammond HS; could have a future impact on capital and operational spending

**X. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Alston, Treasurer)**

- a. July 2020-Dec. 2020

- b. Currently balance: \$14,503.71
  - c. Current Scholarship Funds: \$3,325
  - d. Membership dues received to date: \$6,120
  - e. All payouts have been completed and PTACHC is in full compliance with our federal and state tax expenses.
  - f. Treasury Training will be offered by early February 2021
- XI. Reflections Committee Report (Meng Zhu, Chair)**
- a. Approx. 100 submissions from schools' top three entries currently being judged at the County level for Reflections
  - b. Six art categories being judged: literature, video art, film, photography, music arts, and dance at all four levels (primary, intermediate, MS, and HS); top three entries in each category will be advanced to the state level (state level deadline: January 29<sup>th</sup>)
- XII. VP of Issues Report (Tonya Tiffany, Chair)**
- a. Requested additional support with attendance at the 18 upcoming meetings
    - i. Legislation meetings, County Council meetings, and BOE Meetings
  - b. Please contact Tiffany if you are interested in attending some of these meetings to gather information. Can review the archived meetings if not in real time, and take notes of concerns, red flags, etc.
  - c. Still need a Legislative Committee Chair
  - d. Will need help with sharing our concerns with elected officials and advocating with the Master Plan
- XIII. BOE Report (Dr. Yun Lu, BOE PTACHC Representative / Liaison)**
- a. Welcomed by President Brent Loveless
  - b. Dr. Wu addressed Council and membership.
- XIV. Membership Committee Report (Jeff Johnson, Chair)**
- a. Membership Committee will be reaching out to all of the local orgs to conduct wellness checks and update the roster of membership.
- XV. Closing Comments**
- a. **Announcement from Randee Wilding, Bush Park ES PTA President**
    - i. Invited all schools to collaborate on events; hosting a Career Night and International Night; invited membership to their social justice book club
    - ii. Contact Randee at [bpesptapres@gmail.com](mailto:bpesptapres@gmail.com)

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:18PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 1, 2021

**Minutes taken by Tasha Vanterpool, Secretary**