

**Calvert County Public Schools  
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Joseph Cormier, Chairperson  
Ashton Nelson, Secretary SECAC  
Dr. Kendy Anderson, Director of Special Education  
Lashonda Scott, Parent, Member at Large  
Laura Rivers, CCPS Adaptive PE Teacher  
Dr. Susan Dudley, CCPS Physical Therapist

**Welcome and Introductions:**

The meeting began at 6:30pm. Joe Cormier welcomed all and held introductions. Meeting norms and expectations were reviewed. Please reach out to Joe with questions.

**Meeting Minute Approval:**

May meeting minutes were reviewed. No calls for edits or issues. Approved. To be posted on website.

**BOFF/BOE presentation information**

Thanks to Joe for presenting the EOY SECAC PowerPoint to the BOE. BOCC will host SECAC on June 27 at 10:00 for a proclamation for the SECAC Awards Spotlight Nominees.

**Upcoming year dates**

No opposition to continuing on Tuesdays, monthly, virtually. No oppositions to the following dates:

- September 12, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- November 7, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- SECAC Awards - April 17, 2024
- March 12, 2024
- May 7, 2024
- June 11, 2023 (Executive meeting)

**Next year topic/Event Suggestions**

Suggestions for topics of interest for next year is transportation, ela, making sure that we have a presentation for each meeting is great.

**Directors Report/Treasury Report: \$491.79**

Staffing plan was emailed out. Dr. Anderson went over the plan and called for questions. This will be presented at an early June BOE meeting and open for public comment/approval for the next few weeks. Discussion surrounding appropriate proportions of staff to students in regional programs. Dr. Anderson explained how there are more than just those in-classroom that are trained and can respond to crisis situations. Are there pipeline programs to help students/county residents/substitutes to gain

education and certification to be employed full time by CCPS. Dr. Anderson discussed the master's programs and endorsing programs such as those at UMD. For Budget, the total amount left does not reflect the purchases of books and misc. supplies for SECAC awards. Ordering opens July 1 to utilize those funds as there is a cut off. Discussion surrounding bringing back Tri-County events.

### **Public Comment/Upcoming Events**

Summer book study for July/August – “Reimagining Special Education”

<https://forms.office.com/r/ADyuyB4JtL>

TASH conference is in Baltimore this year, please reach out to Joe if interested in scholarship.

The Arc of Maryland is partnering with the Arc of the United States and the LIDS Foundation for free access to “TheArc@School” The Arc US’s online education advocacy curriculum, for families living in Maryland – *while subscriptions last*. This curriculum usually costs \$99, we are thrilled to be able to remove the financial barrier and empower families with resources and information. The curriculum is self-paced and participants have up to six months to complete the coursework, which includes eight modules on the topics below. Each module is about an hour long and includes a pre-test, a listening guide, narrated videos, a post-test, and additional resources. Please reach out to the Arc with questions or to sign up. [TheArcMD.org](http://TheArcMD.org)

The Library of Calvert County has their Summer Kick off and summer books challenge.

Don't forget changes in Medicaid if you or your child qualify. Contact your local office with your questions.

### **Adjournment and Final Points**

Meeting concluded at 7:09pm. There will be no meetings until September. If you have any questions or need assistance throughout the summer, please contact Joe Cormier at [Joseph.SOMD.Leaders@gmail.com](mailto:Joseph.SOMD.Leaders@gmail.com)