

**Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN)**  
**Unofficial Notes on Dorchester County Board of Education**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**February 1, 2024 – DCPS Central Office**

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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>*

Board President Michael Diaz opened the Work Session at 4:30 pm. Present were Board Vice-President Morgan and Board Members Hubbard and Wheedleton. Today's meeting was designed to solicit public comment on budget development for DCPS elementary schools.

Superintendent Bromwell described his guiding principles for budget development (Instruction Safety, Communication, and Fiscal Responsibility) and reviewed the Five Pillars of the Maryland Blueprint for Education, as incorporated in the DCPS Strategic Plan (Pillar 1, Early Childhood Education; Pillar 2, High Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders; Pillar 3, College and Career Readiness; Pillar 4, More Resources for Students Who Need Them; and Pillar 5, Governance and Accountability).

Mr. Diaz noted that he and Dr. Morgan have been meeting regularly with County Council President Lenny Pfeiffer and Vice-President Mike Detmer. Mr. Diaz described the lengthy and detailed process the Board is using this year to undertake a deep examination of the elementary and secondary school budgets. He indicated that the Board will keep the public informed as the process unfolds.

There were no oral or written Public Comments presented at the meeting.

The Superintendent indicated that a written summary of comments received at his program of local community meetings will be presented to the Board and made public.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.