



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 23-0174R

Informational Hearing – Middle School Sports Program

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth

Chaired by: Robert Stokes, Sr.

Hearing Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 11:00 AM

Location: **Council Chambers**

Total Attendance: Approximately 25 in-person
Approximately 15 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes, Sr. James Torrence
John Bullock Zeke Cohen
Phylcia Porter Sharon Green Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- John Davis, Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPSS)

Major Issues Discussed

1. President Mosby, primary sponsor of the Resolution gave opening remarks. He talked about the importance of addressing parity issues and providing wholistic opportunities for students.
2. The chairman went over the agency reports with the agency representatives.
3. A PowerPoint Presentation was given by the representative from the BCPSS. **A copy is on file.**
4. The committee/councilmembers asked questions, stated concerns, and asked for clarification for some issues. Some highlights from same were:
 - Questions
 - Have you partnered with the Department of Recreation and Parks? **Answer: Yes**
 - When do BCPS expect “coordinated sports” to begin?
 - Are the students aware and do the parents know about the type of sports available?
 - What is your viewpoint about having food available for the students playing sports?
 - Concerns/Comments
 - Distributing Information Regarding Sports Program
 - We don’t want to rely just on our Principals for getting the news out to parents and students
 - ❖ Need brochures, text message alerts, and etc.
 - ❖ Leaving most decisions up to just the Principals for extra curriculum activities (organized sports) – is of concern
 - The level of information available to students/parents is of concern
 - Believe that the majority of students and parents do not know about upcoming sports opportunities
 - Parental involvement is crucial – “especially when many parents’ schedules are busy”
 - Giving opportunities to our students is crucial!
 - The City Council want to be partners with BCPS to elevating our students!
 - **Requested by President Mosby: Is asking that BCPS look at their communication strategies and be more proactive when communicating the sports opportunities available.**
 - There is a clear indication that there is a desire for middle school sports!
 - ❖ Who are some of the vendors you use for same?
 - ❖ Having a robust communication regarding available sports is important
 - Informing parents!
 - Informing vendors!
 - Charter Schools participation
 - Want to make sure they get their share – talk about this
 - Athletic operations for Charter Schools – talk about this
 - How are you neutralizing and/or enhancing the communication between the 5th and 6th graders?
 - Scheduling
 - Talk about how you are coordinating and/or scheduling the sports available

- ❖ Try-outs, competitions, etc. – How are they conducted? Talk about this
 - ❖ Talk about the timeline(s) for identifying coaches
 - ❖ Is scheduling centralized or per school? Talk about this
 - ❖ How do you determine which schools participate?
 - Costs Associated with Sports Program – talk about this
 - What are some of the costs for transportation needed to compete?
 - Bus costs (Transportation)
 - Costs required by parents
 - Should have a separate fee structure for transportation
 - **Requested by member Torrence – Provide a copy of your Sustainability Plan**
 - Outreach Efforts
 - Talk about your communication efforts with the State’s Department of Education
 - Believe this is a very important outreach!
 - Outreach to Colleges and Universities – talk about this
 - Intergenerational Mentoring
 - Comments regarding opportunities to becoming physical education teachers
5. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested Yes No

If yes, describe. See **“red and yellow highlights”** in Major Discussion section above.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite Murray Currin, Committee Staff

Date: August 16, 2023

cc: Bill File
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Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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John	Davis	BCPS				
Melissa	Broome	BCPS				
Tonisha	Montgomery	BCPS				
TIFFANY	BYKO	BCPS				

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Education Workforce and Youth

Thursday, August 10, 2023

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Phylicia Porter, and James Torrence
Absent 1 - Antonio Glover

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0174R

Informational Hearing - Middle School Sports Programs

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the availability, accessibility, and diversity of sports programs offered at the middle school age for youth.

Sponsors: President Nicholas J. Mosby

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT