

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

MEETING OF THE GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Oakland, MD 21550

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Part I - Call to Order

Mr. Thomas Carr, President, called the Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:26 p.m. Also in attendance were Mr. Rodney Reckart, Vice President; Mrs. Cynthia Downton, Associate Member; Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Associate Member; Mr. Matthew Paugh, Associate Member, and Dr. Janet Wilson, Secretary -Treasurer / Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Miriam Sincell, Board attorney; Commissioner Bob Gatto, Ex-Officio Member; and Ms. Adrianna Fratz, student, were also present. The meeting was held at Central Office in the Board Room.

Hearing of Constituents

Mrs. Monica Rinker spoke regarding concerns and questions she has about the budget.

Part II – Consent Agenda

Mrs. Downton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Reckart seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Part III – Superintendents Report

Announcements:

Feb 26 – Mar 14	Art is Elementary, Student Artwork Exhibit at the Gallery Shop in Oakland
March 17	Saint Patrick's Day
March 20	MABE Training at Garrett College and First Day of Spring
March 25	Board of Education Meeting to finalize the FY2015 Budget
March 26	Staff Development – Students Dismissed 3 Hours Early
March 31	Advocacy Committee Meeting – Garrett College, Room 204 Transportation and Enrollment Presentations

Part V – Continuing Business

Policy 177, *School Board Communication*, was presented by Ms. Miriam Sincell. Mr. Reckart made a motion to approve the policy, Mrs. Downton seconded that motion. Mr. Matthew Paugh, Board Member, and Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Board Member, made a motion to amend the policy. Mrs. Downton seconded the motion. The Board unanimously accepted the policy as amended.

Policy 331, *Maryland and Garrett County Graduation Requirements*, was presented by Mrs. Barbara Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services. The policy was updated to reflect the 4.0 grading scale as well as other minor updates. Mr. Paugh moved to approve the policy with its revisions and Mrs. Sebold seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the policy.

Policy 344.2a, *Reporting Student Progress in Garrett County Secondary Schools*, was presented by Mrs. Barbara Baker. This policy was also updated recently to reflect the 4.0 grading scale. Mr. Paugh made a motion to approve the policy and Mrs. Downton seconded that motion. The Board unanimously approved the policy.

Policy 610, *Probationary Period for Supporting Services Personnel*, was presented by Mr. Tim Thornburg, Director of Human Resources. This is a new policy. Mrs. Downton made a motion to approve the policy. Mr. Paugh seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the new policy.

Dr. Wilson presented the NSBA policy coding system. Mr. Reckart made a motion to accept the NSBA policy coding system. Mrs. Downton seconded that motion. The Board unanimously approved the change to the NSBA policy coding system.

Mr. Tim Thornburg and Mr. Larry McKenzie, Director of Finance, presented the minimum wage increase to \$8.50 / hour. Mrs. Downton made a motion to approve the minimum wage increase. Mr. Reckart seconded that motion. The Board unanimously approved the wage increase.

Part VI – Board Business

Student Member

Ms. Adrianna Fratz, Northern High School student, Northern High Student Council Vice President, and GCASC President, presented the Student Member update for Mr. John Major. The Student Council attended Lobbying Day in Annapolis two weeks previously and had met

with Senator Edwards and Delegate Beitzel. On March 8, 2014, they had their regular meeting at Perkins. All schools except Southern Middle were in attendance. Ms. Fratz mentioned the Student Council would like to provide a student report at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Carr stated they were invited to attend the April Meeting and provide updates to the Board Members.

Ms. Fratz then reported that the Student Council is supporting Pennies for Patients, a program of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to support cancer patients. They are also supporting Jeans for Teens, a program that donates finances and clothing to homeless students. Ms. Fratz also mentioned that last Friday, Northern High School had a Relay for Life pep rally which she helped coordinate. There were cancer survivors and caretakers who spoke to the students and staff and told them the importance of supporting and participating in the Relay for Life event on May 16, 2014.

MABE

Mr. Carr presented the upcoming MABE Dates:

- March 20, 2014 - The Board Members will be meeting at Garrett College to review the Values Statement at 4:30 pm with Ms. Kitty Blumsack, MABE Director of Board Development.
- March 31, 2014 - The Board of Education meets with the County Commissioners at 7:00 at Garrett College. The topic is the FY2015 Budget.
- April 25, 2014 – Allegany County Board of Education Meeting is hosting a MABE Session on Social Media
- June 13, 2014 – MABE Ethics Program in Hagerstown
- October 1 – 3, 2014 – MABE Conference in Ocean City, MD

Mr. Carr requested that they nominate one of the Board Members to be on the Board of Directors at the state level. No other Board Members voluntarily signed up to be on this so Mr. Carr volunteered.

Next Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at Central Office. There will be a Business Session at 6:00 pm.

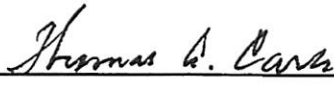
The next regular Board of Education meeting will be on April 8, 2014 at Southern Middle School.

A motion was made by Mr. Reckart to return to executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss administrative and personnel requests for field trips related to the Lego teams, negotiations with the teachers group, and

personnel discussions related to Board employees and public office under authority of 10-503 and 10-508 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Part VII – Adjournment

The Board adjourned the Business session at 9:40 p.m. upon a motion made by Mr. Rodney Reckart.



Mr. Thomas Carr, President



Dr. Janet S. Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: