

March 28, 2017

[Agenda](#)

State Board held a meeting of on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 and called the meeting to order at 9:06am. It was noted that Board members Finn and Smith would not be present. MABE President Joy Schaefer (Frederick) and Mary Washington (St. Mary's), MABE Board of Directors member, were in attendance and recognized at the beginning of the meeting by State Board President Andrew Smarick.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan Update

The State Board held an ESSA Informational meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 and reviewed a range of materials in a PowerPoint presentation from Dr. Mary Gable.

[Monday ESSA PowerPoint](#)

The State Board received an Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan Update by Dr. Mary Gable, who shared a written report and a presentation reflecting the Summative Assessment models from a number of other states using a range of different models. State models reviewed included Arizona (A-F System), California and Illinois (Dashboard System), Iowa and New Mexico (Point System), Massachusetts (Tiered System), and New Jersey and Vermont (Performance Level System). Dr. Gable also shared a detailed breakdown of factors and calculation methodology used by all available state models. An Education Week article on summative measures of accountability was provided for consideration by the State Board as well. Staff also shared a report reviewing the literature on public accountability measures and summary ratings prepared by Dara Shaw

Tiffany Johnson Clark reported on the current status of HB 978/SB 871 pending before the Maryland Legislature that would limit the options for State Board accountability determination. The process moving forward in the legislature on this issue was explained to the State Board at their request. Questions and comments were forthcoming from State Board members and senior MSDE staff.

Two national experts testified before the State Board regarding varying points of view on accountability measures. First, Scott Sargrad of the Center for American Progress shared several detailed reports and a presentation demonstrating the progressive political viewpoint regarding the best systems for ESSA accountability system methodology. This viewpoint generally supports systems that reflect a number of factors within the summative model that is adopted. Christy Hovanetz of the Foundation for Excellence in Education provided a report and presentation supporting an A-F summative rating system for ESSA accountability. This conservative viewpoint generally supports more succinct and simple summative rating systems that provide easy to understand information for families. Questions and comments from State Board members were posed to both national experts.

[ESSA Plan Update and Related Documents](#)

[Sargrad Presentation](#)

President Smarick opened a discussion by State Board members and senior MSDE staff on the summative assessment methodology to be used in Maryland. The State Board agreed to send a letter to the legislature containing what they considered as a compromise position as follows: that the total of academic portion of the accountability calculation be set at 65%, and that 35% be based upon school climate, and that the legislature accept that calculation in the pending legislation. It was also suggested that the calculation of the composite score in the summative assessment be made by the State Board.

State Superintendent's Update

State Superintendent Karen Salmon provided an update on a number of topics including a proposal for *Baltimore City Achieves*, a partnership between Baltimore City Public Schools and MSDE. The outline for a forthcoming MOU was presented to the board.

[Baltimore City Achieves](#)

Dr. Salmon also discussed a *Spotlight on Baltimore County Public Schools*. Dr. Dallas Dance, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Superintendent, and Dr. Verletta White, BCPS Chief Academic Officer, shared their recently developed equity policy, and information on their magnet program which combines with a dual enrollment policy with Baltimore County Community College.

Dr. Salmon introduced an update on the MSDE ongoing Regionalization Plan Implementation. Sarah Spross, Division of Educational Effectiveness, and Marcella Franczkowski, Division of Special Education, gave presentations that demonstrated how the regional operations of MSDE are functioning in such areas as professional development, teacher training programs, service delivery model, all with a customer service mindset.

The State Superintendent additionally shared a brief report with the State Board on the impact of the President's Budget proposals for Maryland schools and MSDE.

[President's Budget Impacts](#)

Legislative Update – Tiffany Johnson Clark provided the State Board with a legislative update on items of interest to the State Board as set forth on the attached report. Various questions were asked about specific legislation.

[Legislative Update](#)

Waiver Request – The State Board considered a request from Baltimore City to grant a waiver of COMAR 13A.06.03 Interscholastic Athletics for a baseball All-Star Tournament and MSDE staff and MPSSAA – Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association both recommended denial of the waiver request based upon student safety. The State Board unanimously denied the waiver request.

COMAR Changes - The State Board next approved Permission to Publish changes to [COMAR 13A.06.01](#) Programs for Food and Nutrition, [COMAR 13A.02.01.04](#) Length of School Year, and [COMAR 13A.12.02.21](#) Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The State Board voted to grant Permission to Adopt [COMAR 13A.05.10](#) Automated External Defibrillator.

State Board Business Items

The Strategic Planning Committee provided an update. The State Board adopted the proposed Vision and Mission Statements and discussed the next steps in the Strategic Planning process.

[Vision/Mission/Strategic Planning](#)

The Board's Mental Health Subcommittee provided an update. The Board referred a suggestion for a study of Maryland charter schools by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) for cost investigation by the A.G. depending on the procurement process limitations that might exist. No determination to proceed with such a study was made at this time.

[Potential CREDO Study](#)

Agenda planning for the April State Board meeting schedule will not include a work session on Monday, April 24th; the regular State Board meeting on Tuesday, April 25th will focus almost exclusively on ESSA.

Public Comment

No Public Comment was received by the State Board.

Opinions & Orders

Opinions and Orders were announced in four cases acted on by the State Board in the following cases:

- Board of Education of Howard County v. Renee Foose, issuing four declarations of the State Board's interpretation of certain sections of the education laws of Maryland and directing the parties to attempt to mediate their disputes and to report progress to the State Board on or before May 30, 2017.
- Cathy G. v. Montgomery County Board of Education, issued an order dismissing a student transfer request for untimeliness.
- Gabrielle G. v. Montgomery County Board of Education, upholding the local board's decision in a student discipline case.
- Jeffrey U. v. Howard County Board of Education, transferring the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings upon a determination that there is a dispute of material fact in a residency appeal denial by the local board.