

Agenda

March 2, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Anne Arundel County Board of Education Board Room
2644 Riva Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

- Welcome of the Advisory Board – Chair, Dr. George Arlotto
 - Declaration of Quorum
 - Additions to the Agenda (if needed)
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - February 3, 2019 - Meeting Minutes
- Maryland Center for School Safety Updates – Kate Hession
 - Subcabinet Updates
 - Legislative Updates
 - Training Updates
- Discussion Topic: Vaping Supports and Laws – MCSS Facilitated Discussion
 - Topic: Discuss existing and needed support resources and laws
 - Outcome: Discuss and make recommendations regarding existing and needed vaping guidance for schools, students, and families
- Closing – Dr. Arlotto
 - Next Meeting – April 6, 2020 – AABOE
 - Adjournment

A member of the public is invited to attend and observe any open meeting session but may not participate in the session unless the meeting agenda specifically includes a section for public testimony or comment.

Please be advised that the Subcabinet may move into a closed session, if needed, pursuant to Maryland Code, § 3-305 of the General Provisions Article.

School Safety Advisory Board

March 2, 2020 – Meeting Notes

The meeting of the Maryland School Safety Advisory Board was held on March 2, 2020 at 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Dr. George Arlotto, the Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Dr. Arlotto declared there was a quorum present and asked if there were any changes or additions to the Agenda. There were none.

Action: Motion by Mr. Alban to approve the Agenda, seconded by Ms. Moody, Motion carried without opposition.

The following Advisory Board members were in attendance:

- Chair - Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Sheriff Scott Adams, Cecil County Sheriff's Office (Maryland Sheriff's Association)
- Thomas E. Alban, Director of Risk Management for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
- Cathy Allen, representative (non-voting) for Karin Bailey, Chair, St. Mary's County Board of Education
- Chief Tim Altomare, Anne Arundel County Police Department (Maryland Chiefs of Police Association)
- Dr. Kellie Anderson, Coordinator of Psychological Services, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Dr. Austin, representative (non-voting) for Dr. Chanta' M. Booker, Principal, New Era Academy
- James T. Bell, Head Football Coach at Great Mills High School
- Megan Berger, Attorney, Disabilities Rights Maryland
- Jon Carrier, President, Maryland Association of School Resource Officers
- Eric Ebersole, Maryland House of Delegates, District 12
- Rachael Faulkner, Policy Consultant, Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- Pamela Gaddy, Maryland State Education Association/ TABCO, Baltimore County Public Schools
- Laurel Moody, School Liaison to MIEMSS Pediatric Emergency medical Advisory Council,
- Lee-Nadine Oppenheim, Director of Finance and Operations, Ivymount Corporation
- Lourdes Padilla, Secretary, Department of Human Services
- Manfred Reek, Representative, School Bus Drivers
- Nicholas Shockney, Special Education Administrator, Carroll County Public Schools
- Jayshree Srinivasan, Student, Mount Hebron High School

The following Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) members were in attendance:

- Kate Hession, Executive Director
- Joseph Dino Pignataro, Deputy Director
- Dawn P. O'Croinin, Assistant Attorney General
- Christian Cymek, Special Assistant
- Tarik Harris, Prevention and Intervention Specialist
- Andrew J. Turner, III, Training Administrator, Prevention & Intervention
- Ronald Pierce, Prevention & Intervention Specialist
- Emily Allen, Communications & Media Specialist
- Jesika McNeil, Executive Assistant

Other representatives of State agencies were also in attendance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Arlotto requested a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes.

Action: Motion by Delegate Ebersole to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Adams, Motion carried without opposition.

Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) Updates:

MCSS Executive Director Kate Hession informed the Advisory Board that once a new Chair of the Subcabinet was identified, she would be requesting that the Subcabinet move to quarterly meetings going forward. Ms. Hession further informed the Board that MCSS would be offering three grants this coming fiscal year; The Safe Schools Fund Grant, SRO Adequate Coverage Grant and the Hate Crimes Grant.

Ms. Hession turned the floor over to Mr. Christian Cymek, Special Assistant, to provide the Board with updates on the Legislative Session and bills that MCSS is tracking. Mr. Cymek provided the following updates:

- **HB0001/SB0001 – Built to Learn Act of 2020**

This initiative will generate \$2.2 billion in school construction funding, through bonds issued by the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA). This looks to build on the success of the Baltimore City 21st Century Schools Program and support the continued implementation of the Prince George's County Public Private Partnership (P3) Program.

 - HB – Passed out of the House.
 - SB – Hearing on 02/19/2020

- **HB0005/SB0161 – Hate Crimes – Use of an Item or a Symbol to Threaten or**
 This bill will make it a criminal offense to place a symbol (swastika or noose) on a public, private, or personal property. The penalty for this would be no more than 3 years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.

 - HB – Passed out of the House.
 - SB – Passed out of the Senate.
- **HB0166 – Criminal Procedure – Law Enforcement Procedures – Use of Force**
 Police Officers are justified in using force against a person if there is probable cause to believe that the person committed a crime and the force is used to prevent the person’s escape.

Police Officers are justified in using deadly force if the police officer reasonably believes that deadly force is necessary to protect the police officer or another person from the threat of serious bodily injury or death.

A trier of fact shall consider factors as part of the totality of the circumstances when assessing whether the officer’s beliefs and actions were reasonable.

 - HB – Hearing scheduled for 03/03/2020
- **HB0202 – Restorative Schools Fund and Grants – Establishment**
 Creating a fund to provide grants to LSS and individual schools for training on and implementation of restorative approaches. Funded activities include gathering and analyzing school discipline data, and conducting annual system wide training on restorative approaches and implicit bias training.

 - HB – Hearing scheduled for 01/30/2020
- **HB0206/SB0207 – Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services**
 Authorizing a certain unaccompanied minor in need of shelter to consent to shelter and supportive services if the service provider believes the minor understands the risk, benefits, and limits of certain services and can communicate an informed consent.

 - HB – Hearing was held on 01/28/2020
 - SB – Hearing was held on 02/05/2020
- **HB0277/SB0367 – State Department of Education – Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach**
 Establishing the Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative in MSDE to expand the use of the trauma-informed approach used in schools and to intensively train schools on becoming trauma-informed schools. Requiring the Department, to develop and distribute certain guidelines and to develop a website on the trauma informed approach.

 - HB – Hearing was held on 02/05/2020
 - SB – Hearing scheduled for 03/03/2020
- **HB0302 – Deadly Weapons on School Property - Nonpublic Schools**
 Altering the scope of a certain prohibition against carrying or possessing a deadly weapon on public school property to include nonpublic school property.

- HB – Hearing was held on 02/05/2020
- **HB0327 – Public Schools – School Resource Officers – Prohibited Conduct**
Prohibiting a school administrator or official or a SSC from directing a school resource officer to enforce certain discipline-related policies, rules, regulations, or procedures.
 - HB – Hearing was held on 02/05/2020
- **HB0331/SB0605 – Public Schools – Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students**
MSDE and the Natalie LaPrade Cannabis Commission will develop guidelines for public schools to allow the administration of medical cannabis to certain students during school hours.
 - HB – Hearing was held on 02/19/2020
 - SB – Hearing was held on 02/18/2020
- **HB0479/SB0479 – Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Citations in Lieu of Arrest**
Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in consultation with the Anne Arundel County Police Academy, to develop and maintain a uniform statewide training and certification curriculum that includes role-playing exercises to ensure the use of best practices in the issuance of citations in lieu of arrest.
 - HB – Hearing was held on 02/11/2020
 - SB – Hearing was held on 02/13/2020
- **HB0522/SB0572 – Education – Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students – Report**
Requiring MSDE to study certain matters relating to the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students and make recommendations regarding any statutory or regulatory changes to the program.
 - HB – Hearing was held on 02/19/2020
 - SB – Hearing scheduled for 03/03/2020
- **HB0541—MPTSC – Training Requirements – Hate Crimes**
Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school to include in their curriculum training relating to the criminal laws concerning recognition of, reporting of, and response to hate crimes.
 - HB – Passed out of the House.
- **HB0615 – Education – School Construction – Pedestrian Safety Plans**
Requiring a county board of education seeking State funds for the construction of a new school, or the renovation of or an addition to an existing school that would increase the capacity by more than 100 students, to submit a pedestrian safety plan to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.
 - HB – Hearing was held on 02/25/2020
- **HB0802 – Civil Actions- Civil Immunity-Educator Intervention in Student Violence (Good Teacher Protection Act)**
Providing that a staff member of a school is not civilly liable for personal injury or

property damage resulting from intervention in a student altercation or other student disturbance if the staff member acted in good faith and was not grossly negligent.

- HB – Hearing was held on 02/19/2020

- **HB0752/SB0034 – Consumer Protection-Scanning or Swiping Identification Cards and Driver’s Licenses – Prohibition**

Prohibiting a person from using a scanning device to scan or swipe an individual's identification card or a driver's license to obtain personal information. The Act does not prohibit a law enforcement officer from using a scanning device to record, retain, or transmit information

- Unfavorable Report in both House and Senate

- **SB0459 – Public Schools – School Resource Officers – Firearms Required**

Requiring a Baltimore City school police officer or a school resource officer to carry a firearm while present on the premises of the school to which the officer is assigned.

- SB – Hearing scheduled for 03/10/2020

- **HB0846 – Public Schools – Reporting of Assaults, Crimes of Violence, and Felonies (Report Act of 2020)**

Requiring school administration to file a police report and an administrative incident report if an assault, a crime of violence, or a felony occurs at a public school and is reported to the school administration. Also requires them to provide certain information to the victim of the assault, crime of violence, or felony, or to the parent of the victim under certain circumstances.

- HB – Hearing scheduled for 03/04/2020

- **HB1043 – Education – Physical Restraint and Seclusion – Guidelines and Reporting**

Requiring each public agency and nonpublic school to submit a report to MSDE on the total number of physical restraint incidents, unique restraint incidents, seclusion incidents, and unique seclusion incidents.

- HB – Hearing held on 02/26/2020

- **HB1235 – Maryland Center for School Safety – School Employee Injury Reporting and Study**

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to conduct a study on injuries to teachers, paraprofessionals, and staff members that occur in each local school system. As well as developing a certain guidance document and data collection template for the LSS.

- HB – Hearing held on 02/28/2020

- **HB1292/SB1019 – Public Schools-Special Education Classrooms – Use of Video Recording Devices**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, to install at least one video recording device in each special education classroom; prohibiting the use of a video recording device in bathrooms or in areas that students use to change clothing; etc.

- HB – Hearing held on 02/26/2020
- SB – In First Reading Senate Rules

- **HB1300/SB1000 – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Implementation**

In regards to the bill affecting the MCSS, it removes the majority of the language related to Mental Health Services Coordinators from the Safe to Learn Act of 2018 under the Center’s authorizing statute to MSDE and adds requirements and qualifications to hold that position, which will be renamed Behavioral Health Services Coordinator.

Please read the legislation in depth to see any effects on your agency.

- HB – Hearing held on 02/17/2020
- SB – Hearing held on 02/17/2020

- **HB1407 – Primary and Secondary Education – Student Discipline**

Authorizing a teacher to, in response to behavior by a student that does not conform to the behavioral guidelines adopted by the county board, direct a certain student to certain school officials or to a certain area. Reports are documented and law enforcement is informed if the student commits a reportable offense.

- HB – Hearing scheduled for 03/04/2020

- **HB 1546 – Education- Reportable Offenses – Alterations**

Requiring that prompt notice of the disposition of the reportable offense shall be provided to the local superintendent or the school principal. On notification that a student has been charged with a reportable offense, a school immediately shall convene a student support team meeting to determine whether any change must be made to the student’s educational programming.

- HB – Hearing was held on 02/27/2020

- **H 1638/SB1052 – Criminal Procedure – Registered Sex Offenders – Entry onto School Property**

Each county board shall develop and adopt a policy that enables a registrant who is a student to continue receiving an education in a location other than real property that is used for public or nonpublic elementary or secondary education.

- First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

- **HB0782 / SB0611 – Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent(Mental Health Access Initiative)**

Providing that all minors, rather than only minors who are 16 years old or older, have the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic.

- HB – Hearing held on 02/18/2020
- SB – Hearing held on 02/26/2020

- **HB1443/SB0896 – Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment**

Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment. Commission to study, evaluate, update, and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices in general, including school-based health centers

- HB – Hearing scheduled for 03/06/2020
- SB – Hearing scheduled for 03/10/2020

Ms. Hession opened the floor for questions, there were none, so Ms. Hession turned the floor over to Mr. Joseph Pignataro for training updates.

Mr. Pignataro informed the Board that he was in the process of finalizing the multi-year training plan previously discussed and was continuing work on the 5 – 10-minute short videos/ trainings with the regional staff, SROs and SSCs to be released by the end of the quarter as well as continued work on the Understanding the Role of the SRO course for Administrators.

Work Plan: Vaping Supports and Laws

Ms. Hession introduced Dr. Tarik Harris, Prevention & Intervention Specialist to lead a facilitated discussion on vaping, existing guidelines and needed guidelines for students, schools and families.

Dr. Harris provided all Board members with an information packet that included a list of Maryland counties with vaping solutions, a pamphlet from Anne Arundel County Public Schools titled “*Alternatives to Drugs Program*”, a pamphlet from Anne Arundel County Public Schools titled “*Anti-Tobacco Use Program*”. Howard County’s Juuling/Vaping Communication Planning Document and a copy of ESD’s in HCPSS Health Education Curriculum

Ms. Dawn O’Croinin provided the Board with an overview of HB1169/SB895 – Tobacco 21, Criminal penalties around vaping and the current Bills in the House/Senate, which included – HB732/SB3, SB233 and SB876. Ms. O’Croinin then turned the floor over to Dr. Harris to continue the facilitated discussion and presentation on vaping.

Dr. Harris went proceeded to present a PowerPoint presentation entitled “*The Vaping Initiative: Resources Impacting Schools and Students Throughout Maryland*” . During this presentation Dr. Harris showed a video on the Vaping Crisis in the U.S. and identifying different vaping devices available and common devices that students are currently using.

Dr. Harris reviewed the immediate physical effects, brain/mental effects and long-term physical effects of vaping and provided a graphical presentation of how e-cigarette use amongst teens has increased as compared to cigarette use.

Dr. Harris informed the Board that he had identified 19 local school systems within Maryland that currently had solutions in place and that in his opinion there were three main goals: 1) Promote social norms that promote abstinence form e-cigarettes and vaping, 2) Increase Parent Awareness of e-cigarette/vaping behaviors and health risks, and 3) Increase Awareness to the Entire School Community About Risks Associated with e-Cigarettes/Vaping.

Dr. Harris opened the floor to the Board for questions, discussions and comments.

Mr. Bell stated that there’s a real need to get the parents more involved and educated. He went on to state that he sees it every day in the schools and students and the different ways they hide what they’re doing and there doesn’t seem to be any real consequences. Mr. Bell further stated that he sees these actions across the board including the athletes and they don’t seem to understand the real dangers of what they’re doing.

Ms. Padilla stated that maybe we need to make more of an effort to educate the students and the parents and put more efforts into educating everyone on the dangers of vaping and the different products and include the teachers and administrators so that they are better educated.

The Board continued to have discussions amongst themselves regarding the topic and the different experiences they had encountered with students and vaping in their schools and communities, as well as some of the different programs they were aware of.

Dr. Harris thanked the Board for the open conversation around the topic and turned the meeting back over to Dr. Arlotto.

Dr. Arlotto thanked the Board for a great conversation around the topic and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting if there were no other topics of discussion.

Closing:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Ebersole, which was seconded by Secretary Padilla. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m.