

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

FINAL

**Meeting Minutes March 12, 2024**

**Attendees:**

Chair, Joseph Cormier  
Secretary, Ashton Felton  
Member at Large, Lashonda Scott  
Director, Special Education Department, Dr. Kendy Anderson  
Supervisor, Special Education Department, Dr. Vernetta Christian  
Samantha Mathieson, Parent  
Kristina Tchoumak, CCPS Family Support Specialist  
Shelley Baden, Parent  
Sarah Noland, CCPS Math Specialist  
Paul Harrison, CCPS BOE Candidate  
Antoine White, CCPS BOE President & Candidate  
Jeanette Flaim, CCPS BOE Candidate  
Mike Shisler, CCPS BOE Candidate

**Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 6:33. Mr. Cormier reviewed the agenda. A request to move the directors/treasury report to the 3<sup>rd</sup> order of business was made and approved. Meeting norms were discussed. Dr. Anderson welcomed and introduced Dr. Vernetta Christian, the newest CCPS Special Education Supervisor.

**Meeting Minute Approval**

Minutes from the February 2024 meeting were sent via email previously. No input given. Motion for approval by Mrs. Felton, second by Mr. White. Minutes approved and will be posted to webpage.

**Directors Report/Treasury Report**

Dr. Anderson reported no change in the treasury report. Request made by Mrs. Felton to receive a scholarship to attend the 2024 International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute via UNC (virtual attendance). The cost is \$245 per registrant. Request approved with all voting members in favor. Mr. Cormier stated that registration closes on 4/5 and encourages anyone else who would like a scholarship to reach out to him. Dr. Anderson reiterated the importance of parental input and involvement and discussed that MCIE inclusion conference will be in Bowie this year. CEC will also be local, in Baltimore, and information for all is forthcoming.

Upcoming Book Study Opportunity – Dr Anderson is hosting a Spring Book study using the book “Partnering with Parents to ask the Right Questions”. Held on Saturdays in April from 9-10am. Fill out the following form if interested.

[Spring Book Study RSVP](#)

## **BOE Candidate Introductions**

Calvert SECAC was joined by the following BOE Candidates:

District 1 – Dr. Mike Shisler

District 2 – Paul Harrison & Antoine White

District 3 – Jeanette Flaim

Mr. McConkey, Ms. Goshorn, & Mr. Marchio were unable to join us this evening. Please see the linked video for their introductions and comments.

[March SECAC Meeting BOE Candidate Introduction](#)

## **SECAC Awards**

120 nominations were received and are now being sorted for judging. If you would like to be a judge, please reach out to Mr. Cormier or Mrs. Felton. Awards will be at HHS in the auditorium on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. Mini resource fair and the LFI S'chool Beans Coffee Cart will be available.

## **Public Comment**

- **SECAC is NON-POLITICAL and NON-PARTISAN** We do not endorse candidates nor make statements for particular parties. This is a huge year for local elections that will impact families in Calvert. Please do your own research and reach out if you need assistance in finding voter information. Every vote counts.
- There are lots of great spring events and offerings through the Therapeutic Recreation department with Parks and Rec. Summer programs are also available to sign up for.
- Ms. Baden recognized and discussed the importance of the Book studies Dr Anderson has hosted.
- Mrs. Felton stated that if anyone has any flyers for upcoming events, please forward to her for SECAC approval for distribution to the mailing list.

## **Calendar Items and Final Thoughts**

- 3/23/24 – Annual Therapeutic Recreation Duck Race. Visit Parks and Rec for more information.
- 4/10/24 – Lawyer informational session for parents of students with disabilities @6:30 in BOE Media Center.
- 4/26/24 – Secondary Transition Expo – More information forthcoming.

Future meeting dates: April 17<sup>th</sup> (SECAC Awards, no general meeting), May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> (executive board meeting). All meetings are at 6:30pm and will be held virtually.

Please reach out to us at any time if you have questions or are looking for resources.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.**