

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

September 10, 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

- There were no comments at this time.

Announcements

- September 17: Strategic Facilities Committee - Community Outreach Session at Southern High School Cafeteria, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- September 18: Strategic Facilities Committee - Community Outreach Session at Garrett College, GIEC Building in Room #111/112, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- September 19: Strategic Facilities Committee - Community Outreach Session at Northern Middle School Cafeteria, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- September 20: Staff Development – 3-hour early dismissal
- September 26: Progress Reports for the First Grading Period
- October 2-4: MABE Annual Conference at The Westin Hotel in Annapolis, MD
- October 8: Board of Education Meeting in Board Room at Central Office beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- October 25: Teacher of the Year Awards Gala, Martins West, Baltimore, MD, from 5:30 - 9:45 p.m.

Recognitions

- Mrs. Monica Rinker, Board member, recognized Ms. Lindsay Miller, 5th grade student at Crellin Elementary School, whose artwork, Sun Moon on gold tin foil, was selected by the Fine Arts Committee to be purchased and displayed at the Central Office of Garrett County Public Schools.
- Mrs. Rinker also recognized Ms. Ingrid White, a Southern High School graduate, whose artwork, Pink Tree with Cabin and Creek Painting, was purchased and will be displayed at the Central Office. Ms. White was not able to attend the meeting.

Continuing Business

Strategic Facilities Committee Preliminary Recommendations

- Dr. David Lever, Facilitator for the Strategic Facilities Committee, presented the Strategic Facilities Committee Preliminary Recommendations to the Board.
- Click [here](#) to view the Strategic Facilities Committee Preliminary Recommendations.
- Community Outreach Sessions will be held September 17, 18, 19, 2019 in 3 different areas (Southern High School, Garrett College, and Northern Middle School) from 6:30-8:30 PM.

New Business

FY2021 CIP

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented the draft FY2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Mr. Wesolowski provided a summary of the major projects in the 2021 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for the 2020-21 school year. 1) Southern High – front exterior renovation. 2) Grantsville and Friendsville Elementary Schools – Open Space conversion. 3) Southern Middle – Feasibility Study for renovation. 4) Northern High - boiler replacement and paving.
- The projects will require local and state funding to complete. The document must be submitted to MSDE by October 4, 2019.

Northern High Sewer Line Replacement Project Bid

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented the Northern High School Sewer Line Replacement Project Bid to the Board for approval.
- Mr. Wesolowski recommended that the Northern High Sewer Line Replacement, a QZAB project, be awarded to Carl Belt Inc., with a low bid of \$64,050.00.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the Carl Belt Inc. project bid for the Northern High School sewer line replacement.

Support Services Update

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented a support services update.
- Mr. Wesolowski facilitates a bi-weekly Support Services meeting at Dennett Road to create a cohesive team approach to improve communication, collaboration, and accountability.
- Support Services includes Transportation, Information Technology, Food Services, Safety and Security, and Maintenance and Operations departments.
- Mr. Wesolowski discussed the areas of focus and protocols and stated that he would provide quarterly updates at Board meetings.

Hearing of Constituents

- Ms. Jessica Beachy addressed the Board regarding clarification of various points from the Strategic Facilities Committee's plans regarding Swan Meadow School.
- Mr. Tim Reed discussed the value of Swan Meadow School.
- Mr. Remington Friend discussed his concerns regarding various aspects of the school system.
- Ms. Ainsley McHenry-Sorber, 5th grade student at Friendsville Elementary School, spoke about the value of her school.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration Report

Friendsville Elementary School

- Mr. James Friend, Principal of Friendsville Elementary School, presented updates regarding the school's programs and events including PBIS, Trout in the Classroom, Woodmen of the World, Greenhouse, Pumpkin Drop, Pollinating Flower Garden, Tower Garden, and Maple Fest.

Pupil Services Initiatives and Overview

- Dr. Phil Lauer, Supervisor of Pupil Services, presented this informational item.
- Dr. Lauer provided the Board with an update on Pupil Services initiatives and an overview of the department. Pupil Services includes School Counseling, School Psychology services, Pupil Personnel services, and School Health services.
- The Student Services program provides services for physical and mental health, personal development, interpersonal development, academic development, and career development.
- Dr. Lauer also discussed the initiatives, commendations, and recommendations of the program.

Policies and Procedures

Policy #IKABB – Reporting Student Progress in Garrett County Public Schools

- Dr. Phil Lauer, Supervisor of Pupil Services, presented this informational item.
- Dr. Lauer indicated that updates were made to the policy to include the process for student grade changes. A corresponding Grade Change Request Form was also added.
- The Board will revisit this policy at next month's meeting.

Board Business

Student Board Member Report

- Ms. Katherine Catulle, Student Board Member, presented informational items.
- Ms. Catulle provided an update to the Board regarding student activities and GCASC events.

Board Member Updates

- Mrs. Sebold discussed her appreciation of the annual staff reunion meeting that was held on August 22, 2019.

MABE Assignments

- MABE seeks local school board members from across Maryland to serve on committees in their areas of interest. The Board discussed the various committee assignments and meetings attended. Board members indicated their areas of interest.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.