

PTACHC HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

HOMEWOOD SCHOOL

Board members present:

Srini Gorantla, President
Terri Marcus, VP Operations
Tonya Tiffany, VP Issues
Nicole Alston, Treasurer
Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair
Jeff Johnson, Membership Committee Chair
Meg Ricks, Policy Committee Chair
Caroline Bodziak, After Prom Committee Chair

- I. Call to Order- Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order.
- II. Announcements - Monitor www.ptachc.org for details and updates. There will be two policy review committees chartered at a November board meeting, Policy 4040: Procurement, and 6060: Community Improvement to School Sites and Facilities.
- III. Approval of Minutes - The minutes were amended to fix the omission of Guy Guzzone's name. *A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2021, meeting as amended. The motion passed.*
- IV. Legislative update - Brent Loveless provided a legislative update. Information on bills at the state and county level was presented, as well as things to watch. See [Legislative Report](#) & [Power Point presentation](#) for more details. Whether PTACHC takes a position on Ho.Co. 2022 - Burden of Proof was discussed. A motion was made and seconded on the following position statement, *"PTACHC supports the proposed legislation encapsulated in HoCo 2-22."* *A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion. The motion to table passed (14 for, X against, X abstentions).*
- V. Free State PTA Update - Marla Posey-Moss President of the Free State PTA provided an update. She discussed good practices for local units that help encourage transitions, chair positions available at Free State PTA, and bills at the State level that may impact education. She took questions from the audience. Free State PTA is still awaiting 501c3 status. All local units are in MemberHub, Free State is negotiating with MemberHub on transferring from Maryland PTA. A question was asked about how Free State prefers issues within local PTAs are addressed. Ms. Posey-Ross would like an attempt to be made to handle the issue at the county level before taking it to the state. Free State currently does not have access to information that is uploaded to MemberHub (like tax returns). This information can be sent to Katrina.mjones17@gmail.com
- VI. School Covid Vaccine Clinics - Matt Castner, President of Hollifield Station PTA spoke asking for support of a motion for HCPSS to prioritize the availability of COVID Vaccines in school based clinics. A motion was made and seconded that; *PTACHC will express support for HCPSS to make vaccines available to students aged 5 to 11 in school as soon as practical. The motion passed with 17 in favor, 0 against, and 4 abstentions.*
- VII. Board of Education Report - Dr. Lu reported that the sign up for providing testimony on Policy 6020 at the November 2nd board meeting has closed. The Board will be voting on the policy on 12/7/21. There will be hearings on three other policies
- VIII. Superintendent's representative report - Mr. LeMon thanked PTACHC for sharing information about the Recruitment Fair at Wilde Lake High on Thursday November 4th.
- IX. Other items - Tonya Tiffany and Meg Ricks, PTACHC Board Members, will be hosting an information session for PTA Presidents and Vice Presidents on Wednesday November 16th at 7:30.
- X. Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.