

**THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of the November 9, 2023 Meeting**  
**200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201**

The Maryland State Board of Education met on November 9, 2023 at 4:30pm virtually.

The following Board members were present in the Board room:

Mr. Clarence Crawford (Board President), Dr. Joshua Michael (Board Vice President), Mr. Samir Paul, Esq., Ms. Chuen-Chin Bianca Chang, Ms. Rachel McCusker, Mr. Nick Greer, Dr. Susan Getty, Dr. Holly Wilcox, Ms. Abisola Ayoola, Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy, and Dr. Monica Goldson were in attendance.

Mr. Shawn Bartley and Dr. Irma E. Johnson were absent.

Interim State Superintendent Dr. Carey Wright, State Board Executive Director Zachary Hands, and Assistant Attorney General Elliott Schoen were also in attendance.

#### **MEETING OPENING**

Mr. Crawford provided opening remarks and welcomed members of the public.

#### **STATEWIDE ELEMENTARY LITERACY EXPERT INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS** (Presenter: Dr. Deann Collins, Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning)

Dr. Collins reviewed a proposal to launch a statewide Literacy Expert Instructional Support Team and consider approval of the concept. She explained that this a joint proposal with the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB), who must also consider and approve what is being presented to the State Board.

She explained that the goal of the proposal before the State Board is to improve instructional effectiveness leading to improved student outcomes that will prepare more students to read proficiently by 3rd grade and be on the path toward college and career readiness. Within this proposal, approximately 10 literacy experts from across the State will be identified to work in teams of 2 to visit and evaluate each LEA, including early education literacy plans (Pre-K-3 or 5), teacher training, instructional materials, use/training of coaches, data analysis, school observations (approximately 10% of elementary schools), focus groups (e.g. elementary principals, teachers, coaches) and

provide a report with recommendations to MSDE and AIB on additional actions and support needed to improve literacy instruction and student outcomes.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Ms. McCusker, seconded by Dr. Goldson, the State Board approved a joint proposal from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) to launch statewide Literacy Expert Instructional Support Teams (In Favor: 12, Opposed: 0, Abstained: 0).

## **REVIEW OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STANDARD OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Presenter: Mr. Phil Lasser, Executive Director, Office of the State Superintendent)

Mr. Lasser provided the statutory context for the State Board adopting a new College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standard, including the recommendations from the study conducted by the American Institutes of Research (AIR) and the current recommendation under consideration by the State Board.

## **STAKEHOLDER PANELS ON COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS**

The State Board hosted several stakeholders to provide feedback to the State Board on its recommendation under consideration for adoption of the CCR Standard including:

Dr. Sanjay Rai, Acting Secretary, Maryland Higher Education Commission, Dr. Nancy Shapiro, Associate Vice Chancellor for Education and Outreach, University System of Maryland, and Dr. Joaquin Martinez, Provost and Vice President of Instruction, Community College of Baltimore County, Mary Pat Fannon, Executive Director, Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland; Michelle Corkadel, President, Maryland Association of Boards of Education; and Cheryl Bost, President, Maryland State Education Association, Mary Kane, President and CEO, Maryland Chamber of Commerce, and Jason Perkins-Cohen, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Labor.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Dr. Sean W. Bulson, Superintendent, Harford County Public Schools
2. Katie M. Ridgway, Harford County Public Schools
3. Ellie Mitchell, Maryland Out of School Time Network
4. Angela Foreman
5. Joe Sutton, Calvert County Public Schools
6. Shamoyia Gardiner, Executive Director, Strong Schools Maryland
7. Peter Dayton, Arts Education in Maryland Schools
8. Liz Zogby, Special Education Policy and Advocacy Project
9. Laura Stewart, Free State PTA
10. Dr. Rachel Pfeifer, Baltimore City Public Schools

11. Mr. Matt Hornbeck, Principal, Baltimore City Public Schools

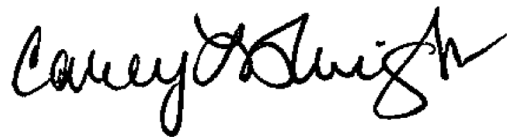
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), b(7), and b(13) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy and seconded by Ms. Chang and with unanimous approval, the State Board of Education met for virtual closed session. All Board members were present except for Mr. Bartley, Dr. Johnson, and General Sumpter. Interim State Superintendent Dr. Carey Wright, State Board Executive Director Zachary Hands, and Assistant Attorney General Elliott Schoen were also present. Dr. Wright was not present for the personnel portion of the executive session.

The Board considered a confidential personnel matter and received a briefing from Interim Superintendent Wright on confidential FY2025 budget matters. The Executive Session commenced at 6:50pm. The Board voted on the delegation of authority to Board leadership pertaining to certain internal personnel matters.

With no further business before the Board, the State Board adjourned from Executive Session at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Carey M. Wright, Ed.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: December 5, 2023

The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented. The video recordings of the meetings are the official record and can be located at:

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