



**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
**4 & 7 p.m. Budget Deliberations and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**of Howard County**

**10910 Clarksville Pike**  
**Ellicott City, MD 21042**

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

A. Approval of Agenda

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**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

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**3. \*BUDGET DELIBERATIONS OF FY2026 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS AND FY27-31 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

A. FY26 Budget Deliberations (BOE)

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**4. REPORTS**

A. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**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.**

A. Bids and Contracts (Robert Bruce) - ACTION

B. Donations (Jen Robinson) - ACTION

C. FY2026 Capital Budget State Supplemental Projects (Cornell Brown) - ACTION

D. 02 19 25 Meeting Minutes - Closed Meeting Minutes - ACTION

E. 02 24 25 Meeting Minutes - Closed Meeting Minutes - ACTION

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**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. 2024-2025 School Year Calendar Adjustment (Brian Bassett) - ACTION

B. 02 13 25 Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting Summary - ACTION

C. 02 20 25 Meeting Minutes Summary - Work Session IV - \*Superintendent's Proposed FY 2026 Operating Budget - ACTION

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**7. PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. Proclamation: Employee Appreciation Week (Allison Whitney) - ACTION
- B. Proclamation: National Irish American Heritage Month (Judith Jones) - ACTION
- C. Proclamation: National Women's History Month (Judith Jones) - ACTION
- D. Proclamation: National School Breakfast Week (Brian Ralph) - ACTION

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## **8. DINNER RECESS**

- A. Dinner Recess

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## **9. PUBLIC FORUM - 7 p.m.**

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**10. 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 confirm with its policies and within the time limits set forth by the Board.**

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

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## **11. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

- A. Legislative Report - 2025 General Assembly (Danielle Lueking) - ACTION
- B. Faulkner Ridge Center Early Childhood Center Design Development Report (Andrew Jinks) - ACTION

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## **12. REPORTS (Continued)**

- A. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Adjournment

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## **14. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Legal Fees Monthly Report (Stephen Cowles) - INFORMATION
- B. Operating Budget Financial Report (Brian Hull/Darin Conforti) - INFORMATION
- C. COVID Relief Grant Budget to Actual Report (Darin Conforti) - INFORMATION
- D. Food and Nutrition Service Financial Report (Brian Ralph) - INFORMATION
- E. PSAT Participation and Performance (Jenny Novak/Eva Yiu) - INFORMATION
- F. 2024-25 Five Focus Areas Quarterly Data Update: Quarter 2 (Jen Robinson/Terri Savage/Caroline Walker) - INFORMATION

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## **15. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS & RESPONSES**

- A. Board Member Questions & Responses

**Agenda is subject to approval.**

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