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Minutes - Approved

Joint Meeting with County Council and Board of Education
Monday, October 13, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and via WebEx)
Video Streamed on cc.howardcountymd.gov/Watch-Us
10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland
10:00 a.m.

Board of Education Members Present: Jennnifer Mallo, Meg Ricks, Linfeng Chen, Antonia Watts, Jolene Mosley, Jacky McCoy, Andrea Chamblee.

Council Members Present: Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Councilmembers, Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and David Yungmann.

HCPSS staff present: Bill Barnes, Superintendent; Dan Lubeley, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Construction; Cornell Brown, Chief Operating Officer; and Timony Rogers, Manager of School Planning.

County Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the Council; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst.

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

Chair Mallow opened the meeting at: 10:10 am

Chair Mallow confirmed quorum for the Board.
Vice Chair Rigby confirmed quorum for the Council.

2. Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

Chair Mallow opened the meeting up for discussion on the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. There was general discussion among those present on the analysis provided in the Adequate Public Facilities School Capacity Chart. Councilmembers and Board members also discussed Howard County Public School enrollment and school capacity trends. Timothy Rogers, the Manager of School Planning for the Howard County Public School System provided information that the enrollment projections for Howard County Public Schools have been stable with a slight decline. Mr. Rogers added Maryland State Department of Education on September 30, 2026, and will undergo a review process which is expected to be completed by the middle of November 2026. Superintendent Barnes noted that while there has been a slight decline in total enrollment, services for special education have increased.

Cornell Brown, the Chief Operating Officer of Howard County Public Schools responded to questions regarding the school system's ongoing program sufficiency evaluation. Mr. Brown responded that the evaluation will be presented to the Board of Education during the November 19, 2026, Board of Education meeting and that the evaluation is expected to affect the Fiscal Year 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

Councilman Yungmann asked the Howard County Public School System representatives about the redistricting processes involving Northfield Elementary School, St. Johns Lane Elementary School, and Centennial High School. Dan Lubeley, the Executive Director of Capital Planning and Construction, responded that the anticipated Dunloggin Middle School redistricting process will affect the elementary schools within the Dunloggin Middle School catchment area, including Northfield Elementary School and St. Johns Lane Elementary School. Mr. Lubeley stressed that it is the intent of Howard County Public Schools to keep students within their regions when considering redistricting.

There was general discussion about pre-kindergarten enrollment and programing before the meeting was adjourned.

3. Adjournment.

Chair Mallow closed the meeting at 11:07pm.