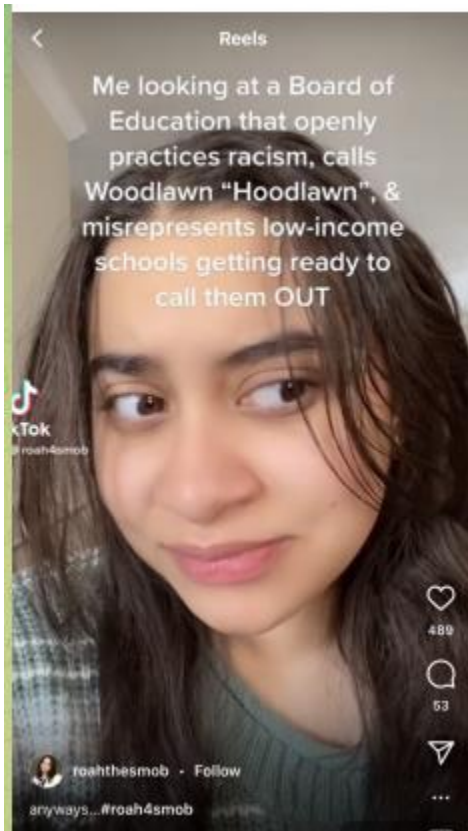


My name is Timothy Goetze and I employ you to vote UNFAVORABLY to HB192 which expands the voting rights of the Baltimore County Student Member of the Board (SMOB) of Education.

First point, as a Baltimore County tax payers, we have zero control over who is elected as SMOB. Baltimore County Public School administrative staff provides oversight over a selection process implemented by the Baltimore County Student Council and yet this bill enables the SMOB to vote on an approximately \$2,000,000,000 budget that they do not pay into. The tax payers of Baltimore County have ZERO control over holding the SMOB accountable for their vote.

Second point, the maturity level of the recent SMOBs of Baltimore County does not remotely come close to allowing them the privilege of expanded voting rights. The current SMOB, Christian Thomas, is prone to verbal and emotional outbursts during regular board of education meetings. Mr. Thomas also tends to ask questions that are out of order and is only pursuing the expansion of the SMOB voting rights to enable his own selfish career. The recent election of Roah Hassan indicates that immaturity is the status quo for elected SMOBs as below is a screen shot from her social media account that was posted during her campaign period:



This claim is completely unacceptable and not supported by any facts and yet this is the person that you grant expanded voting rights to. If anything, the SMOB voting privileges should be suspended based on this conduct.

Third point, SMOB voting rights falls under the purview of the Board of Education and what the board determines as appropriate for the student representative. HB192 was voted down by the BOE as a legislative priority at the 21 Dec 21 meeting. This point alone should cause an UNFAVORABLE vote on your part.

Final point, the SMOB only serves on the board for ONE year and has zero frame of reference on continued budget matters nor the knowledge behind budgetary actions. Legislation is currently underway to modify the election process for board nominees to prevent a 100% turnover in a given election year between appointed and elected representatives and yet HB192 is calling for the expansion of the SMOB voting rights to include budget votes when this member is only on the board for a single year. Even though the bill calls for the creation of budget curriculum for the SMOB to take prior to voting on budget matters, this does not and will not replace the lack of any real adult experience with managing a budget, let alone the \$2,000,000,000 budget in BCPS.

Please do Baltimore County tax payer and Baltimore County Public Schools a favor and vote UNFAVORABLY to HB192.