

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
10910 Clarksville Pike  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

The Board is currently holding hybrid meetings. Board of Education Meetings will also be broadcast live on Verizon 42 and Comcast 95 and live streamed online for anyone interested in accessing and attending the meeting virtually.

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING - 4 p.m.

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Subject : A. Approval of Agenda  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 1. OPENING OF MEETING - 4 p.m.  
Type : Action  
Recommended Action : Move approval of the agenda.

### File Attachments

[1A 12 19 2023 Agenda.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the agenda.

Motion by Yun Lu, second by Antonia Watts.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Antonia Watts, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Not Present at Vote: Jolene Mosley, Robyn Scates

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

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Subject : A. PUBLIC FORUM - Public forum is the opportunity for members of the public to provide their views to the School Board and comments are not intended to be nor should be conveyed as viewpoints of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, or the Howard County Public School System.  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 2. PUBLIC FORUM  
Type : Procedural

## Public Content

The Board looks forward to hearing comments from a maximum of five (5) citizens on educational issues during the regular meetings. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. Topics excluded from Public Forum are individual personnel matters, complaints identifying individual students, pending appeals, topics for which

the Board schedules public hearings, and advertising or solicitation for products and/or services. Citizen participation is not intended to be a question and answer session. However, each speaker will receive a written response. All persons are expected to exhibit civil behavior in accordance with Policy 1000 Civility.

Name	Topic	Written Comments

### 3. REPORTS

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Subject : A. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 3. REPORTS

Type : Procedural

Subject : B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 3. REPORTS

Type : Procedural

#### File Attachments

[12-19-23 Sup BOE Report.pdf \(149 KB\)](#)

**4. APPOINTMENT - During the Appointments, a representative for each group/organization will be provided fifteen (15) minutes to provide a report or announcement to the Board. This forum is not appropriate to address specific student or employee matters. The Board expects that the reports and announcements provided will conform with its policies and within the time limits set forth by the Board.**

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Subject : A. Howard County Education Association (HCEA) - APPOINTMENT

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Category : 4. APPOINTMENT - During the Appointments, a representative for each group/organization will be provided fifteen (15) minutes to provide a report or announcement to the Board. This forum is not appropriate to address specific student or employee matters. The Board expects that the reports and announcements provided will conform with its policies and within the time limits set forth by the Board.

Type : Appointment  
Subject : B. Howard County Association of Supervisors and Administrators (HCASA) - APPOINTMENT  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 4. APPOINTMENT - During the Appointments, a representative for each group/organization will be provided fifteen (15) minutes to provide a report or announcement to the Board. This forum is not appropriate to address specific student or employee matters. The Board expects that the reports and announcements provided will conform with its policies and within the time limits set forth by the Board.

Type : Appointment  
Subject : C. Community Advisory Council (CAC) - APPOINTMENT  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 4. APPOINTMENT - During the Appointments, a representative for each group/organization will be provided fifteen (15) minutes to provide a report or announcement to the Board. This forum is not appropriate to address specific student or employee matters. The Board expects that the reports and announcements provided will conform with its policies and within the time limits set forth by the Board.

Type :

## File Attachments

[CAC Board Report Dec 19 2023 .pdf \(341 KB\)](#)

**5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.**

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Subject : A. \*Bids and Contracts (Robert Bruce) - ACTION  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.  
Type : Action (Restricted Consent)  
Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [Strategy #12 - Utilize the goals, objectives, and measures of the Strategic Call To Action for the development of the annual operating budget with each program budget request articulated within the framework of the utilization of budget resources to fulfill applicable goals and objectives. \(Goal 3\)](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Bids and Contracts BOE.pdf \(1,221 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : B. Operating Budget Financial Report (Darin Conforti /Sandra Austin) - REPORT

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Operating Budget Financial Board Report.pdf \(560 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : C. COVID Relief Grant Budget to Actual Report - (Jahantab Siddiqui/Darin Conforti) - REPORT

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Report

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Covid Relief Grant Board Report.pdf \(530 KB\)](#)

Subject : D. FY24 Title IV-B 21st CCLC BRIDGES Grants (Andrea Sykes) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 FY24 Title IV-B 21st CCLC BRIDGES Grants \(Four Grant Awards\) BR.pdf \(15,510 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : E. FY24 School Safety Grant Program (SSGP) (Pierre Van Greunen) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)  
Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.  
Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 FY24 School Safety Grant Program BR.pdf \(1,389 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : F. FY24 Title I, Part A Grant (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged) (Amy Tieperman) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 FY24 Title I Part A Grant BR.pdf \(8,317 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : G. FY24 Title II, Part A Grant (Supporting Effective Instruction) (Juliann Dibble) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 FY24 Title II Part A Grant BR.pdf \(5.685 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : H. FY24 Title III, Part A Grant (English Language Acquisition) (Tamisha Sampson) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 FY24 Title III ELA Grant BR.pdf \(2.449 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : I. FY24 Title IV, Part A Grant (Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) (Caroline Walker) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent)

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 FY24 Title IV Part A Grant BR.pdf \(2,899 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : J. 12 07 23 - Closed Meeting Minutes - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent), Minutes

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Minutes : [View Minutes](#) for Dec 7, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. Virtual Closed Meeting of the Board of E

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : K. 12 11 23 Closed Meeting Minutes - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 5. CONSENT AGENDA - (\*Restricted) - Under Section 3-701 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Student Member may not vote on these matters. Passage of a motion by the Board on these matters requires an affirmative vote of four (4) Board members.

Type : Action (Restricted Consent), Minutes

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted.

Minutes : [View Minutes](#) for Dec 11, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. Virtual Closed Meeting of the Board of E

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda Restricted with the removal of item 5K.

Motion by Antonia Watts, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

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Subject : A. Donations (Anissa Dennis) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Type : Action

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Goals : [Strategy #08 - Work collaboratively with community partners to support the needs of HCPSS schools and offices. \(Goals 2 and 3\)](#)

### File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Donations Report.pdf \(191 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : B. Resolution: Honoring Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Caroline Walker) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Type : Action

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Goals : [12. Outcome #6 - Inclusive Relationships: Family and community partnerships are fostered to increase equitable opportunities for students and maximize resources and learning opportunities from birth to 21.](#)

## Public Content

### OVERVIEW:

The Board of Education of Howard County wishes to express appreciation to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity as a partner in education and a positive influence on the youth of Howard County

### RECOMMENDATION/~~FUTURE DIRECTION~~:

Approve this resolution to be presented to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the 49th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

### File Attachments

[12 19 23 Resolution Honoring Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc..pdf \(163 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : C. 2023-2024 Board of Education and Maryland Association of Boards of Education Committees and Community Assignments (BOE) - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Type : Action

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Goals :

17. Outcome #11 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Operations and practices are responsive, transparent, fiscally responsible and accountable, with students at the heart of all decisions.

## Public Content

### OVERVIEW:

Each year Board members are assigned to serve on specific committees of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), the Legal Services Association, county government, and the Board of Education Committees. In addition, a Board member serves as liaison to the Community Advisory Council (CAC), PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC), the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SECAC), and other community groups. The attached document reflects the updated assignments.

### RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

Recommend the Board approve the 2023-2024 committee assignments, effective immediately

### File Attachments

[12 19 2023 BOE and MABE Committees and Community Assignments.pdf \(225 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject :

D. 2023-2024 Board of Education Cluster Assignments (BOE) - ACTION

Meeting :

Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category :

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Goals :

17. Outcome #11 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Operations and practices are responsive, transparent, fiscally responsible and accountable, with students at the heart of all decisions.

## Public Content

### OVERVIEW:

Howard County Public Schools are divided into school clusters, which are assigned to individual Board members to facilitate school visitations, attendance at special events, and points of contact for each school community. In recognition of the many

responsibilities and demands on the Chairs time, the Board Chair will not be assigned a school cluster. Attached are the 2023-2024 cluster assignments for the Boards consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:**

Recommend the Board approve the Board 2023-2024 cluster assignments.

**File Attachments**

[12\\_19\\_2023 Board Cluster Assignments 2023-2024.pdf \(230 KB\)](#)

**Motion & Voting**

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : E. 12 05 23 Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Summary - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Type : Action, Minutes

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Minutes : [View Minutes](#) for Dec 5, 2023 - 4 & 7 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Educatio

**Public Content**

The audio/video recording is the official meeting minutes and is located on HCPSS-TV.

**Motion & Voting**

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : F. 12 11 23 Meeting Minutes - Board of Education of Howard County and County Council - ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Type : Action, Minutes

Recommended Action : Move approval of the Consent Agenda.  
Minutes : [View Minutes](#) for Dec 11, 2023 - 11 a.m. Meeting of the Board of Education of Howar

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject : G. 12 14 23 Meeting Minutes - Special Meeting of the Board of Education - ACTION  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 6. CONSENT AGENDA  
Type : Action, Minutes  
Recommended Action : Move approval of the consent agenda.  
Minutes : [View Minutes](#) for Dec 14, 2023 - 7 p.m. Special Meeting of the Board of Education o

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of the consent agenda.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

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Subject : A. Proclamation: Disability Acceptance Month (Terrell Savage/Judith Jones) - ACTION  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 7. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA  
Type : Action  
Recommended Action : Move approval of Proclamation: Disability Acceptance Month.  
Goals : [Goals #2. Inclusive Relationships: Students, families, community members and staff members are valued, respected, appreciated, and involved.](#)  
[Goals #1. Student-Centered Practices: Students are at the forefront of every strategy and decision.](#)

# Public Content

## OVERVIEW:

The attached proclamation designates December as Disability Acceptance month in Howard County and acknowledges the numerous contributions made in support of all students with disabilities.

## RECOMMENDATION/~~FUTURE DIRECTION~~:

Approve the attached Proclamation for December which recognizes the significant contributions of individuals with disabilities, affirms the value of all individuals with disabilities, and ensures the continued equitable support for all students and staff with disabilities in the Howard County Public School System.

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Proclamation Disability Acceptance Month.pdf \(168 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move approval of Proclamation: Disability Acceptance Month.

Motion by Robyn Scates, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject :	B. 2025-2026 Academic Calendar (Brian Bassett /Monique Lamar) - ACTION
Meeting :	Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION
Category :	7. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Move approval of 2025-2026 Academic Calendar
Goals :	<a href="#">Goals #3. Responsive and Efficient Operations - Organizational processes are transparent, effective, and fiscally responsible to ensure that resources are equitably allocated, accessible, and support the success of all students and staff.</a>

# Public Content

## OVERVIEW:

This report provides details regarding the proposed 20252026 academic school year calendar. The Academic Calendar Planning Committee recommendations are the foundation for the proposal with any additional recommendations from the Superintendent. Staff are seeking approval for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar.

## RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

The Board is scheduled to take action at the Dec. 19, 2023 meeting

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 - 2025-2026 Proposed Academic Calendar BR.pdf \(249 KB\)](#)

## Motion & Voting

Move to restore school days on December 22, 2025 and December 23, 2025.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Antonia Watts.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Move to close schools and offices on February 17, 2026.

Motion by Linfeng Chen, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Move to close schools and offices on May 27, 2026.

Motion by Lamia Ayaz, second by Yun Lu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jolene Mosley, Antonia Watts, Robyn Scates, Lamia Ayaz, Jacquelin McCoy, Yun Lu, Linfeng Chen, Jennifer Swickard Mallo

Subject :	C. On Track in Grade 9 for College and Career Readiness (Caroline Walker/Jenny Novak/Timothy Guy /Patrick Saunderson) - REPORT
Meeting :	Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION
Category :	7. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
Type :	Report
Goals :	<a href="#">07. Outcome #1 - Student-Centered Practices: Students are active, engaged, and empowered partners in authentic learning experiences that ensure preparation for future careers and life.</a>

## Public Content

### OVERVIEW:

This report provides the current state of HCPSS schools in the focus area of supporting students to be on track in Grade 9 toward being college and career-ready in 10th grade and ready to graduate on time. Key strategies for supporting readiness include articulation, quality first instruction, and student life-planning.

### RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

Staff will continue to update the Board on measures of readiness and the success of the supporting strategies.

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 On Track in Grade 9 for College and Career Readiness.pdf \(591 KB\)](#)

[12 19 2023 On Track in Grade 9 PPT.pdf \(155 KB\)](#)

Subject : D. Amplify mClass DIBELS 8th Edition Universal Screener Implementation (Ebony Langford-Brown) - REPORT/ACTION

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 7. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Type : Report

Goals : 08. Outcome #2 - Student-Centered Practices: Each and every student receives a high-quality education through access to individualized instructions, challenges, supports and opportunities.  
09. Outcome #3 - Student-Centered Practices: Curriculum is based on standards and best practices, implemented with fidelity and aligned with meaningful assessments that provide actionable data for instructional planning.

## Public Content

### OVERVIEW:

This report provides an overview of the legal requirements for implementing a universal screener to identify students at risk for reading difficulties and recommendations for future administrations.

### RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

Adjust the population of students participating in the DIBELS screener for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year to include K-5 students without a current individualized education program (IEP) or an individualized family service plan (IFSP) with reading goals.

Adjust the population of students participating in the DIBELS screener for school years 2024-2025 and beyond to align with the Code of Maryland (COMAR) requirements for K-3 students and include grades 1-5 students who scored below or well below on a DIBELS screener at any time during the previous school year and 1-5 students scoring at or below the 20th percentile on any administration of the Measures of Academic Progress for Reading (MAP-R) at any time during their elementary school tenure.

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Amplify mClass DIBELS 8th Edition Universal Screener Implementation.pdf \(289 KB\)](#)

[12 19 2023 Amplify mClass DIBELS 8th Edition Universal Screener Implementation PPT.pdf \(257 KB\)](#)

## 8. REPORTS (Continued)

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Subject : A. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION

Category : 8. REPORTS (Continued)

Type : Report

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

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Subject : A. Adjournment

Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 9. ADJOURNMENT  
Type : Procedural

## 10. INFORMATION ITEMS

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Subject : A. Legal Fees Monthly Report (J. Stephen Cowles) - INFORMATION  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 10. INFORMATION ITEMS  
Type : Information  
Goals : [Goals #3. Responsive and Efficient Operations - Organizational processes are transparent, effective, and fiscally responsible to ensure that resources are equitably allocated, accessible, and support the success of all students and staff.](#)

## Public Content

### OVERVIEW:

The attached report details the following legal expenses. As of December 12, 2023, the school system has received invoices for outside legal services provided in the last month totaling \$44,537.82. FY 24 funds were used to pay the amount of \$31,707.65 in the area of Board Operations and \$12,830.17 in the area of Special Education. The school system also received a \$457.57 refund from the JAMS mediation retainer which was handled by Brown, Goldstein, and Levy. The breakdown of these expenses by category is provided in the attached Appendix A, and a breakdown by law firm is provided in Appendix B. Also attached to this Board Report is Appendix C which shows the difference between FY23 legal fees v. FY24 legal fees spent each month and showing the total spending to date.

### RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

None

### File Attachments

[12\\_19\\_2023 Legal Fees BR.pdf \(389 KB\)](#)

Subject : B. Food and Nutrition Service Financial Report (Brian Ralph) - INFORMATION  
Meeting : Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION  
Category : 10. INFORMATION ITEMS  
Type : Information  
Goals : [16. Outcome #10 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: Budget processes are transparent, aligned with system priorities, and follow best practices.](#)

11. Outcome #5 - Inclusive Relationships: Student and staff well-being is nurtured in a safe and supportive environment.

# Public Content

## OVERVIEW:

The following are the highlights for the Food and Nutrition Service Program for the month of October in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023:

The average daily participation for all meals increased in FY24 compared to FY23 (breakfast increased by 5.13%; lunch increased by 8.0%; a la carte increased by 68.8%).

Total meals served in FY24 were 1,204,040 compared to 1,083,426 meals served in FY23 (an increase of 11.13%)

Total revenue for the period was \$4,299,876 to \$4,042,441 in FY23 - an increase of 6.37%.

Expenditures for the period were \$5,344,104 compared to \$4,242,023 in FY23 - an increase of 25.98%. The majority of the FY24 expenditure increase was for the procurement of food based on increased meal participation in addition to increased food costs.

Revenue less expenditures for the period was -\$1,044,228 compared to -\$199,582 in FY23.

Unpaid meal charge balances continued to be excessively high (\$892,936.18 cumulative to FY24 and \$271,573.91 specifically for FY24 school year). Attachments 1 and 2 provide details of Income and Expenditure, ADP, Meals, and Meal Equivalents served for the period.

## RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

Continue the process for communicating and collecting unpaid meal charge balances.

## File Attachments

[12 19 2023 Food and Nutrition Services Financial Report.pdf \(340 KB\)](#)

Subject :	C. Proposed Instructional Materials and Review Schedule (Ebony Langford-Brown/Jennifer Novak) - INFORMATION
Meeting :	Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION
Category :	10. INFORMATION ITEMS
Type :	Information
Goals :	<p>15. Outcome #9 - Responsive and Efficient Operations: School system communications are accessible, meaningful, clear, and timely.</p> <p>10. Outcome #4 - Inclusive Relationships: All students, families, and staff experience diversity and inclusion reflected in the staff, curriculum, and activities.</p> <p>09. Outcome #3 - Student-Centered Practices: Curriculum is based on standards and best practices, implemented with fidelity and aligned with meaningful assessments that provide actionable data for instructional planning.</p>

# Public Content

## OVERVIEW:

Instructional materials recommended for the first time will be on display in the lobby at the Board of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042, the Howard County Library Central Branch, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD, the Howard County Library Miller Branch, 9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD, and the Howard County Library Savage Branch, 9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723 The materials will be displayed December 20, 2023, through January 12, 2024. The Board of Education lobby is open daily, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., excluding December 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2023 and January 1, 2024. The Howard County Library displays are available during normal library hours. All citizens may review displayed materials. Appropriate hardcopy forms or electronic links will be available to use for expressions of approval or requests for reevaluation of any of the proposed instructional materials. The proposed additions and deletions are listed in this report.

## RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

December 20, 2023, through January 12, 2024 Materials on display March 21, 2024 Action on proposed instructional materials

## File Attachments

[12 19 23 Proposed Instructional Materials and Review Schedule.pdf \(322 KB\)](#)

## 11. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Subject :	A. Board Member Questions & Answers
Meeting :	Dec 19, 2023 - 4 p.m. Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Education of Howard County - NO EVENING SESSION
Category :	11. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Type :	