

Garrett County Board of Education
40 S Second Street
Oakland, MD 21550

BUSINESS SESSION
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Board Members present included Mr. Matthew Paugh, President; Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Vice President, Board Members: Mr. Thomas Carr, Mrs. Cynthia Downton and Mrs. Monica Rinker. Also present for the meeting: Dr. Janet Wilson, Secretary -Treasurer / Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Alexandra Miller, student representative; Mrs. Barbara Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Mr. Tim Thornburg, Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, and Mr. Larry McKenzie, Director of Finance.

1. Business Meeting

A. Call to Order

Mr. Matthew Paugh called the meeting to order at 9:13 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the business agenda, minutes from the March 24, 2015 Board Meetings, Field Trip Requests and Professional Leave Requests.

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Cynthia Downton to approve the consent agenda. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

3. Superintendent's Report

A. Announcements

Dr. Janet S. Wilson, Superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools, updated the Board on events and activities around the district.

Staff Development (Students Dismissed 3 Hours Early)

April 15	Internet Safety Presentation, United States Attorney's Office will be presenting to parents and community Garrett College, Continuing Education Building of Garrett College in Room 201 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
April 16	End of the Third (3 rd) Grading Period
April 17	Social Media for Board Members, MABE Boardmanship Academy, Eastern Shore - Talbot County Public Schools, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
May 9	Student Arts Fair "A Walk in the CARC" - CARC Building, Garrett College, 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

4. Public Comments

A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Ms. Lynne Elminger, teacher and member of the calendar committee, spoke regarding the FY2016 school calendar. She stated the rationale behind rotating the professional day each month was to benefit the students so that they would not be missing the same classes.

5. Continuing Business

A. BC Ethics Policy - Action

Mr. Thornburg, Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, requested the Board approve the revised

policy.

A motion was made by Thomas Carr to approve the policy and seconded by Cynthia Downton.

A motion to amend the policy was made by Mrs. Rinker. She recommended adding "according to COMAR regulations" to the policy and this was seconded by Mrs. Downton. The motion fails in a 2-3 vote. Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Monica Rinker; Nay: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton

The original motion carries with a final resolution in a 3-2 vote: Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton; Nay: Charlotte Sebold, Monica Rinker

B. IHBF Home and Hospital Teaching Policy - Action

Mrs. Barbara Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, requested the Board approve Policy IHBF Home and Hospital Teaching as revised.

A motion was made by Cynthia Downton and seconded by Charlotte Sebold.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

C. FY2016 Budget - Action

A motion was made by Charlotte Sebold and seconded by Thomas Carr to postpone the approval of the FY2016 Budget after this was recommended by Mr. Larry McKenzie, Director of Finance.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

D. School Calendar FY2016 - Action

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Charlotte Sebold to approve the non-post Labor Day calendar however to vote on specific dates separately.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

Calendar Items and dates were voted on separately:

i. Approve August 24, 2015 as the start date for School Year 2015-16

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Cynthia Downton.

Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

ii. Approve the half day staff development days to be all 3 hour early dismissals

A motion was made by Charlotte Sebold and seconded by Monica Rinker.

Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Monica Rinker

Nay: Cynthia Downton

iii. Approve the parent-teacher dates - November 3, 2015 and March 31, 2016

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Cynthia Downton.

Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

iv. Approve the Friday, October 9, 2015 as a holiday - Autumn Glory Friday (schools closed)

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Charlotte Sebold.

Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

v. Approve the staff development half day to the October 12, 2015

A motion by Thomas Carr and seconded by Cynthia Downton.

Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

vi. Motion to approve Wednesday before Thanksgiving as start of the Thanksgiving break (Three hour dismissal on this day)

A motion was made by Charlotte Sebold and seconded by Cynthia Downton.

Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

vii. Approve start of the winter holiday break - December 23, 2015 (Three hour dismissal) and end of the winter break, return date - January 4, 2016

A motion was made by Cynthia Downton and seconded by Thomas Carr.
Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

viii. Approve the floating day - January 13, 2016

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Cynthia Downton.
Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

ix. Approve March 21 - March 28, 2016 as GCPS Spring Break

A motion was made by Monica Rinker and seconded by Cynthia Downton.
Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

x. Approve staff development days every other month

A motion was made by Monica Rinker however there was no second to the motion. Motion fails.

xi. Motion for no staff development days in January and February

A motion was made by Charlotte Sebold and seconded by Monica Rinker.
Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Monica Rinker
Nay: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton. The Motion fails in a 2:3 vote.

E. School Calendar FY2015 – Action

Dr. Janet Wilson, Superintendent recommended the Board request a 3 student day waiver from MSDE due to the multiple make-up days added to the end of the school year calendar because of inclement weather.

A motion was made by Cynthia Downton and seconded by Monica Rinker.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

Dr. Wilson also recommended the Board approve to reduce the 187 day contract year for teachers and support staff to 186 days (pending approval of 3 student day waiver from State Board).

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Charlotte Sebold. Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

6. Board Business

A. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Alexandra Miller, NGHS student, provided an update to the Board on behalf of the Student Member of the Board. She spoke about the high school honor band and chorus performances on May 9th at Garrett College. She spoke about both high schools' drama class fund raisers, field trips and performances. Ms. Miller also shared updates for the high school FFA, JROTC, and GCASC programs as well as the FIRST Robotics Team 1629, the Garrett Coalition (GaCo).

B. MABE Report

Mr. Carr spoke about the MABE Conference Planning Committee Meeting he recently attended.

C. Retirement Dinner Date

The date for the Garrett County Public Schools Retirement Dinner was set for Monday, June 22, 2015. The dinner will be held at Dutch's Restaurant in McHenry.

7. Informational Items

A. April 2015 School Activities

8. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

A motion was made by Thomas Carr to recess the meeting and seconded by Monica Rinker. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker
The meeting was recessed and the Board went back into the executive session at 9:41 p.m.

The Board adjourned the executive session and reconvened the business session at 11:16 p.m.

Mr. Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Rinker seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The Board adjourned the business session at 11:17 p.m.