

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

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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

- Dec. 11: Staff Development; 3 Hour Early Dismissal
- Dec. 20: 3 Hour Early Dismissal
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Winter Break (Schools Closed)
- Jan. 2: Schools Reopen

Recognitions

Northern Garrett High School Girls Cross Country Team – State Champions

- Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board President, recognized the Northern High School Girls Cross Country Team.
- The Northern Garrett High School girls' cross country team won the Maryland 1A State Championship on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at Hereford High School in Parkton, Maryland. Northern beat Brunswick High School 40-45 for the team championship. Northern finished with 5 girls in the top 20 with Sophia Brown finishing second.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Gold and Silver Award Schools

- Mr. Tom Woods, Board Vice President, recognized schools that received the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Gold and Silver Recognition Awards.
- Broad Ford Elementary and Grantsville Elementary Schools received the PBIS Maryland Gold status award, and Northern Middle School received PBIS Maryland Silver status award.
- The Gold award status is the highest level of recognition available in the PBIS Maryland program. This level of recognition is reserved for those schools that have demonstrated sustainability for the systems, practices, and data utilization for school-wide positive behavior interventions and supports, as well as positive effects on both school discipline and achievement data for at least two years.

- The second recognition level is the PBIS Maryland Silver recognition award, intended for those schools that have successfully implemented school-wide PBIS and can demonstrate that their implementation has had positive effects on their discipline data for at least one year.

Continuing Business

Strategic Facilities Committee Final Report

- Dr. David Lever, Facilitator for the Strategic Facilities Committee, presented the final report of the facility recommendations for capital projects and other actions.
- Click [here](#) to view Dr. Lever's presentation of the SFC final report and recommendations.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the Strategic Facilities Committee Final Report, but with no action on the recommendations at this time.

Hearing of Constituents

- Ms. Crystal Boal and Ms. Jennifer Paugh addressed the Board regarding their participation, experiences, and frustrations of serving on the School Facilities Committee.
- Mr. Spencer Schlosnagle addressed the Board regarding closing schools, overcrowding issues, maintenance issues, and for the Board to work together with other entities to make fair decisions regarding the children's education.
- Mr. Steven Hughes addressed the Board concerning the closing of schools.
- Ms. Beth Scott addressed the Board about values and community schools.
- Ms. Nicole Christian addressed the Board concerning Kirwan commission funding, the development of a long term strategic plan, conducting a complete community impact assessment, and the Chamber of Commerce's advocating for a change in the wealth formula.

Policies and Procedures

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

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

- The purpose of this policy is to ensure that parents, students, and teachers are informed of the policies that govern the grading process in Garrett County Public Schools.
- Garrett County Public Schools is committed to maintaining rigorous performance and achievement standards for all students and providing a fair process for evaluating and reporting student progress that is understandable to students and their parents/guardians and relevant for instructional purposes. Interim and report card grades are a measure of student achievement in mastering content standards and course outcomes.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept *Policy #IKABB – Reporting Student Progress in Garrett County Secondary Schools*.

Procedure #IKABA – Grading and Reporting Practices Elementary Schools, Grades K-5

- Mrs. Karen DeVore, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. DeVore discussed retiring *Procedure #IKABA Grading and Reporting Practices Elementary Schools, Grades K-5*.
- With the adoption of Policy and Procedure #IKABB- Reporting Student Progress in Garrett County Secondary Schools, Procedure #IKABA is no longer needed and therefore retired.

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

- Mr. Glotfelty attended the MABE’s Legislative Committee Meeting and shared information from the meeting.
- Mrs. Rinker indicated that Southern Middle School recently held a benefit fundraiser for community purposes.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.