

Board of Education/Frederick County, Maryland County Council Meeting [4:30 p.m.] (Wednesday, June 15, 2016)
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Board of Education Members Present: President, Brad W. Young; Vice President, Elizabeth Barrett; Zakir Bengali, Colleen Cusimano, Kathryn Groth, Joy Schaefer
Absent: April F Miller

Frederick County Council Members Present: President, Bud Otis; Vice President, M.C. Keegan-Ayer; Tony Chmelik, Kirby Delauter, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater
Absent: Billy Shreve

Others Present:

(FCPS) - Mike Markoe, Deputy Superintendent, Ray Barnes, Chief Operating Officer, Tom Saunders, Instructional Director Middle School, Kevin Cuppett, Executive Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation; Sue Ann Nogle, Curriculum Specialist Secondary English/Language Arts; Anne Navazio, Tech Resource Teacher; Kristi Schmidt, Teacher Specialist Secondary English/Language Arts, Debbie Wachter-Harne, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.
(FCG) - Janice Spiegel, Education Liaison, Diana Modelski, Executive Assistant

1. Work Session [4:30 p.m.]

Procedure: 1.01 Call to Order

Board President, Brad W Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. in the FCPS Board Room and welcomed all attendees.

Procedure: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

All attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Information: 1.03 Approval of the Agenda of the June 15, 2016 Board of Education/Frederick County, Maryland County Council Meeting

Action, Minutes: 1.04 Approval of the February 17, 2016 Frederick County, Maryland County Council/Board of Education Joint Meeting minutes

Approval of the February 17, 2016 Joint Meeting minutes.

Motion by Joy Schaefer, second by Zakir Bengali

Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Zakir Bengali, Colleen Cusimano, Kathryn Groth, Joy Schaefer, Brad W Young

Abstain: Elizabeth Barrett

Sarah Perez, Student Member of the Board entered the room at 4:33 pm.

April F Miller, Board member entered the room at 4:34 pm.

Information, Discussion: 1.05 Briefing on the Frederick County School Lease Buy-Back Task Force

Kirby Delauter shared there is a meeting tomorrow at 1:30 pm. In the first floor hearing room. A proposal and budget will be shared. Details need to be worked out and the presentation is for information purposes and hopefully plan for the future. The public is welcome and it will be televised.

Information, Discussion: 1.06 Digital Transformation in Frederick County Public Schools

Kevin Cuppett provided opening remarks on blended learning and introduced, Carrie Mehl, Literacy Specialist, and teachers, Lauren Graziano, Alysa Greer and Caitlin Patrick all of Oakdale High School. Ms. Mehl thank those who supported the program systemically.

Dr. Cuppett shared the following definition, blended learning is leveraging technology to create a personalized competency-based learning experience, including increased student control over the time, place, path, and/or pace of learning. Staff shared that discipline issues are very low in this program. The students in the program are motivated, use time management, provide feedback, chose their path, work at their own pace, network, have a high interest in content, collaborate, learn how to figure out tasks on their own, celebrate growth, and are excited about the program. The program is aligned with curriculum, using a 21st Century skill model using technology. Staff members shared their experiences and answered questions.

April F Miller left the room at 4:46 pm.

Discussion centered on infrastructure, bandwidth, potentially providing a device for every student and a long term replacement cycle. President Otis asked how many devices are needed, and the cost for implementation. We need to start thinking of future needs and work together. President Young shared some funding opportunities that staff is seeking such as grants and community/business donations. Virtual models were discussed.

Tom Saunders provided opening remarks on the Digital Learning plan and the Initiative Technology Now and shared a power point. Mike Markoe indicated a three year digital plan will be shared in the near future. This program was piloted at New Market Middle School. Jennifer Bingman, Principal New Market Middle School, explained, each student received a device, charged a fee at the beginning of the year, shared the vision with the Superintendent, looked at ways to expand models, ease of use, unlimited resources, multimedia tools and student learned organization skills.

A "Mission Possible" video provided student feedback and comments on how this project helped them be success learners. Phil Anzelmo, teacher, shared the positives and negatives as the program was piloted.

Mr. Saunders, Ms. Bingman and Mr. Anzelmo answered questions related to bandwidth, flipped classrooms, cable and connectivity issues, policy, insurance, and selection of students for the presentation. This program will be expanded to Crestwood Middle School and taking the lessons learned and building to move forward.

Joy Schaefer left the room at 5:45 pm.

Comments were offered on the following:

President Young thanked the Sheriff's department for their outstanding job of handling traffic control at the recent FCPS graduations.

Council President Otis thanked the Board for hosting and the staff presentations.

Council members, Jerry Donald and Jessica Fitzwater provided comments on staffing and class sizes.

A clarification was sought, how to add an agenda topic for discussion at our meetings. Members should work with their organizations leadership.

President Young thanked our Student Board Member, Sarah Perez, for her service to the Board, and thanked everyone for coming and we will meet again in November.

Procedure: 1.08 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President, Brad W Young at 6:02 pm.