

DAVID'S BOE MEETING BRIEF

Breaking down Board of Education meetings

2026 – 2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board has been presented with two calendar options for the 2026-2027 school year: one that starts before Labor Day and another that begins after Labor Day. The public will have the chance to share their feedback and preferences before the Board finalizes the calendar in an upcoming meeting.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

On February 10th, the Board conducted a work session and public hearing regarding the FY 2027 budget, aiming to gather public feedback on the upcoming budget. You can find the presentation and video in the FY 2027 Budget Public Hearings & Meetings section at www.wicomicoschools.org/page/budget.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE PILOTS

In February, the Board approved two pilot programs for instructional resources. These pilots come with a set timeline and will gather feedback from students, teachers, and parents before presenting them to the Board for final approval later this year.

- **RefReps:** This is an industry-recognized sports officiating education program proposed as an elective extension of the high school Team Sports Physical Education course at Wicomico High School. The pilot aims to offer a select group of students a leadership and career-oriented pathway centered on sports officiating, decision-making, communication, and rules application. It presents a limited, low-cost opportunity to enhance career-connected learning.
- **Nucleus:** This program is designed for students involved in the Young Business Leaders Program at Wicomico Middle School. It aims to strengthen the Young Business Leaders Program, ensuring it remains innovative, relevant, and impactful for our students.

SUPERINTENDENT REAPPOINTED

The Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Micah Stauffer as Superintendent of Schools for Wicomico County Public Schools, for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2026.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Personnel Matters:** At each meeting the Board approves appointment of staff, leaves of absence for medical or to further the staff member's education, promotions, and separations. Since these are personnel related, discussion occurs in a closed session.
- Approval of book club novels for Salisbury Middle School.
- Contract with BusPlanner USA for software for student transportation routing, GPS integration, and parent communication tools.
- Intergovernmental agreement with Maryland Environmental Service for services related to water testing and operation and maintenance of water systems at Mardela High, Westside Primary, West Salisbury, and Northwestern Elementary.
- Contract for Air Tutors, which provides scheduled and on-demand tutoring services.
- Contract for EdConnective, Inc. provides virtual, personalized coaching for teachers, instructional coaches, and leaders focusing on improving student outcomes through 1:1 partnerships, small group sessions, and interactive workshops.
- Contract with various furniture vendors.
- Contract with Bates Moving & Storage Co., Inc. and E-Logic, Inc. for moving services.
- Contract with Colossal Contractors, E.A.R.N Contractors, and Stratified, Inc. for masonry work.

Consent items are non-controversial items voted on at once to streamline meetings. Board members either previously discussed the items or they had the opportunity to in advance.