

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

April 9, 2019

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Board of Education Members: Mr. Matthew Paugh, President; Mr. M. Thomas Woods, Vice President; Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Mrs. Monica Rinker, Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Associate Members; Ms. Katherine J. Catulle, Student Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

PUBLIC SESSION

Hearing of Constituents

- There were no comments at this time.

Announcements

- April 10: Strategic Facilities Committee Meeting #1, at Garrett College, Continuing Education Building, Room 111, 5:30 - 7:00 PM; Board Service Academy: The Role of the Board President/Chair, MABE Conference Room, Annapolis, MD, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- April 18: Board Service Academy: Equity Academy, Washington County Public Schools - Center for Education Services, Hagerstown, MD, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- April 19: Good Friday - Schools Closed
- April 22: Easter Monday - Schools Closed
- April 30: Staff Development - 3 hour early dismissal
- May 15: Board Service Academy — Legislative Policy Implications, MABE Conference Room, Annapolis, MD, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Recognitions

Northern Garrett High School Bocce Team State Champions

- Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Board member, recognized the Northern Garrett High School Bocce Team for winning the state championship tournament. Coach Kris Dewitt was also recognized for being nominated for the 2019 Special Olympics North America Coach of the Year.

Ms. Lydia Secrist – Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner

- Mrs. Monica Rinker, Board member, recognized Ms. Lydia Secrist, a 5th grade student at Accident Elementary School, for winning the Maryland State Arbor Day Poster Contest. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources sponsors the annual fifth-grade Arbor Day contest and the theme was “Trees are Terrific... and Forests are Too!” The contest is judged annually by a panel of forestry experts and special guest judge, Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan. Ms. Secrist was awarded First Place,

and her school, Accident Elementary School, will receive 15 trees for planting.

Ms. Caroline Argabrite – US Cellular’s 16 Under 16 Award Recipient

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Board member, recognized Ms. Caroline Argabrite, an 8th grade student at Southern Middle School, for being nationally recognized as one of U.S. Cellular’s 16 under 16 award recipients through The Future of Good program. Ms. Argabrite received the recognition for her exceptional volunteerism at The Reading Station, a local literacy nonprofit organization, founded by educator Ms. Sue Lisanti. Because of Ms. Argabrite’s contributions to promoting literacy and integrating technology to help serve the organization’s mission, The Reading Station received a \$10,000 prize from U.S. Cellular.

School Library Month Proclamation – April 2019

- Mr. Matthew Paugh, Board President, recognized School Library Month by presenting a proclamation to Ms. Samantha Roller, Media Specialist at Northern Garrett High School, on behalf of all the school librarians.

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5 – 11, 2019

- Mr. Thomas Woods, Board Vice President, recognized Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5 - 11, 2019, by presenting a proclamation to Mrs. Jennifer Virts, Northern Garrett High School teacher, on behalf of all the GCPS teachers.

National School Nurse Day – May 8, 2019

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Board member, recognized National School Nurse Day, May 8, 2019, by presenting a proclamation to Mrs. Rebecca Aiken, Nurse Manager.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration Report

Crellin Elementary School

- Mrs. Karen DeVore, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration, presented this informational item.

- Mrs. DeVore and Dr. Dana McCauley, Principal of Crellin Elementary School, discussed the school's partnership with the Ruth Enlow Library, the Young Researchers Institute, Research Learning Partners, and Pantastix.

Middle and High School Science Textbooks

- Mr. Ryan Wolf, Curriculum specialist, presented this informational item.
- Mr. Wolf presented Pearson's *Elevate Science* middle school primary resources and McGraw-Hill's *Inspire Science* high school primary resources to the Board for consideration. The resources, which include textbooks and online learning tools, will be available for public feedback until May 10, 2019.
- The Board will vote on the adoption of the curricular resource at the Board meeting on May 14, 2019.

Hearing of Constituents

- Several people addressed the Board regarding budget and salary concerns: Evan West, Uniserve Director; Heather Roth, teacher; Dr. Patrick Damon, teacher; Stephanie Lewis, teacher; and Lois Lipscomb, cafeteria assistant.

Policies and Procedures

Policy #EEBAA – Vehicle Use

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Transportation, presented this action item on the revised policy.
- The purpose of the policy is to establish procedures and operational guidelines for the assignment and use of Garrett County Public Schools owned and rental vehicles.
- GCPS Rental Vehicle is a vehicle temporarily rented for use for approved Board related business. Rental vehicles may be taken home when the trip itinerary supports doing so. No students will be transported in rental vehicles.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept *Policy #EEBAA – Vehicle Use*.

Continuing Business

Draft FY2020 Superintendent Budget

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented the draft FY2020 Superintendent's budget.
- Mrs. Sweitzer gave an overview of the Unrestricted Operating Budgeted Revenue, the Unrestricted Operating Budgeted Expenditures, the Unrestricted Operating Budget by Object, and the Unrestricted Operating Budget by Category.

- Mrs. Sweitzer entertained questions from the Board and discussed various areas regarding the FY2020 budget.
- The Board will consider taking action on the FY2020 budget at its Special Budget Meeting on April 15, 2019.

Strategic Facilities Plan Update

- Mr. Matthew Paugh, Board President, provided an update on the Strategic Facilities Plan.
- Mr. Paugh indicated that the first committee meeting is April 10 at Garrett College. A second committee meeting will meet on April 25, 2019.

New Business

Southern Garrett High School Project Bids

- Mr. William Swift, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Security, presented this action item.
- Mr. Swift discussed 3 separate project bids for Southern Garrett High School: Fire Alarm Replacement Project; Front Entrance/Security Vestibule Project; and Mechanical Unit(s) Replacement Project.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the following companies with the lowest bids for:
 - Fire Alarm Replacement: Freestate Baltimore, LLC from Cumberland, MD, for \$601,500.
 - Mechanical Heating Unit Replacement: Daystar Builder, Inc. from Grantsville, MD, for \$301,276.
 - Security Vestibule Replacement: Harbel, Inc. from Cumberland, MD, for \$252,000.

Board Business

Student Board Member Report

- Ms. Katherine Catulle, Student Board Member, presented informational items.
- Ms. Catulle shared activities in which various student councils have been actively engaged.
- The Garrett County Association of Student Councils (GCASC) members recently attended a student council convention in Ocean City.

Board Member Updates

- Mrs. Sebold and Ms. Baker attended the Southern High JROTC awards dinner, the Garrett County Student Arts Fair at the CARC, the Mock Trial Appreciation dinner, and the Southern High Honor Society Induction.
- Mrs. Rinker attended the Northern High pancake dinner, the Southern High chicken-pork barbecue, Mock Trial, and Southern High's theatre production (The Little Shop of Horrors).
- Thomas Woods attended the Maryland State Basketball Championship.

- Rodney Glotfelty visited various schools with Ms. Baker.

Audit Firm Selection

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this action item.
- She recommended that the Board retain The Rodeheaver Group, P.C., as the Board's auditor.
- The Board unanimously approved the Rodeheaver Group, P.C., as the audit firm for the Board and Garrett County Public Schools.

Upcoming Events

- Board Members signed up for various end of year school events and activities.

Next Meeting

- There is a special budget meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019, beginning at 3:00 PM. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.
- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.