TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

DATE: March 20, 2018

SUBJECT: School Calendar Waiver Application

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval for Chesapeake Public Charter School in St. Mary’s County to open for pupil attendance prior to Labor Day for the 2018-2019 school year.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

On August 31, 2016, Governor Larry Hogan issued Executive Order 01.01.2016.09 which requires all Maryland kindergarten through grade 12 public schools to open for pupil attendance no earlier than the Tuesday immediately following the nationally observed Labor Day holiday. The school year for every public school in Maryland shall adjourn no later than June 15. Local boards of education have the option to apply for a waiver of the requirements set forth in the Executive Order.

On October 12, 2016, Governor Hogan amended the original Executive Order to establish parameters for school boards to apply for waivers. To be eligible for a waiver, the local board must demonstrate that the school system has met all requirements for at least one compelling justification and has conducted at least one public meeting at which the waiver application was considered and approved. Compelling justification includes:

1. The adoption of an innovative school schedule for low-performing, at-risk, or charter schools. Any waiver granted by the State Board of Education for an innovative school schedule shall only apply to those schools where innovative school schedules are offered.

2. The school system has closed ten days per year during any two of the last five years because of natural disasters, civil disasters, or severe weather conditions.

Pursuant to the amended Executive Order 01.01.2016.13, the State Board of Education was charged with establishing a timeline for waiver applications; identifying additional information needed from local school boards to comply with the requirements of the Executive Order; and rendering decisions on submitted waiver applications. On December 5, 2016, the State Board of Education approved the application and process for local boards of education to submit a waiver request for the requirements in Executive Order 01.01.2016.13.


**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Maryland State Department of Education received an application from St. Mary’s County Public School System to waive the post-Labor Day school start date for Chesapeake Public Charter School. The school system is requesting a waiver using the compelling justification of adoption of an innovative school schedule by a charter school. In order to be eligible for a waiver, a school must adopt an innovative schedule that will not allow for prolonged lapses in instructional time. Chesapeake Public Charter School implements an innovative quintet schedule. The quintet schedule allows for the school to operate on an 11-month calendar with five marking periods. The calendar includes breaks for concentrated learning and application opportunities.

Local boards of education are required to conduct at least one public meeting to consider and approve the waiver application. The St. Mary’s County Board of Education discussed the waiver request at public meetings on January 10, 2018 and January 31, 2018; the waiver request was approved at the public meeting on February 14, 2018. The minutes from each meeting are included in the attached waiver application.

**ACTION:**

It is requested that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the waiver application for Chesapeake Public Charter School to open for pupil attendance prior to Labor Day for the 2018-2019 school year.

Attachment: Waiver Application for Chesapeake Public Charter School
TO: Teresa Dantzler  
Ombudsman  
Maryland State Department of Education  

FROM: J. Scott Smith, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  

DATE: March 8, 2018  

RE: Request for Waiver of Post-Labor Day Start for  
The Chesapeake Public Charter School  

Last year, the State Board approved the waiver application for the Chesapeake Public Charter School to open for pupil attendance prior to Labor Day for the 2017-2018 school year. We are again, applying for a waiver of the requirements in Executive Order 01.01.2016.13 for the 2018-2019 school year.

As per the Governor’s Executive Order, and as approved by the Board of Education of St. Mary’s County, the school system calendar for St. Mary’s County Public Schools (SMCPS) includes a start date of September 4, 2018, concluding on June 14, 2019. The process for developing our school year calendar for our 27 public schools (18 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high, and 2 centers) involved over 2,000 stakeholders through representative committees, online surveys, student town hall forums, and public hearings. The school system’s calendar was developed collaboratively with stakeholder groups and fully complies with the post-labor day start, and also includes a full winter break and spring break, as well as all other required holidays.

The Board of Education of St. Mary’s County reviewed both the school system calendar and the recommended calendar for the Chesapeake Public Charter School. Both calendars were presented publicly and a public hearing was held on January 31, 2018. Both calendars were approved by our Board of Education on February 14, 2018.

The Chesapeake Public Charter School’s governing board has developed a calendar that fully complies with the state statute, which “Requires students to be physically present on school premises for a period of time substantially similar to that which other public school students spend on school premises “ (Education Article §9-102 (12)). The 11-month calendar is a hallmark of the CPCS consistent with its charter and its governing philosophy, which states:

The Chesapeake Public Charter School believes that... An 11-month school year and carefully structured school day maximize time periods of concentrated learning

St. Mary’s County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, or disability in matters affecting employment or providing access to programs.
This calendar has been consistently implemented for CPCS and is a substantially different schedule than the SMCPS system as a whole. In the structure of the Charter School's calendar, it includes 5 marking periods (quintets) that provide opportunities for a unique and differentiated program. Each quintet includes a break for concentrated learning and opportunities for application. This 11-month calendar is communicated to parents and students as one of the unique features of the charter school and is an essential understanding in the application process. The goals of the Charter School continue to be met, as achievement outpaces the district and state across multiple measures.

To remain consistent with the philosophy and goals of the charter school, we are seeking a waiver of the post-labor day start for the Charter School, in accordance with justification 3a:

3a. Compelling Justification: Adoption of an Innovative School Schedule. Any waiver granted by the State Board of Education for an innovative school schedule shall only apply to those schools where the innovative school schedules are offered. Education Article §7.103.1 defines innovative school schedules to include, “...extended year, year-round schooling, or other school scheduling models that do not allow for prolonged lapeses in instructional time...” Qualifying schools are those designated as low-performing, at-risk, or charter.

As a charter school, this unique schedule of an 11-month calendar with quintets is a critical element of its mission and goals. The schedule meets the requirements of 3a (above) in that innovative quintet marking period schedule provides breaks for optimal learning, however, these breaks are minimal, i.e., not prolonged, so as to allow for teacher feedback on narrative report cards and for student and family time for exploration, reflection, and application. Further, as delineated in the above justification, the waiver request is for the Charter School only. The school system as a whole is not seeking a waiver.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Attachments:
A. Chesapeake Public Charter School (CPCS) Waiver Request
B. Letter from CPCS Educational Director Requesting Waiver
C. CPCS Philosophy and Goals
D. CPCS Calendar 2018-2019 (for which we are seeking approval)
E. St. Mary's County Public Schools 2018-2019 (system calendar, fully aligned to post-labor day start)
F. Minutes from Public Meetings
Waiver Application for Post-Labor Day School Start Date and/or June 15 School End Date

Overview:

Executive Order 01.01.2016.13 requires all kindergarten through grade 12 public schools in Maryland to be open for pupil attendance no earlier than the Tuesday immediately following the nationally observed Labor Day holiday. The school year for each public school in Maryland shall adjourn no later than June 15. Local boards of education retain the full responsibility for establishing annual academic calendars within the parameters of the Executive Order. The Executive Order does not apply to the operation of year-round schools. The entire Executive Order may be found on the following webpage: https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/EO.01.01.2016.13.pdf

Waiver Applications:

Local boards of education may apply for waivers of the requirements set forth in the Executive Order. To be eligible for a waiver, the local board must demonstrate that it has met all requirements for at least one compelling justification and has conducted at least one public meeting at which the waiver application was considered and approved. Compelling justification includes:

1. The adoption of an innovative school schedule for low-performing, at-risk, or charter schools. Any waiver granted by the State Board of Education for an innovative school schedule shall only apply to those schools where innovative school schedules are offered.

2. The school system has closed ten days per year during any two of the last five years because of natural disasters, civil disasters, or severe weather conditions.

Any waiver granted by the State Board of Education using this waiver application shall be for the 2018-2019 school year only. Local boards of education may apply annually for a waiver of the requirements in Executive Order 01.01.2016.13.

Timeline for Submission of Waiver Application:

Waiver applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Decisions regarding waiver requests will be made at the State Board Meeting immediately following receipt of the application. For example, if a waiver application is received on January 31, 2018 then the State Board will render a decision at the February 27, 2018 meeting. A list of State Board meeting dates may be found on the following webpage: http://marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/Meetings-2018.aspx. The local Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer and Board President will be notified in writing of the State Board’s decision. The final date to submit an application for a waiver of requirements in Executive Order 01.01.2016.13 for the 2018-2019 school year is March 31, 2018.

Waiver applications and supporting documents may be emailed to Charlene Necessary at charlene.necessary@maryland.gov or mailed to:

Maryland State Board of Education
Attention: Charlene Necessary
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

November 27, 2017
Waiver Application for Post-Labor Day School Start Date and/or June 15 School End Date

**Directions:** There are five sections to the waiver application. All sections of the application must be complete for waiver requests to be considered by the State Board of Education. Include any required supporting documentation when submitting this application.

1. **Select the name of the school system represented in the waiver request.**

   - Allegany
   - Anne Arundel
   - Baltimore City
   - Baltimore
   - Calvert
   - Caroline
   - Carroll
   - Cecil
   - Charles
   - Dorchester
   - Frederick
   - Garrett
   - Harford
   - Howard
   - Kent
   - Montgomery
   - Prince George’s
   - Queen Anne’s
   - St. Mary’s
   - Somerset
   - Talbot
   - Washington
   - Wicomico
   - Worcester

2. **Select the type of waiver being requested by the local school board.**
   - ✔ Request to waive the post-Labor Day school start date.
   - □ Request to waive the June 15 school end date.
   - □ Request to waive both the post-Labor Day school start date and June 15 school end date.

3. **Select the compelling justification for the waiver request.**

   Compelling justification includes adoption of an innovative school schedule (3a) or emergency school closing (3b). At least one compelling justification category must be selected.

   ✔ 3a. **Compelling Justification: Adoption of an Innovative School Schedule.**
   Any waiver granted by the State Board of Education for an innovative school schedule shall only apply to those schools where the innovative school schedules are offered. Education Article §7.103.1 defines innovative school schedules to include, “...extended year, year-round schooling, or other school scheduling models that do not allow for prolonged lapses in instructional time....” Qualifying schools are those designated as low-performing, at-risk, or charter. A summary of the innovative school schedule must be attached to application.

   Identify the low-performing, at-risk, and/or charter schools for a waiver request on the next page.

November 27, 2017
☐ Adoption of an Innovative School Schedule for Low-Performing Schools
Low-performing schools, or Maryland’s Priority Schools, are the 5% of all Title I schools that are the lowest achieving on state assessments; and/or have graduation rates below 67%; or receive Title I school improvement funds under Section 1003g. A list of qualifying schools can be found on the following webpage:
http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DSFSS/TitleI/PriorityFocusSchools20162017.pdf

Identify the names of qualifying schools to be considered for a waiver below. Attach a summary of the innovative school schedule to this application.

☐ Adoption of an Innovative School Schedule for At-Risk Public Schools
At-risk public schools, or Maryland’s Focus Schools, are those in the top 10% of Title I schools that have the largest within-school gaps between the highest-achieving subgroup and the lowest-achieving subgroup; and Title I high schools with less than 60% graduation rates over a number of years. A list of qualifying schools can be found on the following webpage:
http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DSFSS/TitleI/PriorityFocusSchools20162017.pdf

Identify the names of qualifying schools to be considered for a waiver below. Attach a summary of the innovative school schedule to this application.
Waiver Application for Post-Labor Day School Start Date and/or June 15 School End Date

- Adoption of an Innovative School Schedule for Charter Schools
  Guidance regarding charter schools may be found on the following webpage: http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Charter-Schools/index.aspx

Identify the names of qualifying schools to be considered for a waiver below. Attach a summary of the innovative school schedule to this application.

Chesapeake Public Charter School

☐ 3b. Compelling Justification: Emergency School Closing.

Eligible local school systems are those that have closed ten days per year during any two of the last five years because of natural disasters, civil disasters, or severe weather conditions. Select the qualifying school system below.

☐ Allegany County  ☐ Garrett County
☐ Caroline County   ☐ Harford County
☐ Carroll County    ☐ Talbot County
☐ Dorchester County

4. Local school boards are required to conduct at least one public meeting to consider and approve the waiver application. In the table below, identify all public meeting dates, times, and locations where the waiver application was considered and approved. Attach the meeting minutes for each date identified.

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23160 Moakley Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650 |
| January 31, 2018       | 6:00 p.m.              | Board of Education Meeting Room  
23160 Moakley Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650 |
| February 14, 2018      | 9:00 a.m.              | Board of Education Meeting Room  
23160 Moakley Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650 |
5. **Signatures of Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer and Board President.**

Signing below indicates that the local board of education has reviewed and approved all sections in this waiver application.

Signature of Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer

3/7/18

Date

Signature of School Board President

19 Feb 2018

Date
Dear Dr. Smith,

Chesapeake Public Charter School (CPCS) has successfully operated an innovative school schedule since its inception in 2007. CPCS would like to request a waiver to the post-Labor Day school start date parameter set forth by Executive Order 01.01.2016.13, in order to continue to provide this opportunity to our community.

Below is a summary of Chesapeake Public Charter School’s mission and vision as well as an excerpt of the innovative features of the Chesapeake Public Charter School in which the 11 month school calendar is articulated.

**Vision**
Our vision is a safe and joyful atmosphere which includes compassion and respect for others, and where students become critical thinkers, life-long learners, and global citizens.

**Mission**
Chesapeake Public Charter School will provide a rigorous, creative and diverse learning environment where everyone comes together to develop confident and self-motivated students.

The CPCS program offers:
- A small school setting
- A modified yearly calendar (11 month) with a unique daily structure
- A democratic governance structure built on teacher leadership and strong parent/community partnerships
- An integrated curriculum that motivates student acquisition of basic skills. The CPCS program focuses on investigating the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay region where we live, as well as world arts, cultures, and languages which are part of life in today’s growing global community.
- Character/social skills development that fosters a strong work ethic and service to the larger community
- A diversity of ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives that will provide a valuable resource for learning and building a dynamic, reflective community

The draft calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is attached for review. We formally request that the St. Mary’s Board of Education consider this at the January meeting and vote to submit the waiver application, the draft 2018-2019 calendar and this summary letter to the Maryland State Board of Education thereafter. Thank you for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Angela Funya
Education Director
Chesapeake Public Charter School
Chesapeake Public Charter School
http://schools.smcps.org/cpcs/philosophy-goals

Philosophy and Goals

Philosophy

The Chesapeake Public Charter School believes that:
• Meaningful learning occurs naturally within a framework of a trustworthy community
• Small schools and class sizes encourage community and increase learning
• In a learner centered, inquiry-based setting, children learn through hands-on experiences and social interaction, extending into the community
• Substantive, rigorous content motivates students to master literacy skills as they investigate engaging topics and communicate their discoveries
• An 11-month school year and carefully structured school day maximize time periods of concentrated learning
• An integrated, brain-based curriculum enables students to make relevant connections to everyday life and to become self directed learners
• A character development program that teaches social skills and good judgment is important because we need to teach students not only knowledge, but how to use that knowledge well
• Through parent compacts and commitment to direct participation in the daily life of the school, as well as parent partnership in the development of their child's personal education plan, the level of parent involvement vital to student success is assured
• Within a reflective learning community, teachers collaborate regularly to reflect on teaching and assessment and to make innovations and adjustments that serve students well being and steady progress

A defining outcome of this educational philosophy is that students become life-long learners as well as citizens who contribute their unique talents to benefit the communities in which they live.

Goals

The primary goals of the Chesapeake Public Charter School are:
• To establish a diverse and reflective community of learners that includes children, parents, teachers, and community members
• To provide a choice of educational opportunities
• To promote the successful development of the whole child
• To use reflective practices to assess progress/growth in learning
• To keep the urge to learn alive in every child
### School Operational Calendar 2018-2019

**Month** | **Event Date** | **Event Description**
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**July 2018** | July 4 | Holiday - Independence Day - All Schools and Offices Closed
June 25 | 11-Month Employees Report
**August 2018** | August 6-8 | New Teachers' Orientation
August 9 | Professional Day - All Teachers Report/Classroom Preparation
August 10 | Professional Day – Professional Responsibilities/Collaborative Planning
August 13 | Professional Day - Staff Development
August 14 | Professional Day – Teachers on Duty/Open Houses
August 15 | Schools Opens for Students
**September 2018** | September 3 | Holiday – Labor Day - All Schools and Offices Closed
September 14 | Two Hour Early Dismissal – Collaborative Planning
September 21 | Professional Day - No School for Students - Staff Development - Professional Responsibilities – Parent Conferences
**October 2018** | October 5 | End of Quintet 1 (36 days)
October 8-12 | October Recess – No School for Students and 10 Month Employees
October 11-12 | October Recess – No School for 11 Month Employees
October 15 | Professional Day - No School for Students - Staff Development - Professional Responsibilities – Parent Conferences
**November 2018** | November 6 | Election Day – All Schools and Offices Closed (Holiday)
November 9 | Two Hour Early Dismissal – Collaborative Planning
November 21 | Recess - No School for Students and 10 & 11 Month Employees
November 22-23 | Holiday - Thanksgiving - All Schools and Offices Closed
November 26 | Professional Day - No School for Students - Professional Responsibilities
**December 2018** | December 7 | End of Quintet 2 (34 days)
December 14 | Two Hour Early Dismissal - Professional Responsibilities – Collaborative Planning Narrative Distribution
December 20 | Winter Break – No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees
December 21-24 | Holiday – Winter Break – All Schools and Offices Closed
December 26-31
**January 2019** | January 1 | Holiday - Winter Break - All Schools and Offices Closed
January 2 | Winter Break – No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees
January 3 | Schools Reopen - Students in School
January 11 | Two Hour Early Dismissal – Collaborative Planning
January 21 | Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - All Schools and Offices Closed
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**Calendar Notes**

**Appropriate Exercises**

Appropriate exercises will be held in the schools for the following days: Patriot Day; Constitution Day; Washington’s Birthday; Lincoln’s Birthday; Veterans Day; Columbus Day; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Arbor Day; Flag Day; and any other day of national significance.

**Extended School Year Services**

Pursuant to Education Article 8-402, Annotated Code of Maryland, extended school year services will be provided to students with disabilities who are determined through the Individualized Education Program process to need specific special education services beyond the 180 school days.

**Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closing Alternatives**

Inclement weather and emergency school closing make-up alternatives include three days at the end of the year and other days noted as possible make-up days in the calendar. Holidays, spring break, or days added at the end of the school year will be considered if additional days are needed. The number of days for students will be a minimum of 180 and the number of days for teachers will be 190 duty days. The number of duty days for 11-month employees is 212. School buildings and offices may be closed on some professional days to permit all employees to participate. Notice will be given.
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**Calendar Notes**

**Appropriate Exercises**

Appropriate exercises will be held in the schools for the following days: Patriot Day; Constitution Day; Washington’s Birthday; Lincoln’s Birthday; Veterans Day; Columbus Day; Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday; Arbor Day; Flag Day; and any other day of national significance.

**Extended School Year Services**

Pursuant to Education Article 8-402, Annotated Code of Maryland, extended school year services will be provided to students with disabilities who are determined through the Individualized Education Program process to need specific special education services beyond the 180 school days.

**Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closing Alternatives**

Inclement weather and emergency school closing make-up alternatives include three days at the end of the year and other days noted as possible make-up days in the calendar. Holidays, spring break, or days added at the end of the school year will be considered if additional days are needed. The number of days for students will be a minimum of 180 and the number of days for teachers will be 190 duty days. The number of duty days for 11-month employees is 212. School buildings and offices may be closed on some professional days to permit all employees to participate. Notice will be given.
Board of Education of St. Mary's County

Meeting of: Regular Session  Helden: January 10, 2018
Board of Education Meeting Room

1. Open Meeting
Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order
Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Procedural 1.02 Roll Call
Present for the meeting were:
Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairman
Mr. James J. Davis, Member
Ms. Mary Washington, Member
Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
Ms. Roma Kankaria, Student Member

2. Executive Session
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into Executive Session to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, and Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(1), (2), and (10)), and Administrative Function items (Maryland General Provisions Code Article, Section 3-104).

The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Mary M. Washington, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Rita Weaver

3. Reconvene Open Meeting
Procedural: Mrs. Bailey reconvened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve the agenda as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

5. Board Reports
Information: Board Members each highlight one event during the meeting; other events are listed under the Library - General tab in Board Docs.
Ms. Bailey: Attended Mechanicsville Elementary School’s PTA holiday dinner; two on two meetings with Commissioners of St. Mary’s County re budget
Ms. Allen: Attended the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) senior capstone performances at Chopticon High School
Mr. Davis: Attended the College of Southern Maryland Holiday Reception; NAACP Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration
Ms. Washington: Attended SMPCS Retirees Association General Meeting and Annual Holiday Celebration
Ms. Weaver: Attended Ridge Elementary School’s holiday brunch
Ms. Kankaria: Attended conference of the Southern Maryland Leadership Conference for Student Councils

6. Superintendent Report

Report: Dr. J. Scott Smith, superintendent of schools, highlighted many events and accolades received from students and staff. A full report is listed in the Library - General tab in Board Docs.

7. Recognitions:
None

8. Public Hearing
8.01 - Policy KDCG - Employee Use of Social Media
Name - Kimberly Oliver

9. Public Comment

Name               Subject
Terri Lacroix       PFLAG

10. Consent Agenda
10.01 Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2017
10.02 Personnel - Teachers
10.03 Personnel - Administrative and Supervisory (none)
10.04 Frog Street/Conscious Discipline Supplemental Kits

It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve the consent agenda as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

11. Action Items
11.01 Early Childhood Grant from MSDE - Mrs. Susie Fowler
It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Mary Washington to approve the acceptance of this $60,000 grant and applicable budget and the submittal of the grant budget to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County for their approval; and that the Board of Education approve the Professional Services Contract with Conscious Discipline for teacher training and coaching, as funding permits. The estimated cost is $30,000.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver
11.02 Department of Operations - Refuse Removal and Recycling Services - Mr. Ashley Varner
It was moved by Mary Washington and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve contract award of
ITB#SMCPS-2018-O-RRRS, Department of Operations Refuse Removal and Recycling
Services, to Goode Companies, Inc. at the contract prices bid for services as needed throughout
the duration of the contract, which can potentially be extended through January 31, 2023. The
contract value is estimated not to exceed $200,000 in any fiscal year.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

12. Information Items
12.01 Student Handbook & Code of Conduct
12.02 Great Mills High School Attendance Resource Center
12.03 2018-2019 School Operating Calendars
12.04 High School Program of Studies
12.05 FY 2018 December Financial Report
12.06 FY 2019 Superintendent’s Recommended Budget

13. Board Member Time
Information: Board Members will use this time to expand on the report they gave during their
Board Report portion of the meeting, if they have additional information to share.

14. Future Board Meeting (time is approximate)
The next regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m., with the work
session beginning at 2:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment
Procedural: Ms. Bailey adjourned the regular meeting at 12:15 p.m.

December 13, 2017 - Executive Session Summary for Approved Board Minutes
It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into executive session to
discuss Personnel Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(1)), and
Administrative Function items (Maryland General Provisions Code Article, Section 3-104).

2. Executive Session
An executive session began at 8:06 a.m. Present for the meeting were:
.Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
.Ms. Mary M. Washington, Vice Chairman
.Ms. Cathy Allen, Member
.Mr. James J. Davis, Member
.Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
.Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools
.Dr. Maureen Montgomery, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
.Ms. Tammy McCourt, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services and Human
Resources
The following topics were discussed:

**Personnel Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(1))**
Mr. Law discussed the need to add the Consent Agenda Item for Board Hearing 2017-01 under the St. Mary’s County Open Meetings Act.

**Administrative Function (Maryland General Provisions Article, Section 3-104)**
Dr. Smith discussed the school system’s response to certain questions posed by the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County concerning a recent student altercation at Leonardtown High School. Mr. Law explained the applicable disciplinary rules under Maryland law.
Dr. Smith discussed the probable agenda for the December 19th Joint Board Meeting with the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County.
Dr. Smith explained that the January 10th Winter Student Recognition may need to be postponed.
Drs. Smith and Montgomery discussed the protocol for reporting student arrests to the Board and to parents.
Dr. Smith described the plans for judging the Holiday Door Decoration Contest and the Holiday Luncheon, which are both scheduled immediately after the Board meeting.

**Personnel Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(1))**
Dr. Smith discussed the system’s current practice for providing references regarding former employees.

At 8:45 a.m., all staff were excused.

**Personnel Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(1))**
The Board discussed the election of new officers.

Ms. Bailey adjourned the Executive Session at 8:55 a.m.

**16. Work Session**
16.01 12:26 p.m. - 12:32 p.m. Pregnant and Parenting Students - Attendance Policy Recommendations - 1st Reading - Ms. Cheryl Long

Ms. Karin M. Bailey
Chairman

J. Scott Smith, Ed.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Kathryn Mancini
1. Open Meeting

Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order
Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Procedural 1.02 Roll Call
Present for the meeting were:
Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairman
Ms. Mary M. Washington, Member
Mr. James J. Davis, Member
Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
Ms. Roma Kankaria, Student Member (not present for work session)

2. Work Session
2.01 Proposed FY 2019 Budget Presentation - The work session began at 2:04 p.m. and concluded at 3:35 p.m.

3. Executive Session (held from 5:05 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, and Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(1),(2), and (10)), and Administrative Function items (Maryland General Provisions Code Article, Section 3-104)
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Mary M. Washington, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Rita Weaver

4. Reconvene Open Meeting
Procedural: Mrs. Bailey reconvened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Agenda
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve the agenda as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

6. Board Reports
Information: Board Members each highlight one event during the meeting; other events are listed under the Library - General tab in Board Docs.
Ms. Bailey: Attended the movie, “Screenagers” which was sponsored by EASMC and SMCPS
Ms. Allen: Attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast at St. Mary’s College of Maryland to include a performance by the Spring Ridge Middle School rhythm club
Mr. Davis: Visited with his daughter, who is an ESL teacher for the government, in Abu Dhabi
Ms. Washington: Attended the Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education (NOPE) task force presentation at Leonardtown High School on January 24, 2018
Ms. Weaver: Attended the BECA Scholarship Fair at which was held at the Forrest Center on January 24, 2018
Ms. Kankarla: Attended the Southern Maryland Regional VEX Robotics competition

7. Superintendent Report
Report: Dr. J. Scott Smith, superintendent of schools, highlighted many events and accolades received from students and staff. A full report is listed in the Library - General tab in Board Docs.

8. Recognitions:
2nd Quarter Superintendent's Art Gallery Artists

9. Public Hearing
- Update to Policy and Regulations, Education-Pregnant and Parenting Students
- 2018-2019 School Operating Calendars
- High School Program of Studies

10. Public Comment
Ms. Jill Morris, representing EASMC – FY 2019 Budget
Ms. Liz Leskinen, UNISERVE Director – FY 2019 Budget

11. Consent Agenda
11.01 Approval of Minutes of January 10 and January 24, 2018
11.02 Personnel - Teachers (none)
11.03 Personnel - Administrative and Supervisory (none)
11.04 Student Issue – BH 2018-01
It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve the consent agenda as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

12. Action Items
12.01 MSDE Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant Award – Ms. Lisa Bachner
It was moved by Rita Weaver and seconded by Mary Washington to approve acceptance of this grant and applicable budget and the submittal of the grant budget to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for their approval.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

12.02 Policy KDCB “Use of Social Media” – Dr. Jeff Maher
It was moved by Mary Washington and seconded by Rita Weaver that the Board of Education approve Policy KDCB "Use of Social Media" as presented.  
The result of the vote was: Unanimous  
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

13. Information Items
13.01 Chesapeake Public Charter School – Dr. Kelly Hall and Ms. Angela Funya
13.02 Graduation Data Class of 2017 – 4 Year Adjusted Cohort Data – Dr. Alex Jaffurs and Dr. Maureen Montgomery

14. Board Member Time
Information: Board Members will use this time to expand on the report they gave during their Board Report portion of the meeting, if they have additional information to share.

15. Future Board Meeting (time is approximate)
A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget. The next regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14, with executive session beginning at 8:00 a.m.

16. Adjournment
Procedural: Ms. Bailey adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

January 10, 2018 - Executive Session Summary for Approved Board Minutes
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into Executive Session to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, and Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(1), (2), and (10)), and Administrative Function items (Maryland General Provisions Code Article, Section 3-104).

2. Executive Session

An executive session began at 8:06 a.m. Present for the meeting were:
.Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
.Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairman
.Ms. Mary M. Washington, Member
.Mr. James J. Davis, Member
.Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
.Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools
.Dr. Maureen Montgomery, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
.Ms. Tammy McCourt, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services and Human Resources
.Dr. Jeff Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Supporting Services
.Mr. Edmund W. Law, General Counsel
.Ms. Kathryn Mancini, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

The following topics were discussed:
Personnel Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(1)) New hires. Personnel Issues/Litigation (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(1),(2))
Dr. Smith and Mr. Law discussed a State Board appeal filed by an employee in a pending disciplinary matter. Mr. Law also discussed the status of two related State administrative complaints filed by the same employee.

**Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(10))**
Dr. Smith discussed the scheduling of a pending student disciplinary appeal.

**Administrative Function (Maryland General Provisions Article, Section 3-104)**
Dr. Smith discussed the plan for complying with the Resolution Agreement entered into by SMCPS in the pending OCR Website Accessibility Complaint investigation. Dr. Smith discussed staff’s efforts to prepare, and the current timeline to present the FY 19 proposed budget to the Board. Dr. Smith discussed the proposed Board meeting calendar for FY 19. Dr. Smith discussed the plan for any addressing any possible future snow days now that the three allocated days have been utilized.

At 8:50 a.m., all staff were excused.

**Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(10))**
The Board discussed the procedures for hearing an upcoming student disciplinary appeal.
Ms. Bailey adjourned the Executive Session at 9:08 a.m.

**January 24, 2018 – Executive Session Summary for Approved Board Minutes**

Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into Executive Session to discuss Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(10)).

2. **Executive Session**
An executive session began at 9:00 a.m.
Present for the meeting were:
- Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
- Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairman
- Ms. Mary M. Washington, Member
- Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
- Mr. Eric C. Brousaides, Board Counsel
- Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Maureen Montgomery, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Edmund W. Law, General Counsel
- Ms. Cheryl Long, Director, Department of Student Services
- Ms. Muriel Martin, Hearing Officer, Department of Student Services
- Ms. Jill Mills, Principal, Leonardtown High School
- Mr. Eric Readyhough, Assistant Principal, Leonardtown High School
- Ms. Julie Walsh, Teacher, Leonardtown High School
- Student
- Student’s Parents and Sibling
- Ms. Newton, Court Reporter
The following topics were discussed:

**Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(10))**
The Board and Mr. Brousaides met to discuss the conduct of the Student’s disciplinary appeal. Staff and the family were not present for this discussion.

**Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(10))**
The Board presided over the Student’s disciplinary hearing beginning at 9:31 a.m. The hearing concluded at 12:16 p.m. Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(10) The Board preliminarily discussed the disposition of the Student’s disciplinary appeal. Staff and the family were not present for this discussion.

Ms. Bailey adjourned the Executive Session at 12:32 p.m.

Ms. Karin M. Bailey
Chairman

J. Scott Smith, Ed.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Kathryn Mancini
Board of Education of St. Mary’s County

Meeting of: Regular Session

1. Open Meeting

Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order
Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Procedural 1.02 Roll Call
Present for the meeting were:
Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairman
Ms. Mary M. Washington, Member
Mr. James J. Davis, Member
Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
Ms. Roma Kankaria, Student Member (absent)

2. Executive Session
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, and Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(1),(2), and (10)), and Administrative Function items (Maryland General Provisions Code Article, Section 3-104).
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Mary M. Washington, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Rita Weaver

3. Reconvene Open Meeting
Procedural: Mrs. Bailey reconvened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda
Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve the agenda as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

5. Board Reports
*Information: Board Members each highlight one event during the meeting; other events are listed under the Library - General tab in Board Docs.*
Ms. Bailey: Attended the Advocacy Institute Equity Symposium in Washington, D.C.
Ms. Allen: Attended a MABE Legislative Committee meeting
Mr. Davis: Provided pictures of his trip to Abu Dhabi
Ms. Washington: Attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the One-Room Schoolhouse in Drayden, Maryland on February 6, 2018; visited schools
Ms. Weaver: Attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the One-Room Schoolhouse in Drayden, Maryland on February 6, 2018
Ms. Kankaria: absent
6. Superintendent Report
Report: Dr. J. Scott Smith, superintendent of schools, highlighted many events and accolades received from students and staff. A full report is listed in the Library - General tab in Board Docs.

7. Recognitions:
School Counseling Week: February 5-9, 2018

8. Public Hearing
None.

9. Public Comment
None.

10. Consent Agenda
10.01 Approval of Minutes of January 31, 2018
10.02 Personnel - Teachers (NONE)
10.03 Personnel - Administrative & Supervisory (NONE)
10.04 HAAS CNC Machine – Perkins Capital Equipment
10.05 Leonardtown High School - Fine Arts Trip to Walt Disney World
10.06 2018-2019 Board of Education Meeting Schedule
It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to approve the consent agenda as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M. Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J. Davis, Mary M. Washington, Rita Weaver

11. Action Items
11.01 Department of Maintenance - Chillers and Rooftop (A/C) Units Preventive Maintenance and Repairs - Mr. Steven Whidden
It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Mary Washington that the Board approve the contract award of ITB#SMCP5-2018-M-CRTU, Department of Maintenance Chillers and Rooftop (A/C) Units Preventive Maintenance and Repairs, to W.L. Gary Company, Inc. to provide chiller and rooftop A/C unit services, on an as-needed basis, throughout the duration of the contract. The combined annual expenditures for these services is estimated to be $140,000; projects/repairs exceeding $50,000 will be bid separately.
The result of the vote was unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

11.02 Waiver Request for Post-Labor Day Start Date for the Chesapeake Public Charter School 2018-2019 School Calendar - Dr. Jeff Maher
It was moved by Rita Weaver and seconded by Mary Washington that the Board approve the request for a waiver from the Maryland State Board of Education for the Chesapeake Public Charter School to begin the school year prior to Labor Day, as aligned with their Charter.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

11.03 2018-2019 School Year Calendar Recommendations - Second Reading - Dr. Jeff Maher
It was moved by Mary Washington and seconded by Rita Weaver that the Board approval the 2018-2019 St. Mary's County Public Schools and the Chesapeake Public Charter School calendars as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

11.04 Pregnant and Parenting Students - Attendance Policy Recommendations - Second Reading - Ms. Cheryl A. Long
It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Mary Washington that the Board approve Policies JED and JHCG and delete IHBCA, as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

11.05 Healthcare Benefits - RFP Results - Ms. Leslie Fancell
It was moved by Mary Washington and seconded by Cathy Allen that the Board approve the Medical, Prescription Drug, Dental and Vision contract for employee and retiree benefits contract to CareFirst for three years beginning July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021, with two one-year options to renew.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

11.06 Request for Snap-On Tools Purchase - Mr. Michael Boyle
It was moved by Rita Weaver and seconded by Mary Washington that the Board approve the piggyback on Montgomery County’s contract IFB #1074697 to Snap-On Tools for supplies on an as-needed basis throughout the duration of the contract, which has the potential to be valid through October 16, 2020.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

11.07 High School Program of Studies - Ms. Lisa Bachner and Mr. Michael Watson
It was moved by Mary Washington and seconded by James Davis that the Board approve the High School Program of Studies revisions for 2018-2019 as presented.
The result of the vote was: Unanimous
Yea: Karin M Bailey, Cathy Allen, James J Davis, Mary M Washington, Rita Weaver

12. Information Items
12.01 FY 2018 January Financial Report - Ms. Tammy McCourt

13. Board Member Time
Information: Board Members will use this time to expand on the report they gave during their Board Report portion of the meeting, if they have additional information to share.

14. Future Board Meeting
A Board meeting to approve the Budget will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment
Procedural: Ms. Bailey adjourned the regular meeting at 11:01 a.m.

16. Work Session
16.01 FY 2019 Budget Work Session
Work Session ended at 11:58 a.m.
January 31, 2018 – Executive Session Summary for Approved Board Minutes

Action: It was moved by Cathy Allen and seconded by Rita Weaver to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, and Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Code Article, Section 9-512(a)(1),(2), and (10)), and Administrative Function items (Maryland General Provisions Code Article, Section 3-104).

An executive session began at 5:05 p.m.
Present for the meeting were:
  .Ms. Karin M. Bailey, Chairman
  .Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairman
  .Ms. Mary M. Washington, Member
  .Mr. James J. Davis, Member
  .Ms. Rita Weaver, Member
  .Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools
  .Dr. Maureen Montgomery, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
  .Ms. Tammy McCourt, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services and Human Resources
  .Dr. Jeff Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Supporting Services
  .Mr. Edmund W. Law, General Counsel
  .Ms. Kathryn Mancini, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

The following topics were discussed:

Personnel Issues/Litigation (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(1),(2))
Dr. Smith and Mr. Law discussed the untimeliness of a State Board appeal recently filed by an employee in a pending disciplinary matter. Mr. Law also discussed the status of two related State administrative complaints filed by the same employee.

Student Issues (Maryland Local Government Article, Section 9-512(a)(10))
Dr. Smith and Mr. Law discussed the outcome of a student disciplinary appeal (BH 2018-01), and the deadline to file a State Board appeal.

Administrative Function (Maryland General Provisions Article, Section 3-104))
Dr. Smith discussed a local farm’s request that we utilize our Worker’s Compensation insurance to cover our CASE students while they are working at their farm.
Dr. Smith discussed the updated procedure for sharing calendar invitations and event notifications with the BOE members.
Dr. Smith discussed two parent complaints concerning certain middle school instructors permitting their students to watch CNN 10 in the classroom.
Dr. Smith discussed the impetus for, and substance of the Safe Schools Information Night that is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center.
Dr. Smith discussed staff’s plan to revise the FY 19 proposed budget to the Board in anticipation of the February 12th public hearing, and February 14th Board meeting, respectively.
Ms. Bailey adjourned the Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

Ms. Karin M. Bailey
Chairman

J. Scott Smith, Ed.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

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