

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

**BUSINESS SESSION**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 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. Lauren Frick, Student Member of the Board; 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. The meeting was held at Central Office in the Board room.**

**1. Business Meeting**

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**A. Call to Order**

Mr. Matthew Paugh, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

**2. Consent Agenda**

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**A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included the agenda, minutes from the October 15, 2015 Board meetings, field trips, professional leave request, Negotiation teams, and Calendar Committee composition. Field trips and professional leave request included:

<u>School / Group or Class</u>	<u>Field Trip or Professional Leave</u>	<u>Date</u>
SGHS Business and Computer Studies Students	Business and Computer Studies Trip to NYC (field trip)	April 14 – 16, 2016
SGHS JROTC	Camp Dawson JROTC Leadership Course in Kingwood, WV (field trip)	June 11 – 16, 2016
NGHS JROTC	Camp Dawson JROTC Leadership Course in Kingwood, WV (field trip)	June 11 – 16, 2016
NGHS Teacher	Developing Intercultural Competence Through World Languages in NYC (professional leave)	February 11 – 13, 2016

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

**3. Superintendent's Report**

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**A. Announcements**

Dr. Janet S. Wilson, Superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools, announced upcoming events and activities around the district and state:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov 9 – 13	School Psychologist Week
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 12	Staff Development; Students dismissed 3 hours early
Nov 13	MABE Boardmanship Academy: The Appeals Process; New Board Member Orientation, Part II, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Annapolis, MD
Nov 16 – 20	American Education Week

Nov 26 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break, schools and offices closed
Dec 2	Progress Reports for second grading period Board Executive Session, Cornish Manor Restaurant, 5:00 pm
Dec 9	ACPS and GCPS Pre-Legislative Delegation Breakfast, Northern Middle School, 8:30 am - 11:00 am

#### 4. Public Comments

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There was no public comment at the meeting.

#### 5. Board Business

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##### A. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Lauren Frick, Student Member of the Board, spoke about several projects that the middle school and high school student councils were supporting. Projects included Southern Middle School and Northern Middle School Red Ribbon Week activities, Northern Garrett High School student morning show, and Southern Garrett High School Red Cross blood drive. Ms. Frick also spoke about the Rachel's Challenge presentations and the positive responses received from students and staff. She stated that they were developing different student projects at her school to build tolerance and increase communications between students in the school.

##### B. MABE Report

Mr. Tom Carr, Board Member, spoke about the Legal Services meeting which covered development of policy and procedures for addressing issues that may arise concerning the needs of transgender students. Mr. Carr provided the MABE 2016 Legislative Positions to the Board members for their feedback. Mr. Carr stated the MABE Ad Hoc Committee on School Funding Adequacy is underway and reviewing the important work of the MSDE stakeholder group and the MABE Board Retreat was held recently which covered their strategic planning.

#### 6. Informational Items

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The below informational items were provided to the Board members.

##### A. The Steering Wheel – Nov & Dec 2015

##### B. Home & School – November 2015

##### C. November 2015 School Activities

#### 7. Adjournment

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##### A. Adjourn the Meeting

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

The Business Session adjourned at 7:51 p.m.