

Article - Education

6-203.

(a) This section applies only to the county boards of the following counties:

- (1) Anne Arundel;
- (2) Baltimore;
- (3) Baltimore City;
- (4) Calvert;
- (5) Charles;
- (6) Harford;
- (7) Howard;
- (8) Montgomery; and
- (9) Prince George's.

(b) (1) For all proceedings before a county board under §§ 4-205(c), 6-202, and 7-305 of this article, the county board may have the proceedings heard first by a hearing examiner.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of local law, in Baltimore City the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may have proceedings under § 6-202 of this subtitle heard first by a hearing examiner.

(c) (1) (I) Except in Anne Arundel County AND HARFORD COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, the hearing examiner shall be an attorney admitted to practice before the Maryland Court of Appeals. In Anne Arundel County AND HARFORD COUNTY, the hearing examiner may, but need not, be an attorney.

(II) IN HARFORD COUNTY, FOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE HARFORD COUNTY BOARD UNDER § 7-305 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE HEARING EXAMINER MAY, BUT NEED NOT, BE AN ATTORNEY.

(2) The hearing examiner shall be chosen by the county board.

(3) In Calvert and Charles Counties, the hearing examiner may not be the attorney to the county board or be connected in any way with that attorney.

(4) In Howard County, the hearing examiner may not be a partner or an employee of the law firm representing the Howard County Board of Education.

(d) The hearing examiner shall submit to the county board and appellant:

- (1) A transcript of the proceedings and exhibits; and
- (2) The hearing examiner's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation.