

**PTA Council of Howard County General Meeting
Homewood Center
January 2, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by PTACHC President Reg Avery. Quorum confirmed.

Treasurer's Report and Agenda are available on the website– Laurie Ramey
treasurer@ptachc.org

Board of Education Liaison – no report as the none of BOE members were present.

Legislative Report – worksheet provided by Donna Sudbrook legislative@ptachc.org

School Start/Stop Times Presentation/ Q&A/Vote...

- Presentation from BOE Committee and the County Dept. of Transportation summarizing the 4 proposed models and providing a chart of the differences which are posted on the hcps.org website
- Currently over 10,000 online surveys completed; four public forums held, blogs, Facebook and email also received.
- At the Jan. 2 meeting, there was a motion made and approved regarding the proposed school start/dismissal times.
 - **Motion: PTACHC express support for continued discussion of new models for a healthy start time options, but the current 4 models that have been presented are unacceptable and therefore, we are supporting staying with the current start time.**
- **Reminder, PTAs cannot take a position that is opposite to the Council's but can encourage individual members to testify at the Feb. 7 public hearing at 7 pm on this proposal of changing the school start/dismissal time.**