

**MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Tuesday

December 19, 2017

Maryland State Board of Education

200 W. Baltimore Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met via conference call on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Andrew R. Smarick, President; Dr. Chester E. Finn, Jr., Vice President; Dr. Justin M. Hartings; Ms. Stephanie R. Iszard; Dr. Rose Maria Li; Dr. David Steiner; and Dr. Karen B. Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Irene M. Zoppi Rodriquez; Dr. Michele Jenkins Guyton; Mr. Michael D. Phillips; and student Board member Kyle J. Smith were not in attendance.

The following staff members were present: Elizabeth Kameen, Elliott Schoen, Alan Dunklow, Assistant Attorneys General; Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning; Kristy Michel, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Finance and Administration; Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of School Effectiveness; Gayle Secrist, Chief of Staff; Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, and Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board, and Elliot Schoen.

President Smarick called the meeting to order and asked Board members to identify themselves. President Smarick invited others on the call to introduce themselves.

President Smarick explained that the purpose of the conference call was to discuss feedback received from the U.S. Department of Education on Maryland’s ESSA Plan and the timeline for responding once feedback is received. The department has asked the state to reclassify one category of the high school measure because the way they interpreted the plan, the student performance measures do not meet their definitions. President Smarick also shared feedback provided on the plan from various policy organizations and concerns regarding the student performance indicator at the high school level, and their analyses that place Maryland’s plan last or next to last in state rankings. He noted the limitations imposed by the state law.

Dr. Salmon introduced Mary Gable to provide an overview of the U.S. Department of Education’s feedback and the department’s response. Ms. Gable walked the Board through each of the department’s comments and the department’s recommendation for addressing them. Ms. Gable presented two options for the Board’s consideration in response to weighting of the indicators as follows:

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>
Academic Achievement	30	25
Graduation Rate	15	20
English Language Proficiency (ELP)	10	10
Readiness for Post-Secondary Success	10	10
School Quality/Student Success (SQ/SS)	15, 10, 10 (for the 3 measures)	15, 10, 10 (for the 3 measures)

*ACTION: Upon motion by President Smarick, and second by Dr. Steiner, the Board approved Option 1 and the department moving forward with their responses to the U.S. Department of Education. (In favor: 6; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0).*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: January 30, 2018

*The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education. The audio recordings of the meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be located at:*

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