

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

**BUSINESS SESSION
Thursday, November 10, 2016**

Board Members present included Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, President, Mrs. Monica Rinker, Vice President; Board Members: Mr. Thomas Carr, Mrs. Cynthia Downton, and Mr. Matthew Paugh. Also present for the meeting: Ms. Barbara Baker, Secretary -Treasurer / Interim Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, Mrs. Patricia McCoy, ELA Curriculum Specialist, Mr. Brandon Hoover, Board Attorney, and Ms. Sheyenne Tichnell, 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 7:32 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following items: agenda, minutes from the September 13, 2016 Executive Session Board meeting, minutes from the October 11, 2016 Board meeting, field trips, professional leave request, and certificated staffing recommendations.

The field trips and professional leave request included:

<u>No.</u>	<u>School Group or Class or Staff</u>	<u>Field Trip or Professional Leave Request</u>	<u>Date</u>
a.	SGHS Golf Students	State Golf Tournament Field Trip	10/24/2016 – 10/25/2016
b.	Teachers (NX and CO)	NCTM Regional Conference Professional Leave	10/31/2016 – 11/2/2016
c.	SGHS Honor Society Students	National Honor Society to NYC Field Trip	3/30/2017 – 4/2/2017
d.	NGHS Band and Chorus Students	Band and Chorus Performance at the Presidential Inauguration Field Trip	1/19/2017 – 1/22/2017

b. Certificated Staffing

The two certificated staffing requests included:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Amy Shaffer	Resident Teacher	NX	10/24/2016
Jordon Body	Science Teacher	SX	11/10/2016

A motion was made by Matthew Paugh to approve the Consent Agenda and Cynthia Downton seconded the motion. 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>
October 13	Staff Development, Students dismissed 3 hours early
October 14	Schools Closed (Autumn Glory)
November 1	End of First Grading Period
November 7	Parent Teacher Conferences, Schools Closed
November 8	Election Day, Schools and Central Office Closed
November 11	Veteran's Day
January 4	Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, Visit to GCPS (rescheduled)

4. Public Comments

There was no public comment in the meeting.

5. Continuing Business

A. JICEC Freedom of Expression in Student Journalism Policy - Action

Mrs. Patricia McCoy, ELA Curriculum Specialist, requested the Board adopt the JICEC Freedom of Expression in Student Journalism Policy. Mr. Brandon Hoover, Board Attorney, recommended a minor update to the procedure.

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

B. Budget Transfer for FY2016 Carryover - Action

Ms. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, requested the Board approve the budget transfer for FY2016 carryover funds before sending it to the County Commissioners for final approval.

A motion was made by Cynthia Downton to approve the budget transfer for FY2016 carryover funds and seconded by Thomas Carr. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

6. New Business

A. Draft 2017 Legislative Agenda Topics

Ms. Barbara Baker, Interim Superintendent, requested the Board adopt the legislative agenda topics as presented.

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

7. Board Business

A. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Sheyenne Tichnell spoke to the Board regarding GCASC monthly meeting and future meetings and workshops. She also shared many of the schools programs, events and charity projects.

B. MABE Report

Mr. Thomas Carr, Board Member, spoke to the Board regarding the MABE Annual Conference in Ocean City, MD. Other Board members discussed the informative sessions that they attended.

C. December Board Meeting Date Change - December 12, 2016

Mrs. Sebold stated the regular Board meeting in December would be on Monday, December 12, 2016.

8. Informational Items

A. November 2016 School Activities

B. November 2016 Home & School

9. Recess and Adjournment

A. Recess

The Board recessed the Business Session at 8:00 p.m. to go back into the Executive Session to discuss a personnel topic. The Board returned to the Business Session at 8:50.

B. Adjournment

Matthew Paugh made a motion to adjourn the Business Session, and Thomas Carr seconded the motion. The Board adjourned the Business Session at 8:51 p.m.