



Prince George's County Council

Report of the Standing Committee - Draft Committee of the Whole

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Vice Chairwoman Dannielle M. Glaros
Council Member Andrea C. Harrison
Council Member Mary A. Lehman
Council Member Obie Patterson
Council Member Deni L. Taveras
Council Member Karen R. Toles
Council Member Todd Turner

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Monday, September 19, 2016

11:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole convened at 11:42 a.m. with five members present. Council Members Harrison and Toles arrived at 11:45 a.m. Council Member Patterson arrived at 11:57 a.m. Council Member Franklin was absent.

Present 8 - Derrick Davis
Dannielle Glaros
Andrea Harrison
Mary Lehman
Obie Patterson
Deni Taveras
Karen Toles
Todd Turner

Absent 1 - Mel Franklin

[BR 09192016](#)**BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM AND STUDENT SAFETY**

Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Monique Davis, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Monica Goldson, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Shauna Battle, General Counsel

Christian Rhodes, Office of Strategic & External Affairs

Dr. Segun C. Eubanks, Board Chair

Carolyn Boston, Board Vice Chair

Curtis Valentine, Board Member

Chairman Davis opened the meeting with a brief statement outlining the the purpose for this briefing before the Committee of the Whole with emphasis on the safety of every student within the Prince George's County Public School System. Dr. Maxwell addressed the Council by first outlining the positive positive strides made by the school system and spoke to the decision to start the program on time, despite the loss of funding. He explained his disciplinary actions thus far and and thanked the Council for providing additional funding for reporting and investigation of issues and training for employees. Dr. Segun Eubanks, Board Chair, spoke to the board's efforts on this issue.

The panel responded to questions posed by the Council regarding: mandatory reporting, disciplinary actions, regaining trust, the private provider, day to day operations, screening and supervision, task force recommendations, the process for termination of certificated employees versus non-certificated employees, public policies for Head Start and general governance, increases in reporting, collaboration with Child Protective Services, transparency with parents and the community, leadership "steadiness", school culture, the interworking of the Head Start program, responsibility of the Parent Counsel, Board oversight of the Parent Counsel, timeline of reporting and policy changes in certain published cases, student safety, consequences for the inaction of the board, and timelines for investigations and restoration of cleared employees. Chairman Davis clarified the roles of the County Council, the Board of Education, the County Executive and the School System Administration. He allowed the Council's representative on the Board, Curtis Valentine, to speak to his role.

This Briefing was held

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The meeting concluded at 2:02 p.m.

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