Board Members present included Mrs. Monica Rinker, President, Mr. Thomas Carr, Vice President; Board Members: Mr. Matthew Paugh, Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, and Mr. Tom Woods. Also present for the meeting were: Ms. Barbara Baker, Secretary -Treasurer / Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Jim Morris, Supervisor of Supervisor of Research, Evaluation, Information, & Public Information, 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

   Opening
   Mrs. Monica Rinker, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

   A. Approval of Consent Agenda
   The consent agenda included the following items: agenda, minutes from the November 10, 2016 Board meeting, field trips, and a certificated staffing recommendation.

   The field trip and professional leave request included:

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   A motion was made by Tom Woods to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Matthew Paugh. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods, Charlotte Sebold

3. Superintendent’s Report

   A. Announcements

   Ms. Barbara Baker, Interim Superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools, shared with the Board upcoming events and activities around the district.

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Ms. Brenda McDonald, owner of several local businesses, spoke to the Board regarding the school calendar. She supports the post-Labor Day start.

Ms. Sheyenne Tichnell, Student Member of the Board, spoke for two students that were not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Paige Smith, an 11th grade student at SGHS, and Ms. Victoria Miske, 11th grade student at SGHS, wrote letters to the Board regarding the school calendar. They support the pre-Labor Day start.

Mr. Shane Grady, Chairman of the Chamber of the Commerce, spoke to the Board regarding the school calendar. He supports the post-Labor Day start.

5. Continuing Business

A. 2017-18 School Calendar - Action
Dr. Jane Wildeisen, Director of Human Resources, and chairperson of the Calendar Committee, requested the Board take action on the 2017-18 School Calendar. The Calendar Committee proposed two calendars for the 2017-18 school year at last month’s Board meeting. One was a Pre-Labor Day start and one was a Post-Labor Day start. The Calendar Committee recommended the Board choose the Pre-Labor Day start calendar and request a waiver for the mandated Post-Labor Day start with the State Board of Education.
Mr. Thomas Carr made a motion to adopt the Pre-Labor Day start calendar. There was no second to the motion, therefore the motion was not considered.

Mrs. Charlotte Sebold made a motion that the Board adopt the Post Labor Day Start calendar. There was no second to the motion, therefore the motion was not considered.

Mr. Matthew Paugh made a motion that the Board adopt the Pre-Labor Day Start Calendar with the following amendments:

Start Date: Monday, August 28, 2017
The following days will be instruction days: November 27, 2017, March 29, 2018, and April 3, 2018. NOTE: This vote is contingent upon the State Board approval of the GCPS waiver of a mandated Post Labor Day Start.

Mr. Tom Woods seconded the motion. Mrs. Rinker opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Shane Grady, Chairman of the Chamber of the Commerce, and Fred Fox, community member, addressed the Board regarding the 2018 School Calendar.

Mrs. Charlotte Sebold made a motion for an amendment to the approved calendar. Her recommended amendment states that May 16, 2017 will be a full day of instruction for students. The motion was seconded by Thomas Carr. Motion Carries:
Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods, Charlotte Sebold

Final Resolution for the amended Pre-Labor Day Start Calendar: Motion Carries in a 3 to 1 vote: Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods and Nay: Charlotte Sebold

6. Board Business

A. Student Board Member Report
Sheyenne Tichnell, student board member, spoke to the Board regarding school activities and student council activities.

B. MABE Report
Mr. Carr provided an update on the recent MABE meetings he attended.

C. GCPS Foundation
Mr. Carr provided an update on the GCPS Foundation.

7. Board Annual Selection

A. Meeting Date, Time, and Place - Action
Mr. Matthew Paugh made a motion that the Board meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., and after public comment, the Board would meet in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Thomas Carr. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods, Charlotte Sebold

B. Legal Counsel - Action
A motion was made by Matthew Paugh to retain Brandon Hoover as the Board’s legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Thomas Carr. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods, Charlotte Sebold

C. Audit Firm - Action
A motion was made by Thomas Carr to approve The Rodeheaver Group, P.C. as the audit firm for the Board and Garrett County Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Sebold.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods, Charlotte Sebold

D. Committee Assignments
The Board appointed Board members for various school system and MABE committees.

E. Board Meeting Agenda Format
Ms. Charlotte Sebold, Board Member, requested a change to the Board meeting format to a single open session, instead of the current two open sessions. The Board agreed on the suggested format.

8. Informational Items

A. January 2017 Home & School Connection
B. January 2017 School Activities
C. GCPS Annual Report 2015-16

9. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

A motion was made by Matthew Paugh to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Tom Woods.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Thomas Carr, Tom Woods, Charlotte Sebold