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*Note: Supporting documents may be found on the DCPS Board Docs website at* [*https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/dcps/Board.nsf/Public*](https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/dcps/Board.nsf/Public)

Board President Susan Morgan opened the Public Work Session at 5:15 pm.

Mr. Christopher Wheedleton was sworn in as Board Member for Councilmanic District 5 by Amy J. Craig, Clerk of Court, Maryland Circuit Court for Dorchester County.

The Board went into closed Executive Session at 5:30 pm to discuss personnel, negotiations, legal matters, and administrative functions. The Public Work Session resumed at 7:10 pm.

The Board approved bonuses of $5000 per year for certified teachers and $2500 for per year for other personnel at Choptank ES and Maces Lane MS by a vote of 4-1. The dissenting Member indicated that larger bonuses are warranted for these employees

The Board unanimously approved three individuals for administrative positions as recommended by the Superintendent

The Board discussed expenditure of unobligated ESSER III funds in the approximate amount of $2M. Use of the remaining ESSERT III funds will be determined at next schedule Board meeting.

The Board was informed that, going forward, weapons detection systems will have to be leased from vendors because vendors have determined that leasing these systems is more beneficial to them than selling it. DCPS Capital funding is available for purchasing weapons detection systems, but not for leasing it. Consequently, the current vendor has agreed to sell DCPS the weapons systems needed to cover its seven elementary schools. Purchase of the equipment and security vestibules for three elementary schools (Sandy Hill ES, Choptank ES, and Maple ES) has already been included in the State-approved capital budget. DCPS will need allocate funds to purchase weapons detections systems for its four remaining elementary schools.

The Superintendent indicated that all Master Planning and Feasibility work completed to date is to be placed on the DCPS website for comment throughout the Summer, after which a plan for going forward will be developed. Mr. Haig indicated that it would take $3M-$10M to renovate the existing Central Office building, and that 60-90 days would be needed to develop a comprehensive plan for relocation to the NDLA/Operations building and/or the former Judy Center building on Glasgow Avenue. Mr. Haig agreed to provide an estimate as soon as possible of how many offices could be placed in the latter building

The Board discussed options for a reorganization of Central Office staff. The Superintendent indicated that he does not want to do a major reorganization at this time. The Board attorney indicated that it is the Superintendent’s responsibility to provide the Board with any recommendation for reorganization and the Board’s responsibility to approve or decline to approve that recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.