

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, September 21, 2020
Maryland State Board of Education
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met via WebEx videoconference on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following members participated on the videoconference call: Mr. Clarence Crawford (President); Ms. Jean Halle (Vice President); Mr. Shawn Bartley; Ms. Gail Bates; Mr. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., Esq.; Dr. Susan Getty; Dr. Rose M. Li; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy; Ms. Rachel McCusker, Ms. Lori Morrow; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter (Ret.); Dr. Holly Wilcox; and State Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon, and Mr. Jason Wu, Student Representative. Dr. Vermelle D. Greene was not present.

The following staff members also participated: Elliott L. Schoen, Assistant Attorney General; Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of School Effectiveness; Amalie Brandenburg, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Finance and Administration; Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board.

President Crawford called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Simpson to conduct the roll call. Mr. Schoen declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford explained the virtual meeting procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ Priority Setting Leading Practices

(Presenter: Robert Hull, CEO, National Association of State Boards of Education)

Mr. Hull provided an overview and background on the National Association of State Boards of Education, reviewed 16 points for leading for lasting changed, and shared national leading practices in setting priorities for State Boards of Education.

***ACTION:** None. For discussion and information only.*

REPORTS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

➤ 2020-2021 State Board Priorities

President Crawford opened the discussion of the State Board adopting priorities for 2020-2021. President Crawford presented 5 priority areas for the State Board members to consider. State Board members discussed and considered each priority separately and established the following set of priorities for 2020-2021.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Crawford, and seconded by Ms. Halle, the State Board agreed to discuss and vote on each priority individually. (Favor: 12; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0. Mr. Bartley was not present for the vote.)

The State Board considered and adopted the following:

- Priority 1: Approve hiring of the next State Superintendent who is prepared to build on the current educational environment and lead education transformation and reform for all children. New State Superintendent's term will begin July 1, 2021.

ACTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bates, and seconded by General Sumpter, the State Board adopted the priority. (Favor: 12; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0. Mr. Bartley was not present for the vote.)

- Priority 2: Oversee reopening of schools with emphasis on equity, accountability, and promoting learning for all children per the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), while promoting safety and following health guidelines.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Wu, and seconded by Ms. Bates, the State Board adopted the priority. (Favor: 13; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0)

- Priority 3: Ensure MSDE and local school systems address the social emotional needs of students and staff in all programs and school models.

ACTION: Upon motion by Ms. Morrow, and seconded by General Sumpter, the State Board adopted the priority. (Favor: 12; Opposed: 1 – Ms. Bates; Abstained: 0 – Mr. Bartley was not present for the vote.)

- Priority 4: Assess learning loss during COVID-19 and work collaboratively with local school systems and stakeholders to accelerate learning next school year (identify by March 2021).

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Crawford, and seconded by Ms. Halle, the State Board adopted the priority. (Favor: 13; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0)

- Priority 5: Establish a list of potential Big Hairy Audacious Goals (BHAGs) for implementation in the strategic plan by April 2021.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Dashiell and second by Dr. Li, the State Board adopted the priority. (Favor: 13; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0)

➤ **Revised 2020 Meeting Schedule**

The State Board adopted revisions to the 2020 meeting calendar to include additional Monday meetings scheduled in October and December.

***ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Dashiell and second by Dr. Li, the State Board approved the proposed priority. (Favor: 13; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0)*

- **Social Emotional Learning – Initiatives in the Local School Systems and Training Provided and Facilitated by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)**
(Presenter: Ms. Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment & Educational Policy; Walter Sallee, Director of Student Services and Strategic Planning Branch)

Ms. Gable provided introductory remarks and introduce Mr. Sallee who provided an overview and description of social and emotional learning and how the MSDE aligns and integrates social and emotional supports within a multi-tiered framework. The presentation included information describing the commitment of the local school systems to the implementation of various social and emotional supports through programs and evidence-based practices, as well as information on the social and emotional supports provided through School-Based Health Services and courses taught in schools.

State Board members inquired about implicit bias training and suggested information be provided at a future meeting. State Board members commended the department for their work and the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: October 27, 2020

The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education. The video recordings of the meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be located at:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/meeting-agendas/2020/2020-06-23.aspx>

Meeting materials, Opinions, and Orders can be found at:

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The next meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Eight business days notice prior to the event is required. Please contact Charlene Necessary at (410) 767-0467 or TTY at (410) 333-6442 so arrangements can be made.

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