

**Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN)  
Unofficial Notes on Dorchester County Board of Education (DCBOE)  
Regular Monthly Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 2022**

Submitted by Tom Puglisi

Note: \* Supporting documents may be found on the CAN website at [CambridgeCan.org](http://CambridgeCan.org) and the DCPS Board Docs website at <https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/dcps/Board.nsf/Public>. The meeting is available for viewing on Town Hall Streams at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/dorchesterboe>.

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**1. Closed Session, 4:00 p.m.**

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**2. Regular Session, 6:00 p.m.**

- 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.02 Approval of the Regular Agenda for October 20, 2022
- 2.03 Calendar –
  - Tuesday, November 22, 2022 - Half-Day for Students, Report Card Prep for Teachers
  - November 23 – 25, 2022 - No School/Offices Closed, Thanksgiving
  - Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:00 pm - Swearing-in of new Board member and election of Board Officers at BOE
  - Thursday, December 8, 2022, 4:00 pm - Board Work Session at BOE
  - Thursday, December 8, 2022, 6:00 pm - Blueprint Strategic Planning Community Meeting, Vienna Elementary School
  - Thursday, December 15, 2022, 6:00 pm - Regular December Meeting of the Board of Education at DCTC
  - December 20, 2022 thru January 2, 2023- Schools Closed Winter Break
  - January 3, 2023 - Schools Open, Return from Winter Break
  - Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5:00 pm, Board Budget Work Session and Public Comment on Budget at DCTC
- 2.04 Comments from the Student Board Representatives \*
- 2.05 Comments from the Public - None
- 2.06 Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Audit. Three reports of clean audits were submitted to Maryland State Board of Education as required by law \*
- 2.07 Presentation on Maryland Business Roundtable (MBRT) Next Generation Scholars (NGS) \*
- 2.08 Emergency Approval Parameters for vehicle purchase or leases may be accomplished through existing contracts upon which DCPS can piggy-back. Approved 4.0.
- 2.09 Health Providers Master Service Agreements. Contracts are sometimes needed to provide services for special, selected services needed by individual students. Going forward, these services will be provided through pre-existing umbrella contracts approved by the Board rather than under individual contracts.
- 2.10 School Budget Meetings, Tim Brooke, Chief Financial Officer. Each school principal will come to Central Office to make a formal budget proposal presentation. Board members will be invited to attend subject to open meeting prohibitions \*

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**3. Recognitions**

- 3.01 United Way Presentations
- 3.02 Recognition of Rhonda Meekins, School Support Monitor & Dance and Cheer Coach
- 3.03 Recognition of Out Going Board Member, LeOtha N. Hull

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**4. Consent Agenda – Approved 4-0.**

- 4.01 Approval of Personnel Items for November 17, 2022
- 4.02 Approval of the Minutes of the October 20, 2022, Regular Board of Education Meeting \*
- 4.03 Approval of the Minutes of the November 11, 2022, Work Session \*
- 4.04 Second Read/Approval of BOE Policy 100.03 Board of Education: Board Policy; Role of the Board \*
- 4.05 Second Read/Approval of BOE Policy 100.06 Board of Education: Board Policy; Diversity Awareness \*
- 4.06 Second Read/Approval– Review of BOE Policy 100.08 Board of Education: Board Policy Nondiscrimination \*
- 4.07 Second Read/Approval of BOE Policy 190.03 Board of Education: Meeting Agendas, Procedures; Distribution \*
- 4.08 Second Read/Approval of BOE Policy 450.09 -Students: Student Conduct/Discipline; Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and/or Discrimination \*
- 4.09 Second Read/Approval of BOE Policy 473.01 Students: Extra-Curricular Activities; Non-Discrimination \*
- 4.10 Maple Outdoor Classroom – Emergency Approval. \$62807.99 from grant funds. \*

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**5. Items for Board Action**

- 5.01 Revised Appointment of FY'23 Board Negotiating Team for DE-Teachers with an Additional Member. Approved 4-0 \*
- 5.02 Phase 3 Existing System Upgrades - Dorchester Career and Technology Center. \$197,302.Approved 4-0 \*
- 5.03 Phase 3 Existing System Upgrades-New Directions Learning Academy (NDLA). \$64,303. Approved 4-0 \*
- 5.04 Furnish and Install New Floorcoverings for all Classrooms and the Media Center in Vienna Elementary School. \$81,967.95. Approved 4-0 \*

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- 5.05 First Read – Review of BOE Policy 100.04 Board of Education: Board Policy; Standards for Intra-Board Member Relationships. Item 17: Board Members may wish to visit schools informally from time to time with no specific purpose in mind. . . . Motion to approve with addition of notification of Superintendent. Tabled for revision. \*
- 5.06 First Read – Review of BOE Policy 502.13 -Personnel Policies: Employment; Productive Work Environment/Harassment Prohibited. Approved 4.0. \*

**6. Items for Information**

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- 6.01 Compass Health Services MOU.
- 6.02 Appropriations and Expenditures Report. Minor variances only due to interest rate fluctuations and personnel vacancies.
- 6.03 Capital Projects Reports. DCTC security cameras added.

**7. Other Business**

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- 7.01 Board Comments
- Mr. Diaz congratulated those receiving recognition tonight and thanked Mr. Haig and Superintendent Bromwell for their actions to ensure School Safety. He recognized and thanked Mr. Hull for his many years of devoted service to DCPS and the children of Dorchester County.
  - Ms. Hubbard thanked student Board representatives for their presentations. She noted how much she has enjoyed working with Mr. Hull and thanked him for his consistently calm and reasoned approach.
  - Ms. Layton congratulation Dr. Stafford on her election and Ms. Hubbard on her re-election. She thanked Mr. Hull for his teaching and mentoring of students and his caring for all people.
  - Mr. Hull thanked the student board representatives and congratulated Dr. Stafford on her election. He expressed the importance of Board members working together in a unified fashion for the benefit of all.
- 7.02 Announcements from the Superintendent
- Congratulated all those who have received recognition since the last meeting. He recognized the many contributions to DCPS of Ms. Donna Spedden who died recently.

**8. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.