

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

**BUSINESS SESSION
Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

Board Members present included Mr. Thomas Carr, President; Mr. Rodney Reckart, Vice President, Board Members: Mr. Matthew Paugh, Mrs. Cynthia Downton and Mrs. Charlotte Sebold. Also present for the meeting: Dr. Janet Wilson, Secretary -Treasurer / Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Adriana Fratz, Student Board Member; Mrs. Barbara Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Mr. Tim Thornburg, Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations; Mr. Larry McKenzie, Director of Finance; and Ms. Miriam Sincell, Attorney for the Board. The meeting was held at Central Office in the Board room.

1. Call to Order

A. Call to Order

Mr. Carr, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Resolution: Motion for approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Rodney Reckart and seconded by Matthew Paugh. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Cynthia Downton, Charlotte Sebold, Rodney Reckart

3. Superintendent's Report

A. Announcements

Dr. Wilson, Superintendent, presented the following noteworthy dates for the month:

September 17: Constitution Day; Staff Development; Students dismissed 3 hours early
September 22: Autumn Begins
September 24: Rosh Hashanah
September 25: Progress Reports for first grading period; Special Board Business Meeting at Central Office at 6:00 PM concerning the FY2014 financial audit.
September 26: Garrett County School Bus Contractors Association Dinner, Pleasant Valley Community Center at 6:30 PM
October 1 – 3: MABE Annual Conference in Ocean City, MD
October 10: Annual Teacher of the Year Gala at Martin's West, Maryland, at 5:30 PM

4. Public Comments

A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Ms. Monica Rinker, parent, spoke about the universal school start time and inquired if the bus route times were also universal.

5. Continuing Business

A. Policy BEE, Appeals and Hearings to the Board - Action

Ms. Sincell presented Policy BEE for the Board to approve as amended. The Policy was updated to include non-certificated staff. A motion was made by Matthew Paugh and seconded by Rodney Reckart. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Cynthia Downton, Charlotte Sebold, Rodney Reckart

B. Policy GEA, Employment Policy – Non-Certificated Personnel Policy - Action

Mr. Thornburg presented Policy GEA for the Board to approve as amended. A correction was made in the first paragraph to reference 6-201. The remainder of the revisions were made to tighten and simplify the policy.

A motion was made by Rodney Reckart and seconded by Cynthia Downton. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Cynthia Downton, Charlotte Sebold, Rodney Reckart

C. Policy GCLA, Attendance at Professional Development – Action

Mr. Thornburg presented the new policy regarding employee attendance at professional development.

A motion was made by Matthew Paugh and seconded by Charlotte Sebold. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Cynthia Downton, Charlotte Sebold, Rodney Reckart

D. Policy ECG, Green Product Cleaning Program – Action

Mr. William Swift, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Security presented this new policy for Board approval.

A motion was made by Cynthia Downton and seconded by Matthew Paugh. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Matthew Paugh, Cynthia Downton, Charlotte Sebold, Rodney Reckart

6. Board Business

A. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Fratz stated GCASC is looking for a better timeframe for meeting on a county wide basis as the Saturday meetings were not working for most of the students. She also announced that Northern High School will have a float in the Autumn Glory Parade celebrating their MSDE Blue Ribbon status.

B. Board President Report

Mr. Carr went to BoardDocs training in Atlanta and stated it was very informative and worthwhile. He also spoke regarding the Legislative Services meeting he attended at MABE which covered discipline related mandates and possible school system concerns.

C. Schools Visitations with Superintendent

Mr. Carr presented the schedule for visits to schools by the Superintendent and Board Members so that the Board members could sign up for the school year.

7. Informational Items

Mr. Carr mentioned that the September School Activities report and the September Home and School Connection newsletter were included in the Board Meeting agenda attachments.

8. Recess and Adjournment

A. Recess to Executive Session

Mr. Carr recessed the meeting for the Board to move into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. The Board of Education met reconvened in executive session under authority of 10-503 and 10-508 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

B. Adjourn the Meeting

The Board returned at 8:47 p.m. and Mr. Reckart made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Paugh seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved to the adjournment of the meeting.

