

DAVID'S BOE MEETING BRIEF

Breaking down Board of Education meetings

NOURISHING OUR STUDENTS

At the July 2025 Board Work Session, the Director of Food Services presented an update on the Food and Nutrition Services department. The presentation highlighted the department's accomplishments, program performance, and strategic vision for the future.

The department reported year-over-year growth in meal service across all categories:

- Breakfast increased by 4.39%
- Lunch by 4.09%
- Supper by 18.55%
- Summer meals by 21.79%

The department recently:

- Completed technology upgrades including a new point-of-sale systems and digital menus.
- Expanded local sourcing and Grab-and-Go breakfast options to improve convenience and nutrition.
- Upgraded a serving line at Salisbury Middle School

The Director outlined a vision for a Central Warehouse and Kitchen, projected to save over \$750,000 annually by reducing reliance on distributors. The department also prepared for upcoming USDA regulations, including sodium and sugar reductions and stricter Buy American requirements.

TACKLING FOOD INSECURITY

At the July 2025 Board Work Session, the Supervisor of Community Schools shared an update on efforts to address food insecurity. The presentation highlighted the district's collaboration with the Maryland Food Bank, local agencies, and faith-based partners to ensure students and families had access to essential nutrition support.

Over the 2024–2025 school year, WCPS distributed more than 1,200 food boxes and 7,000 weekend food bags, while hosting nearly 450 food distribution events. The Maryland Food Bank contributed nearly 48 tons of food in the previous year, with even more expected this year. A network of local pantries continued to provide regular access to food, supported by a shared calendar to help families locate services.

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.
- Award a contract with Multivista Services, LLC for Construction Site Photographic Documentation Services.
- Purchase of threat and weapons detection software and equipment from ZeroEyes, Inc.
- Award a contract with Pritchett Controls for HVAC Controls Upgrade for CTE.

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.

PILOT REQUEST

The Board approved a pilot request for Music Theory I. The course would be an intermediate music theory class that would bridge the gap between performance classes (band, chorus, orchestra), general music, and the AP Music Theory class that integrates high stakes testing and an AP Exam.