

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

August 13, 2019

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Board of Education Members: Dr. 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

- Mr. Rob Smith, chairman of the Friendsville Forward Committee, a subcommittee of the Friendsville Town Council, discussed the opposition of closing Friendsville School and the importance of the school in the revitalization of the town of Friendsville.
- Mrs. Louise Friend addressed the Board on the rumor of closing Friendsville Elementary School.
- Mr. Hugh Friend addressed the Board on the rumor of closing Friendsville Elementary School and asked if this rumor was actually true.

Announcements

- August 14: Executive Session at Green Turtle Restaurant, 12:00 p.m.
- August 16: Stuff the Bus at Walmart from 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. and Central Office from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- August 20: First Day for Teachers
- August 22: GCPS Reunion / Staff Development at CARC Building, 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- August 26: First Day for Students; 3-hour early dismissal
- Sept. 2: Labor Day - Schools Closed

Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration Report

School Improvement Plan Update

- Mrs. Connie Uphold, principal of Swan Meadow School, and Arlene Lantz, teacher, presented updates on various programs at Swan Meadow School including PBIS, the computer science curriculum, MATH 180, READ 180, the Produce Tunnel, and the Maryland Day representative for Garrett County.

Policies and Procedures

Procedure #IHOA – Leaving School for Curricular, Co-Curricular or Extra-Curricular Events

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

- The Garrett County Board of Education recognizes the importance of out-of-classroom learning experiences that are connected to the curricula. Co-curricular and extra-curricular experiences provide a great complement to students' development.
- Mrs. DeVore indicated there were some revisions to the procedure regarding definitions and language. She also indicated that field trip transportation for large groups of students must utilize a Garrett County Public Schools contracted school bus or charter bus. Vehicles, other than a school bus, are permitted for small groups of students only under Procedure #EEBAA.

Continuing Business

Garrett College Performing Arts Center MOU

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent of Schools, presented this action item.
- Ms. Baker requested the Board approve the Garrett College Performing Arts Center MOU.
- In the MOU, the Board of Education agrees to provide \$30,000 annually, for ten years, to fund the equivalent of a half-time or contractual sound/lighting/equipment assistant for all partner-related events (including summer) at the Performing Arts Center. This financial contribution will be in exchange for the exclusive rights to identify 10 weeks throughout the academic year (defined as September 1-April 30), including weekend dates for GCPS-approved student activities, and practice sessions for those events. In addition, GCPS will be given preferred consideration for the Student Arts Fair date and agreement that these BOE events held at the PAC will take place without charge. The \$30,000 annual payment shall be level throughout the terms of the MOU codicil agreement.
- The Board voted to accept the Garrett College Performing Arts Center MOU.

Organization Chart

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent of Schools, presented this action item.
- Ms. Baker requested that the Board approve the revised organizational chart for Garrett County Public Schools.

- The Board voted to accept the organization chart for Garrett County Public Schools.

Strategic Facilities Committee Update

- Dr. Mathew Paugh, Board President, provided an update on the Strategic Facilities Committee (SFC) progress from information provided by Dr. David Lever, Facilitator for the Strategic Facilities Committee,
- The Strategic Facilities Committee met on July 10 and July 29, 2019. The Committee heard reports from each of the four research subcommittees: Grade Band Configuration, Alternative Education, Single High School/CTE, and Community Schools.
- Dr. Lever indicated that the discussion from the July 29 meeting led to the following general ideas to be developed:
 - Improving the security of schools;
 - Redistricting should be explored as the least costly method to address overcrowding in the southern elementary schools, to be followed by modest grade band reconfiguration to take advantage of available space, and then by capital projects to increase capacity;
 - The need to expand early childhood programs like Head Start, and to address at an early stage, the increase in the incidence and intensity of disruptive behaviors;
 - The educational adequacy findings from the previous workshop calls particular attention to the conditions at two schools, Crellin Elementary and Swan Meadow School.
 - Southern Middle School presents an educationally deficient environment that cannot be avoided.
- Dr. Paugh also reminded constituents that no decisions on any schools have been made by the Board of Education.

Hearing of Constituents

- Mr. Remington Friend addressed the Board with various questions regarding school planning, the future, and funding.
- Mr. Michael Henderson addressed the Board regarding the Academic Matrix ratings, state rated capacities, and various information provided to the Strategic Facilities Committee.
- Mr. Chris Hull addressed the Board on the rumor of closing Friendsville Elementary School.

Board Business

Student Board Member Report

- Ms. Katherine Catulle, Student Board Member, presented informational items.
- The Garrett County Association of Student Councils (GCASC) met on August 7, 2019, to discuss upcoming events for the year. To increase involvement, it was decided to replace the monthly meetings with quarterly meetings. Also, decisions were made on a platform to make a difference and service projects to complete throughout the year.

Board Member Updates

- Mrs. Rinker commented on the GCPS booth at the fair with all the important information available to the public.
- Mr. Woods visited the Hickory Environmental Education Center regarding the tech camp that was recently held.
- Mrs. Sebold attended the 4-H activities at the fair.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.