

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

**BUSINESS SESSION
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

Board Members present included Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, President; Mrs. Monica Rinker, Vice President; Board Members: Mr. Thomas Carr, Mr. Matthew Paugh, Mrs. Cynthia Downton, and Dr. Janet Wilson, Secretary - Treasurer / Superintendent of Schools. Also present for the meeting: Mrs. Barbara Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Mr. Larry McKenzie, Director of Finance; Mr. Tim Thornburg, Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Elementary Education and Early Childcare, and Ms. Lauren Frick, Student Member of the Board. The meeting was held at Central Office in the Board Room.

1. Business Meeting

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following items: agenda, minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting (Executive, Work and Business) and March 28, 2016 meeting (Executive); field trip; professional leave requests; and negotiation parameters.

Professional leave requests and field trip included:

<u>School / Group or Class</u>	<u>Field Trip or Professional Leave</u>	<u>Date</u>
Staff (CO)	PARCC Mathematics Rangefinding Meeting PLF	May 23 – 26, 2016
Staff (Mentors from CO, GV, SX, NX, NH)	2016 FIRST Robotics World Competition Championship PLF	April 27-30, 2016
Students (NH & SH)	2016 FIRST Robotics World Competition Championship Field Trip	April 27-30, 2016

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

3. Superintendent's Report

A. Announcements

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 13	Staff Development (Students Dismissed 3 Hours Early)
April 15	MABE Boardsmanship Academy: Making Your Meetings Work Using Parliamentary Procedure, MABE Office in Annapolis, MD 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
April 26	Primary Election Day (Schools Closed)
May 9	May Board Meeting (date change)
May 13	MABE Boardsmanship Academy: The Press is Calling! Media Relations for School Board Members, MABE Office in Annapolis, MD 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

4. Public Comments

There was no public comment at the meeting.

5. Continuing Business

A. JEBA Prekindergarten Enrollment Policy - Action

Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Elementary School and Early Childhood Education, presented the new Policy JEBA Prekindergarten Enrollment to the Board for them to take action on. The corresponding procedure had been presented at last's months Board meeting.

A motion was made by Matthew Paugh to approve this policy and seconded by Cynthia Downton. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

B. School Calendar 2016-17 - Action

Mr. Thornburg recommended the Board adopt the revised FY2016-17 Calendar with the added make-up days included. Mr. Carr stated the Calendar Committee recommended the early start date to ensure the teachers and students have enough instruction time before the standardized testing. Mrs. Downton stated the Calendar Committee consisted of the staff, GCEA representatives, principal (and A&S President) teachers and community members. This committee took into consideration that winter weather could reduce the instruction days during the school year when recommending the start date. Ms. Lauren Frick, Student Member of the Board, also spoke about the start date and stated that the early start date would assist all students to be prepared for the standardized testing in addition to high school students being prepared for their AP tests. Mr. Paugh, stated that revised start date still reflects the pre-Labor Day start the teachers were requesting but also addresses the concerns of the community.

A motion by Matthew Paugh to approve the calendar and seconded by Monica Rinker. Final Resolution: Motion Carries in a 3:2 vote: Yea: Matthew Paugh, Charlotte Sebold, Monica Rinker; Nay: Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton

C. Yough Glades Hallway Walls Renovation Project - Action

Mr. William Swift recommended the Yough Glades Hallway Renovation Project be awarded to Farris Carpet, Inc. as they are the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Matthew Paugh to approve this vendor and seconded by Thomas Carr. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

6. Board Business

A. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Lauren Frick, Student Member of the Board, spoke about the Garrett County Student Arts Fair which included a combined performance of all of the students. Ms. Frick and fellow student council members attended the Maryland Association of Student Council conference in Ocean City, MD earlier in the month. She stated the state conference included many productive workshops, presentations and inspirational speakers.

B. MABE Report

Mr. Carr stated that there had been no MABE meetings since the last Board meeting.

C. Board Meeting Date Changes - May and June

The Board discussed the May and June Board meeting dates. They determined the May Board meeting will be on May 19, 2016 and the June Board Meeting date will be on June 21, 2016.

7. Informational Items

A. April 2016 School Activities

B. Steering Wheel Spring 2016

8. Recess and Adjournment

A. Recess

The Business Session was recessed at 8:59 p.m. so that the Board could return to the Executive Session.

B. Adjournment

The Board returned to the Business Session at 9:41 p.m. A motion was made by Thomas Carr to adjourn the Business Session and seconded by Monica Rinker. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.