

# BOARDROOM REVIEW

## Garrett County Board of Education

October 8, 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.

#### New Business

##### *FY2019 Financial Statements and Single Audit Results*

- Mr. Daniel Porter, CPA for Rodeheaver Group, P.C. and Manager of the Board of Education audit; Ms. Brianna Callis, Associate; and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, GCPS Director of Finance; presented this action item to the Board of Education.
- Mr. Porter presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2019, including the Independent Auditors' Report.
- Mr. Porter explained in detail the Independent Auditors' Report and indicated that Rodeheaver Group, P.C. has issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019.
- Mrs. Sweitzer reviewed with the Board the FY2019 basic financial statements, unrestricted total revenue and expenditure budgets, long term disabilities, net OPEB (Other-Post Employment Benefits) obligations, and net pension liabilities.
- Ms. Callis reviewed the Single Audit Report. The major program tested was the Special Education Cluster. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs of the Board expresses an unmodified opinion. She indicated there were no instances of non-compliance found. Ms. Callis also indicated that there were no deficiencies reported in internal controls over compliance. In the opinion of the auditors, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards was fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.
- Ms. Callis indicated that there were no areas of significant deficiencies.
- The Garrett County Board of Education was determined to be a low-risk auditee.
- The FY19 audited financial report can be reviewed online at [garrettcountyschools.org](http://garrettcountyschools.org) under Finance Department.

- The Board unanimously voted to accept the FY2019 Financial Report.

#### Announcements

- Oct. 10: Staff Development - Students dismissed 3 hours early
- Oct. 11: Autumn Glory - Schools Closed
- Oct. 14-18: National School Lunch Week
- Oct. 21-25: National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 29: End of First Grading Term
- Nov. 4: Parent Teacher Conferences - Schools Closed

#### Recognitions

##### *I Can Swim Program – Month of October*

- Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board President, recognized the *I Can Swim!* Program, in partnership with Garrett College, by presenting a proclamation for the month of October. Accepting the proclamation was Dr. Richard Midcap, President of Garrett College.
- In September 2011, Garrett College began providing free American Red Cross basic swimming and water safety instruction for all kindergarten children. Garrett County Public Schools, in conjunction with the College and Me program, provides school bus transportation for the children to the college campus as part of their daily schedule for a four-day active learning program during the regular school week.
- Every child participating in the program receives an *I Can Swim!* certificate and a one-year discount on a family membership to the CARC, along with four free one-day swimming passes. At the conclusion of its seventh year, the program has graduated over 3,000 Garrett County kindergarten students.

##### *National School Bus Safety Week Proclamation – October 22-26, 2018*

- Mrs. Monica Rinker, Board Member, recognized National School Bus Safety Week: October 21-25, 2019, with a proclamation. The proclamation was presented to Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, and several school bus drivers and bus contractors.
- The Board proclaimed the third full week in October as National School Bus Safety Week, and

encourages all citizens to recognize the hard work and dedication of pupil transportation professionals, the excellent safety record of school bus drivers, the benefits of school bus driver training, the importance of students obeying safety rules at all times, and the need for heightened vigilance on the part of all vehicle drivers when in the vicinity of school buses.

### ***Maryland Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame - Dave Taylor***

- Mr. Thomas Woods, Board Vice President, recognized Mr. Dave Taylor, wrestling coach at Southern Garrett High School.
- Mr. Taylor was inducted into the Maryland Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at a ceremony on October 6, 2019, in Annapolis. Taylor was among five inductees selected to join the hall of fame in the 2019 class, an honor for coaches, referees, and others who have dedicated much of their lives to helping young people through the sport of wrestling.
- Mr. Taylor is one of the most successful wrestling coaches in the history of Maryland. In his 18 years serving as head coach at Southern, the Rams have amassed 381 dual meet victories, while crowning 21 individual state champions and winning five state team titles. Taylor's teams also have won eight regional championships.

### **Hearing of Constituents**

- Mr. Evan West, Uniserve Director for GCEA, addressed the Board regarding a Blue Print Community Forum to be held on October 28, 2019, at 6:00 PM, at Garrett College on the subject of the Kirwan Commission and the wealth formula.
- Mr. Mike Henderson addressed the Board regarding building new schools instead of repairing schools to keep the existing districts.

### **Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration Report**

#### ***Broad Ford Elementary School***

- Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Principal of Broad Ford Elementary School, and Mrs. Kim Weimer, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, presented to the Board the 4<sup>th</sup> grade project, "Be the Change". This year-long project asks students to:
  - Find a way to make families, the community, the state, or the world a better place.
  - Design a plan for the purpose.
  - Implement the plan at a minimum of once a month.
  - Record progress with photos, videos or other information

- Compile the evidence and create the project.
- Share the project with the teacher and the community at the Be the Change Showcase.

### **Continuing Business**

#### ***Strategic Planning 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.
- Click [here](#) to read the October 7, 2019, Strategic Facilities Committee's update.

#### ***FY2021 CIP***

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented this action item.
- Mr. Wesolowski indicated that the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) is a combined document for 2021-26 that now includes previously approved projects.
- The projects will require local and state funding to complete. The document will be submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education.
- After discussion and an amendment, the Board voted to accept the CIP.

### **Policies and Procedures**

#### ***Policy and Procedure #JLDBD – Team Threat Assessment***

- Dr. Phil Lauver, Supervisor of Pupil Services, presented this informational item.
- Dr. Lauver indicated that this policy will address threats of violence made to the GCPS system in general, toward a specific school or activity, or individual or groups of students or adults, including school staff, parents and guardians, GCPS and agency contracted service providers, volunteers and non-affiliated persons or other visitors who are in school buildings, on school property and/or attending school sponsored events. This assessment includes all forms of threats directed toward the GCPS system, whether verbal, written, visual (gestures), and made on or off school property, including social media, phone calls, text messages, and emails.
- This policy establishes safety procedures for the GCPS system and the school community by implementing behavioral team threat assessments.
- 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, Mr. Glotfelty, Mrs. Rinker, and Dr. Paugh recently attended the MABE Conference in Annapolis. The Superintendent, the Board's attorney, and the student Board member also attended.
- Mr. Woods attended Friendsville School's dedication of the new garden. He also attended the College Expo at Garrett College.
- Mrs. Rinker, with the Superintendent, visited Route 40 and Grantsville Elementary Schools and attended Swan Meadow School's Harvest Sale.

## **Next Meeting**

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.