

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

BUSINESS SESSION
Tuesday, March 24, 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. Adriana Fratz, Student Board Member; 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.

1. Business Meeting

A. Call to Order

Mr. Matthew Paugh called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Cynthia Downton and seconded by Charlotte Sebold to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Business Agenda, Minutes from February 10 and February 17, 2015 Board Meetings, Minutes from the March 2, 2015 Meeting with County Commissioners, Field Trip Requests, Professional Leave Requests and Personnel Request. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

3. Superintendent's Report

A. Announcements

Dr. Janet S. Wilson, Superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools, updated the Board on upcoming dates and activities around the district.

March 25	Maryland Day
March 30 - April 2	Make-up Days (Schools in Session)
April 3	Good Friday (Schools Closed)
April 6	Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
April 14	April Board Meeting will include the BEACON Economic Impact Study Presentation

Other Information:

Letter received from Senator Barbara Mikulski regarding School Breakfast Program

4. Public Comments

There was no public comment at this meeting.

5. Continuing Business

A. Health Curriculum Materials - Action

Mrs. Barbara Baker mentioned that there were two supplemental health curriculum programs around personal safety submitted for the Board's approval. The first item was a video entitled "Sexual Abuse: It's Not Your Fault" and the second item are the Health Curriculum materials entitled "Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum".

1. Requested Action: A motion to approve the video entitled "Sexual Abuse: It's Not Your Fault"
There was no action taken on this item as there was no motion on the floor.
2. A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Cynthia Downton to approve the supplemental Health Curriculum materials "Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum". Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

6. Board Business

A. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Adriana Fratz, Student Board Member, discussed the regional Leadership Conference at Hickory Environmental Educational Center which included workshops and distracted driving demonstration. She mentioned that Northern High School will have a positive outlook promotion, a blood drive and a Relay for Life Pep Rally. Southern High School recently had their Ram Rumble event. Ms. Fratz also shared her positive experience from Lobbying Day.

B. MABE Report

Mr. Carr spoke about the MABE Boardmanship Academy Session: The Law and Student Athletics. He also mentioned that MABE is asking for MABE Officers and Board of Directors' Nominees as well as nominations for the MABE Distinguished School Board Service Award.

Recommended Action: The Board would like to recommend Mr. Carr to be on the MABE Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Charlotte Sebold to nominate Thomas Carr to be on the MABE Board of Directors and this motion was seconded by Cynthia Downton. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Cynthia Downton, and Monica Rinker; Thomas Carr abstained from the vote.

C. Legislative Testimony

Ms. Cynthia Downton, Board Member, stated she attended the February 26th First Reading and Legislative Hearing for House Bill 389: Education – Beginning of School Year – After Labor Day by the House Ways and Means Committee. She stated it was a long day and many individuals, including those from Garrett County and Allegany Counties, were there to provide testimony opposed to this bill.

D. Ratification of A & S Contract - Action

Mr. Tim Thornburg, presented the Ratification of A & S Contract for signatures by the Board President and Superintendent. He mentioned that negotiations went very smoothly for the A & S negotiating team.

E. Interview Participation for the County Administrator

Mr. Paugh stated that the Board of County Commissioners has invited the Board of Education to provide a representative for the new County Administrator Selection Committee.

A motion was made by Charlotte Sebold and seconded by Cynthia Downton for Mr. Matthew Paugh, Board President, to participate in the interview process for the County Administrator. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

7. Informational Items

The following items were included as attachments for the Board to review.

A. Home & School Connection - March 2015

B. March 2015 School Activities

C. The Steering Wheel - Spring 2015

8. Recess

A. Recess the meeting

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Monica Rinker to recess the Business Session to go back into the Executive Session. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker

The Board returned to the Executive session at 9:45 p.m. and the Executive Session adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

9. Adjournment

A. Adjourn of the Business Session

A motion was made by Thomas Carr and seconded by Monica Rinker to to adjourn the meeting. Final Resolution: Motion Carries; Yea: Charlotte Sebold, Thomas Carr, Cynthia Downton, Monica Rinker
The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:56 p.m.