

PTAC HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

Homewood Cafeteria

Board Members present:

Srini Gorantla, President

Terri Marcus, Vice President of Issues

Korin Sharp, Executive VP Operations

April Riche, Treasurer

Angela Shiplet, Secretary

Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair

Lisa Loveless, Policy Chair

Meg Ricks, ORBC

I. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Quorum was established.

II. Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

III. Visit from County Council Members Deb Jung (Councilmanic District 4) and Christiana Rigby (District 3) - Council Members Deb Jung and Christiana Rigby discussed a few issues impacting Howard County citizens. Topics discussed included: the General Plan (HoCo By Design) and the (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance), the change in school start times, and teacher incentive pay.

V. Board of Education - Dr. Chen introduced himself as the new Board of Education representative for PTACHC. Dr. Chen mentioned that the December Board of Education meeting was "light," in it they voted against Ho.Co. 10-23 (appointing school board members) and Dr. Chen testified against the bill. He mentioned that the name of high school 13 will be decided on January 11th and that people should continue to email the board about their thoughts on the change in school start times and the various tiers. Other upcoming issues for the board are the 2023-2024 calendar and Dr. Martirano's presentation of the proposed budget.

IV. Superintendent's report - James LeMon presented the Superintendent's report. Mr. LeMon mentioned that the list of summer programs will be available on February 1, at 6 p.m. The Board of Education is seeking nominations for the Friend of Education Award and encouraged delegates to nominate people they feel are worthy. He encouraged anyone with questions about anything to email him. Mr. LeMon answered questions about the current bus driver shortage and how that will impact the change in school start times.

VI. [Presentation on School Safety](#) - Lisa Krausz President of River Hill PTA presented information on an event they had addressing school safety.

VII. Legislative Report - Brent Loveless presented the [legislative report](#). The delegation discussed revising PTACHC's position on Ho.Co. 10-23 but decided to revisit it at the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.