

July 2017

MABE Calendar

August

- 3 - Risk Managers Group Meeting
- 9 - OPEB Trust Meeting
- 10 - Student Board Member [Orientation](#)
- 11 - MABE Ad Hoc Committee on School Funding Adequacy Meeting
- 14 - Adult New Board Member [Orientation](#)
- 17-20 - NSBA Summer Leadership Seminar (Association Officers)
- 21 - MABE Ad Hoc Committee on Equity Meeting
- 21-22 - Maryland [State Board of Education](#) Meeting

September

- 4 - Labor Day, MABE office closed
- 6 - MABE Board of Directors Meeting
- 11 - [Legal Services Association](#) Meeting
- 18 - [Legislative Committee](#) Meeting
- 28 - Conference Program Committee Meeting

October

- 4-6 – MABE [Annual Conference](#)

For a complete calendar with details, please visit the [MABE website](#).



Annual Conference Set for October 4-6 in Ocean City

[Brochures](#) for the 2017 Annual Conference are distributed, and the [conference area](#) of the website is loaded with information.

For MABE's 60th Anniversary, the conference theme is *The Challenge of Change: Learn from the Past; Prepare for the Future*.

A new feature has been rolled out this year – [online registration](#)! In an effort to streamline registration and provide the smoothest experience for our members, we've enlisted RegOnline's assistance.

Check out the brochure and the website for more information, and keep an eye on the *News Brief* and our social media feeds as we continue to highlight various aspects of the conference.

Annual Conference Keynote Speakers Promise to Inspire and Energize



Dr. Ronald Ferguson: Excellence with Equity: Meeting the Needs of All Students

In the opening keynote, author and Harvard professor Ronald Ferguson will discuss the importance of both excellence and equity to ensure the needs of all students are met. Dr. Ferguson will highlight the concept of group proportional equality which is achieved when a district's already high achieving students reach higher levels of academic achievement, while at the same time, the district's struggling students improve at a faster rate in order to close the achievement gap.

Dr. Ferguson is an MIT-trained economist who focuses on economic, social, and educational challenges. He has been on the faculty at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government since 1983, after teaching at Brandeis and Brown Universities. In 2014, he co-founded [Tripod Education Partners](#) and shifted into an adjunct role at the Kennedy School, where he remains a fellow at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy and faculty director of the university-wide Achievement Gap Initiative ([AGI](#)).



Murray Banks: The Challenge of Change: Learn from the Past, Prepare for the Future... But the Future Isn't What It Used to Be!

School board members are "between a rock and a hard place" as they balance school governance with financial realities, the demands of our changing world, and legislative changes. Murray's keynote will give us four personal strategies for board leadership and for motivating and inspiring others to be adaptable, agile, innovative, and imaginative. His "Lava Lamp Philosophy" will help us continually fine tune and adapt rather than react to change.

Murray Banks has been a speaker and trainer since 1984, helping education and business audiences address change. He brings a wide array of experience to this work. As a professional speaker, his energetic and thoughtful style has inspired audiences for 33 years.

Upcoming Orientations for New Board Members

August 10, 2017 - Orientation for New **Student** Board Members - [Registration](#)

August 14, 2017 - Orientation for Newly Elected or Appointed Board Members - [Registration](#)

New Board Member Orientation is designed to teach the essentials of school governance, enabling new members to quickly assume an active role. Orientation will immerse members in the basics of school law, policy, finance, advocacy, and more.

These sessions are open to all new board of education members, or student members and representatives respectively. For information, please contact Emily Heard, Director of Board Development, at ehheard@mabe.org.

Welcome to New Board Members & Superintendents

This spring, MABE welcomed five new local board of education members:

Mary Wheeler was appointed in May to the Talbot County Board of Education by Gov. Hogan to fill an unexpired term. Wheeler is a customer service representative with Easton Utilities Commission. She served on the Waterfowl Festival board of directors, the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, and the Talbot Family Network. She was a member of the Chesapeake Women's Network, the Rotary Club of Easton, and the VFW Auxiliary, and has grandchildren in the Talbot County Public Schools.

Roger Hayden was appointed in May by Gov. Hogan to fill an unexpired term on the Baltimore County Board of Education. Hayden is a former Baltimore County executive and former president and member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. His career has spanned management in finance, operations, facilities management, and transportation. His past positions include serving as vice president of finance and then vice president of operations at Eastern Stainless Steel, vice president of administration at George Transfer, director of facility operations for the Baltimore Orioles, associate vice president for facilities management at Towson University. Currently he is president of The Hayden Consulting Group, which specializes in business and organizational issues.

Linda Murray was appointed in June by the Washington County Commissioners to fill an unexpired term. Murray has been active in the public schools for many years as a parent volunteer, PTA President, a tutor of students at risk, and serving on Citizens Advisory Councils. She worked as a Paraprofessional in Special Education for 26 years, retiring in 2016. After retirement she worked as a substitute teacher and volunteered as a reading tutor.

Nathan Sorber was appointed in March by the Garrett County Commissioners to fill an unexpired term. Sorber is a professor of education and the director of the Center for the Future of Land-Grant Universities at West Virginia University. He has published numerous works on education policy, history, and organizations. He coaches his daughter's basketball and soccer teams and volunteers with the PTO.

Ananta Hejeebu was appointed by county executive Allan Kittleman in May and confirmed by the county council in June, to fill an unexpired term on the Howard County Board of Education. Hejeebu, in addition to being an education advocate, is the founder and managing partner at Howard Tech Advisors. A 23-year Howard County resident, Hejeebu, who serves on the schools' Budget Review Committee, has two children currently attending Howard County public schools, with another child having graduated last year.

In May, **Howard County Board of Education** named [Dr. Michael J. Martirano](#) as their interim superintendent. Martirano most recently served as West Virginia state superintendent of schools, during which time the state saw notable success in the areas of early childhood literacy, graduation rates and career technical education. He previously served as superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools in Maryland, has been an educator for more than 30 years, and has a wide range of educational and administrative experience through his work as a science teacher, principal and visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University.

In June, the **Queen Anne's County Board of Education** hired [Dr. Andrea Kane](#) as their new superintendent. Kane is an educator with an extensive background in teaching and leadership that spans from Head Start

to higher education. Kane was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and is a proud graduate of Baltimore City College High School and Sweet Briar College. After 22 years of service in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Kane joined Richmond Public Schools in Virginia in August 2014, serving as Associate Superintendent of Academic Services/Chief Academic Officer.

In June, the **Dorchester County Board of Education** named [Dr. Diana Mitchell](#) as their new superintendent. With 23 years of experience in public education, Mitchell began her career as a business education teacher in Maryland. During her 19-year career with Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland, she served as a high school teacher, assistant principal, elementary and middle school principal, and regional instructional specialist supporting K-12 schools. Prior to being named as superintendent, Mitchell was an assistant superintendent in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The **Baltimore County Board of Education** has named [Verletta White](#) as the interim superintendent. White has risen through the ranks of the BCPS superintendent's senior and executive staffs since 2007, in the capacities of executive director of professional development, area assistant superintendent, and assistant superintendent for elementary schools. She has also served as principal, assistant principal, and teacher mentor in BCPS. Ms. White began her teaching career in 1992, as an elementary school teacher in Baltimore City and transitioned to a teaching position in Baltimore County in 1995.

After serving as interim superintendent for several months, [Boyd J. Michael III](#), was officially named superintendent by the **Washington County Board of Education**, effectively July 1. Michael has served in the Washington County school system for 38 years as a principal, executive director of secondary schools, assistant superintendent for school operations, and most recently as deputy superintendent.