

Calvert County Public Schools
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

FINAL

Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025

Attendees:

Ashton Felton, Chairperson
Shelley Baden, Vice-Chairperson
Lindsee Harrell, Member-at-Large
Kristina Tchoumak, FSS Coordinator
Joseph Cormier, Past Chairperson
Dr. Alyssia James, Local Family Advocate
Vickie Kegley, Parent
Michelle LeFevre, Parent

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 6:30. Mrs. Felton reviewed the agenda. Norms and expectations were discussed & introductions held. Meeting PPT can be found here: [Sept 2025 PPT.pdf](#)

Meeting Minute Approval

Minutes from the June 2025 Executive Meeting were reviewed. No input or changes were received. Minutes approved by voting members. Will move forward with webpage posting.

Directors Report/Treasury Report

Dr. Anderson was unable to be present. Mrs. Felton presented. No Treasury updates. There is no remaining balance from last years budget. Calvert SECAC will receive full funding for the 25-26 school year For Directors report – Org Chart is up to date as there is a supervisory vacancy in the Special Education Department. Koffee with Kendy will be coming back soon. Any suggestions brought to Dr. Anderson.

SESAC & Special Education exchange information – Ashton Felton

SESAC - They meet 5 times this year: 10/15, 12/10, 1/28, 3/25, 5/27. You do have to reach out to MSDE to receive the Zoom link for the meetings, or to register to provide public comment. The NEW MSDE contact is Kelly Meissner: kelly.meissner@maryland.gov
Special Education Exchange – Quarterly connection calls providing parent & peer support across the state & capacity building, Ashton will be attending and bring back information.

Parent Involvement & Center for School Safety Parent information – Joe Cormier

Mr. Cormier presented - has been involved in various community advocacy in our public schools regarding playground accessibility initiatives. Provided information surrounding that. Also gave information about the Maryland Center for school safety. More information can be found at [Pages - Maryland Center for School Safety Home Page](#) Gave information regarding what the Subcabinet does and how to get involved/find information.

Special Education resource fair

SAVE THE DATE! April 11th, 2025 @ CHS. More information & how to help forthcoming. Resource fair, touch a truck, & Parent presentation.

Public Comment – Action Items

A new standing agenda item was introduced. The following were identified as key issues that the executive team would reach out to the appropriate CCPS areas to discuss & report back in the upcoming months.

- Transportation – Safety of Non-Public students and those on long bus rides. Where are we in the process of fleet vehicles. What does current practice look like regarding seatbelts for students. What does state law say vs advocacy from parents
- Student Services – Follow up on TABs & Website information of presence of Center for school Safety items & Apps. Follow up on Nursing – Controlled substances & school guidelines. Pill verification, transparent policy & procedure for handbook. Online med form out of date. Why are nurses CAESS & not CEA? Has Handle with Care information gone out to behavioral health teams.
- Special Education – teacher training opportunities with specialists for the year. Frustrations regarding regional Program movement. What is the cost & student attendance of non public.
- Miscellaneous – some shared frustration with responses back form BOE members while others receive immediate information & presence. SECAC is always open to BOE members to join, discuss, and relay information.

Calendar Items, Public Comment and Final Thoughts

Upcoming dates to consider:

9/10/2025 - CCPS 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

9/11/2025 - CCPS Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm

9/12/2025 - Calvert Marine Museum: Night at the Museum 5-7pm

9/16/2025 - September SECAC meeting 6:30pm via TEAMS

9/25/2025 - CCPS 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

9/25/2025 - CCPS Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm

9/26/2025 - CCPS Schools Closed for Students

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.