



# Committee Report

## January 2022

Name of Committee: **Operating Budget**

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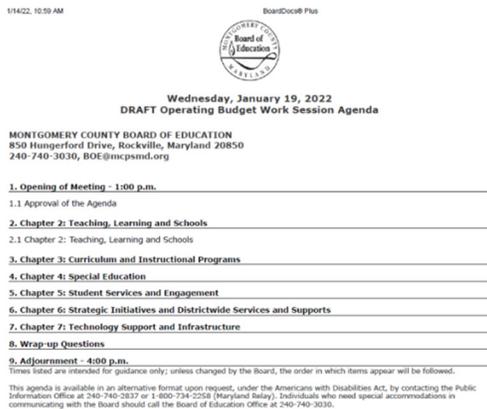
Communication (e-list, etc): N/A

**SUBCOMMITTEES / WORK GROUPS** (if applicable): None/TBD

### Activities:

- **Operating Budget Testimony**

- The Board of Education held its 1<sup>st</sup> operating budget hearing on January 10, 2022, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Both included impactful testimony from students and 23 of MCCPTA’s leaders. The list of persons who testified on behalf of MCCPTA is included below. Please reach out to the appropriate Committee Chair if you heard something that called to you, if you have a particular interest in the committee work and focus, or to your Cluster Coordinator if you have an interest or concern about something in your school or cluster.
- The BOE held its second operating budget work session on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and the third and final work session is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> (time TBD).
- During these sessions, MCPS leadership and staff present segments of the operating budget to the Board of Education and hear their questions, suggestions, and ideas. This is where we often see the issues we raised in our testimony become BOE discussions with or questions to MCPS. These questions are usually answered in writing and shared online within a few days of the session. [See BoardDocs and watch here.](#)
- Here is the Wednesday work session agenda:



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- ICYMI - Here is the agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> budget work session held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. [See BoardDocs and watch the recording here.](#)

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
Operating Budget Work Session Agenda (virtual and in person)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850  
240-740-3030, BOE@mcpsmd.org

- 1. Opening of Meeting - 10:00 a.m.**
- 1.1 Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Recommended FY 2023 Operating Budget Overview**
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- 3. Chapter 1 Schools: Overview**
- 4. Chapter 1 Schools: K-12**
- 5. Chapter 1 Schools: K-12 Questions**
- 6. Chapter 1 Schools: Montgomery Virtual Academy**
- 7. Chapter 1 Schools: Special Education**
- 8. Recess - 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.**
- 9. Chapter 1 Schools: Special Education Questions**
- 10. Chapter 1 Schools: English for Speakers of Other Languages**
- 11. Chapter 1 Schools: Prekindergarten, Head Start, and Title I**
- 12. Chapter 1 Schools: Wrap-up Questions**
- 13. Chapter 2 Teaching, Learning, and Schools**
- 14. Chapter 2 Teaching, Learning, and Schools: Questions**
- 15. Adjournment - 2:45 p.m.**

Times listed are intended for guidance only; unless changed by the Board, the order in which items appear will be followed.  
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- Reference materials (click the picture to access):

| MCPS At a Glance | FY23 Budget in Brief | Full FY23 Budget | FY2022 Budget |
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|                  |                      |                  |               |

- To those who testified, thank you!! Note: Keep that testimony handy as we will be invited to testify to the County Council in early April. Your testimony may be modified to note changes between now and then (this is where following the hearings and work sessions is helpful), but it won't be as challenging as writing this first round testimony. The Council has been taking live remote testimony during Covid-19, however, that may be all live or a choice by April. Stay tuned.



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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

|   |  |
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| November 15, 2021   | Board of Education members shared their operating budget priorities for FY2023                         |
| December 2, 2021  | High level overview to the Board of Education on the FY2023 Recommended Operating Budget               |
| December 7, 2021  | Final meeting (#5) of the Budget Advisory Committee  |
| December 16, 2021   | Public Presentation to the Board of Education and Community of the Recommended FY2023 Operating Budget |
| December 2021-January 2022*   | Sign-up period for speakers at Board of Education Public Hearings                                      |
| January 8, 2022   | Operating Budget Testimony Workshop  |
| January 11, 2022  | Board of Education FY2023 Operating Budget Public Hearings   |
| January 18, 2022  | Board of Education FY2023 Operating Budget Public Hearings   |
| <b>January 12, 19, and 25, 2022</b>   | <b>Board of Education FY2023 Operating Budget Work Sessions</b>  |
| January 19, 2022  | Governor Hogan releases the State's FY2023 Budget  |
| February 8, 2022  | Tentative Adoption of the FY 2023 Operating Budget   |
| February 2022   | Board of Education Budget Transmittal to County Executive/Council                                      |
| March 2022  | County Executive Releases the FY 2023 Operating Budget   |
| April 2022  | County Council Budget Public Hearings  |
| April - May, 2022   | County Council Work Sessions   |
| May 2022  | County Council Budget Action   |
| June 2022   | Final Adoption of the FY 2023 Operating Budget   |
| * Please check the Board of Education web page in December 2021 for information about the sign-up period for the public hearings. |  |



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#### ACTIVITIES PLANNED

| <b>Activity</b>            | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Timeframe/Deadline</b>     |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Outreach and communication | Share information through listservs, email lists, and social media on at least a monthly basis.  | Ongoing                       |
| Meetings                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend MCPS Operating Budget Advisory Committee meetings.</li> <li>Conduct monthly Operating Budget Committee meetings in Fall – Spring, and ad hoc meetings via conference calls as needed at other times.</li> </ul>  | Ongoing                       |
| Training                   | <p>Provide virtual training for effective testimony to the Board of Education and the County Council.</p> <p>Set an expectation that Committee Chairs (and members), Area VPs and Cluster Coordinators participate in the workshop, and strongly encourage Presidents &amp; Boards from local units to attend.</p> | January 8, 2022<br>(Via Zoom) |
| Local Testimony            | Facilitate BOE and County Council testimony by MCCPTA Board members.   | January/March/April           |
| Kirwan Commission          | Keep MCCPTA members apprised of the status of the efforts to integrate funding from the “Kirwan Commission” legislation and keep members apprised of related funding and programing requirements.  | Ongoing                       |
| State Legislature          | Work with State legislators to advance/protect the interests of MCCPTA families. Partner with Advocacy Chair on outreach to state legislators; host a legislative breakfast in Annapolis to share our point of view and enlist support for MCCPTA positions on proposed legislation.                               | January/February              |
| Site visits                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit schools/PTAs with significant Operating Budget needs, upon request, during the day or during a PTA meeting.</li> <li>Attend student leadership group meetings to gain feedback and insights, as permitted.</li> </ul>   | As needed                     |
| Updates                    | Keep MCCPTA updated on the MCPS Operating Budget priorities.   | Ongoing                       |
| Educate County officials   | Inform and meet with current and new political representatives and candidates about specific Operating Budget needs in the county.   | Ongoing                       |
| Feedback                   | Propose annual and long-range objectives and policies for approval by MCCPTA Board of Directors and Delegates Assembly.  | Ongoing                       |



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### 2021 OPERATING BUDGET COMMITTEE

| Area   | Representative        | Email  | Phone        |
|--|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| At Large:  |                       |  |              |
| <b>DCC</b><br>(Blair/Einstein/Kennedy/Northwood<br>/Wheaton)                               | Laura Mitchell, Chair | <a href="mailto:laura@lauramitchell.org">laura@lauramitchell.org</a> | 410-422-2694 |
| <b>BCC</b><br>(Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter<br>Johnson/Whitman)                             | Vacant                |  |              |
| <b>Central PTAs</b><br>(Churchill/Richard<br>Montgomery/Poolesville/Rockville/<br>Wootton) | Vacant                |  |              |
| <b>North PTAs</b><br>(Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/<br>Watkins Mill)                     | Vacant                |  |              |
| <b>NEC</b><br>(Blake/Paint Branch/Springbrook<br>And Sherwood)                             | Vacant                |  |              |
| <b>West PTAs</b><br>(Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince<br>Orchard/Seneca Valley)                 | Mini Varughese        |  |              |



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### MCCPTA Testimonies

| First Name          | Last Name             | Email                        | Representing                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>January 10th</b> |                       |                              |  |
| Cynthia             | Simonson              | president@mccpta.org         | President                                    |
| Stephanie           | Frumkin               | specialed@mccpta.org         | Special Education Committee Chair            |
| Mini                | Varughese             | ptastuff4me@gmail.com        | Clarksburg Cluster Coordinator               |
| Laura               | Stewart               | CIP@MCCPTA.org               | DCC AVP & CIP Committee Chair                |
| Mark                | Eckstein              | markeckstein@hotmail.com     | LGBTQIA Committee Chair                      |
| Lynn                | Amano-Jordan          | ljamano@mindspring.com       | School Food and Nutrition Chair              |
| Gail                | Ravnitzky Silberglied | gailrav@yahoo.com            | Technology Committee Chair                   |
| Jenn                | Sawin                 | jennsawin@gmail.com          | Northwood CC                                 |
| Rob                 | Wilcox                | rbwilcox@gmail.com           | School Climate and Safety Committee Chair    |
| Kristen             | Carter                | kristen.carter72@gmail.com   | SV CC or Rep                                 |
| Emily               | Beckman               | emilybeckman@yahoo.com       | WJ Cluster Coordinator                       |
| Melissa             | Reagan                | reganfamilyof5@verizon.net   | CC   |
| Rochelle            | Fink                  | l1doc@hotmail.com            | Whitman Cluster Coordinators                 |
| <b>January 18th</b> |                       |                              |  |
| Joanna              | Snyder                | joanna_snyder@berkeley.edu   | Green Schools/Outdoor Dining Committee Chair |
| Garrick             | Yau                   | garrickyau@gmail.com         | Churchill Cluster Coordinator                |
| Yvonne              | VanLowe               | YVANLOWE@GMAIL.COM           | DEI Committee chair                          |
| Kristin             | Erdheim               | Ktherdheim@yahoo.com         | Cluster coordinator                          |
| Nicholas            | Bassey                | paintbranchcluster@gmail.com | Paint Branch Cluster Coordinator             |
| Audra               | Dove                  | gifted@mccpta.org            | Gifted Ed Committee Chair - Audra Dove       |
| Amy                 | Ackerberg-Hastings    | rmcc-3@mccpta.org            | RM Cluster Coordinator                       |
| Jay                 | Guan                  | esol@mccpta.org              | ESOL Committee chair                         |
| Henriot             | StGerard              | henriot.stgerard@gmail.com   | Cluster Coordinator                          |
| Debra               | Budiani-Saberi        | debra@cofs.org               | DEI - RJ Subcommittee                        |
| Hannah              | Donart                | healthandwellness@mccpta.org | Health & Wellness Committee Chair            |
| Michelle            | Gluck                 | michelle.a.gluck@gmail.com   | Curriculum Committee Chair                   |