

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

Monday, March 9, 2020  
Maryland State Board of Education  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present: Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter (Ret.); Ms. Jean Halle; Ms. Gail Bates; Mr. Clarence Crawford; Mr. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., Esq.; Dr. Vermelle D. Greene; Dr. Rose M. Li; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy (by phone); Mr. Michael Phillips, Dr. David Steiner; and Ms. Noureen Badwi, Student Representative. (Dr. Justin M. Hartings and Dr. Karen B. Salmon were not able to attend the meeting.)

The following staff members were present: Ms. Amalie Brandenburg, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Finance and Administration; Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of School Effectiveness; Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning; Mr. Elliott L. Schoen, Assistant Attorney General; and Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board.

President Sumpter called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sumpter noted that Dr. Hartings was unable to attend due to serving on Jury Duty and that Dr. Mele-McCarthy may join the meeting by phone.

President Sumpter asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

***ACTION:** Upon motion by Dr. Steiner, and seconded by Ms. Halle, the State Board adjourned to Executive Session. (Favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0. Dr. Mele-McCarthy had not joined the meeting).*

### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Dr. Steiner, seconded by Ms. Halle, and with unanimous approval, the Maryland State Board of Education met in closed session on Tuesday, March 9, 2020. All board members (Dr. Mele McCarthy joined by phone) except Dr. Justin Hartings were present. The Executive Session commenced at 10:03 a.m.

The Board received legal advice regarding the statutory qualifications of the State Superintendent of Schools. Counsel responded to questions from the Board. The State Superintendent Search Committee gave a presentation about State Superintendent qualifications and recommendations.

The Executive Session ended at 10:27 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ➤ *State Superintendent Search Update*

Mr. Crawford and Ms. Bates (Search Committee Chair and Co-Chair, respectively) provided updates on the search process and presented an overview of the Leadership Profile developed by Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates search firm based on public input gathered through interviews, survey responses, and regional community forums. This information was used to inform the development of the final position description presented to the State Board for approval.

President Sumpter and Dr. Steiner thanked the committee and search firm for their work.

Vice President Halle also thanked the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) for their assistance in distributing the survey to their members.

President Sumpter thanked other state organizations, parents, students, and stakeholders for their input and support.

***ACTION:*** *Upon motion by Dr. Steiner, and seconded by Mr. Dashiell the State Board approved the final position description. (Favor: 11; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

Date: April 28, 2020

*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 video recordings of the meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be located at:*  
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**The next meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.** Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Eight business days notice prior to the event is required. Please contact Charlene Necessary at (410) 767-0467 or TTY at (410) 333-6442 so arrangements can be made.

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting.

Date: March 9, 2020

Time: 10:03 am

Location: 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Motion to close meeting made by: Dr. David Steiner

Seconded by: Ms. Jean Halle

Members in favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

2. The meeting was closed under authority of Section 3-305(b) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (check all provisions that apply). This meeting will be closed under General Provision Art. § 3-305(b) only.

1. To discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
2. To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business.
3. To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
4. To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
5. To consider the investment of public funds.
6. To consider the marketing of public securities.
7. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.
8. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
9. To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
10. To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.
11. To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
12. To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
13. To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
14. Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert #  
from above)

Topic

Reason for closed-session discussion to topic

§ 3-305(b)(7)

Obtain legal advice

Legal advice regarding statutory qualifications of State Superintendent.

4. This statement is made by BG Warner I. Sumpter, Ret., Presiding Officer.