

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Election of Officers

- Mr. Thomas Woods was elected President of the Board of Education for 2020.
- Mrs. Monica Rinker was elected Vice President for 2020.

Hearing of Constituents

- There were no comments at this time.

Announcements

- Jan. 17: End of First Semester
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Schools Closed
- Jan. 21: Professional day - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students
- Jan. 23-24: Mountain Maryland PACE Conference at Graduate Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, MD
- Jan. 27: Budget Work Session - Board Room at Central Office at 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Parent Teacher Conferences 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Schools Closed
- Jan. 31: Staff Development - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

Recognitions

National Mentoring Month Proclamation

- Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Board Member, recognized January as National Mentoring Month by presenting a proclamation to Garrett Mentors and its members: Laura Fike, Executive Director, Rich White, Kathy Coble, Don Coble, Frank Shap, Chuck Olsson, Ed Spurr, and Annette Chapman.
- Garrett Mentors provide Garrett County children, in preschool through grade six, with various needs with positive, caring, adult volunteers who serve as lunchtime mentors at school. Many children are referred due to lack of support at home or other difficult circumstances that provide a strong need for a positive, adult role model. Mentors and children meet together for weekly, one-on-one lunchtime sessions which are tailored around the individual needs and personalities of the children being served.

Holiday Card Artwork – Lily Zimmerman

- Mrs. Monica Rinker, Board Vice President, recognized Ms. Lily Zimmerman, a 5th grade student at Crellin Elementary School, as the designer of the holiday card which was sent from the Board of Education and the Superintendent to the school system's employees, each Maryland school superintendent, and various county and state agencies in December 2019.

National School Counseling Week

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Board Member, recognized National School Counseling Week, February 3-7, 2020, by presenting a proclamation to school counselors. Tim Watson, Grantsville Elementary School, Aimee Spiker, Yough Glades Elementary School, Kelley Beavers-Davis and Dawn Moon, Broad Ford Elementary School, and Dr. Phil Lauver, Supervisor of Pupil Services, received the proclamation on behalf of the school system's counselors.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration Report

Yough Glades Elementary School

- Mrs. Janet Gregory, Principal of Yough Glades Elementary School, and Mrs. Dara McGettigan, Literacy Coach, highlighted initiatives at Yough Glades for the 2019-20 school year.
- Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. McGettigan highlighted the utilization of the reading/literacy coaches within the school and how this position has grown in capacity. The coaches provide professional development, coach K-2 students, track data and trends, and collaborate with PreK-5 teachers to implement the curriculum.

ESSA Plan / Instructional Strategic Goals

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, and Mrs. Karen DeVore, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration, presented the ESSA Plan and the Instructional Strategic Goals to the Board.
- Mrs. Baker indicated that the strategic plan includes data-driven action plan strategies to guide the school

system, which includes reviews of extensive data and research to assist in targeting improvement efforts and to provide information for monitoring progress.

- Mrs. DeVore explained that the ESSA plan has math and language arts goals, objectives, and strategies to improve instruction and learning results during the school year. Through root cause analysis and assessment data, priority needs were identified in content areas (Math, English/Language Arts) in grade levels 3-5, subgroups (special education and FARMs), and overarching programs (RTI).
- The fiscal outlook in the plan represents a commitment to meeting the needs of the students as seen through the prioritization of investment in interventions, repurposing resources to meet current needs, imbedding technology and investment in human capital, and understanding that the single greatest determinant of learning is still excellent instruction.
- Mrs. Baker also shared with the Board the 2018-19 Star Ratings for the schools. All Garrett County schools were rated at 4 Stars (out of 5 Stars) with the exception of Yough Glades Elementary School and Southern Middle School, which received 3-Star ratings.

Health Materials

- Mrs. Rebecca Aiken, Nurse Manager, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Aiken discussed health materials for review, which include online video resources from amaze.org to be used by health teachers, school counselors, and nurses.
- Six short videos were recommended by the Advisory Committee for use at specific grade levels. “*Feeling Depressed, Happy, and Other Emotions*” and “*Oh No BO –Changing Bodies*” (boys) were recommended for grades 4,5,6,7, & 8. “*Menstruation, What to Expect*” (girls) was recommended for grades 4 and 5. “*All About Getting Your Period*” (girls) and “*Depression and Anxiety*” was recommended for grades 6,7, and 8. “*Pregnancy and Reproduction*” was recommended for grade 8.
- The health posters provide updated information on STD/STI facts, birth control choices, and abstinence. These are recommended for use by health teachers for grades 7,8, and high school.
- The materials will be available for review at the Central Office in Oakland, Northern Garrett High School in Accident, and The Ruth Enlow Library in Oakland from January 15, 2020, until February 7, 2020. The Board will take action on the materials at the February 11, 2020, Board of Education Meeting.

Hearing of Constituents

- Mr. Evan West, GCEA UniServ Director, addressed the Board regarding the Blueprint of Maryland’s Future, also known as the Kirwan Commission.

New Business

2020 IRS Mileage Rate

- Mrs Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer indicated that the 2020 federal mileage rate is \$0.575 per mile. Garrett County Public Schools follows this federal mileage rate.

School Calendar 2020-21

- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, on behalf of the Calendar Committee, presented this informational item.
- Dr. Wildesen introduced two Pre-Labor Day proposed calendars for the 2020-21 school year. She shared highlights of the proposed calendars which indicates school starting on Wednesday, August 26 or Monday, August 31, based on the 2 proposed calendars.
- The Board is seeking public comments regarding the proposed 2020-21 calendar before the February meeting.

Kirwan Legislation

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, provided an update to the Board regarding Kirwan Legislation and the impact on the school system.
- In May 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education was established. The Commission was charged on two points: 1) Review and recommend changes to update the current education funding formulas (Thornton formulas); 2) Make policy recommendations that would enable Maryland’s prek-12 system to perform at the level of the best-performing systems in the world.
- From this legislation, 5 policy areas and cost percentages for Garrett County Public Schools were discussed:
 - Investing in high-quality early childhood education and care (14%)
 - Elevating Teachers and School Leaders (47%)
 - Creating a world-class instructional system (2%)
 - Providing more support to students who need it the most (37%)
 - Ensuring excellence for all (0.03%)

Continuing Business

SFC Recommendation 1 – Joint Capital Planning Group

- Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board Member, discussed the Joint Capital Planning Group recommendation.
- The recommendation was to establish a joint working group composed of personnel from the Board of Education and County Government that will meet bimonthly (6 times a year). Under the direction of the Board of Education, the working group would work to: A.) Coordinate the capital improvement program as a whole as well as individual projects; B.) Receive input from all community, business, nonprofit and other stakeholders, as appropriate for specific types of capital projects and project categories; C.) Identify and resolve obstacles to the smooth implementation of projects; D.) Report back to the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners on the status of projects and other matters of concern; E.) Develop funding models and investigate funding and financing sources; and F.) Investigate and resolve all matters of concern.
- The purpose of the proposed Joint Capital Planning Group is to anticipate problems, keep all parties informed, and work together for the smooth delivery of the capital program.
- An informal meeting request will be sent to the County Commissioners.

Board Annual Selection

Meeting Date, Time, and Place

- The Board approved the second Tuesday of every month as the Board meeting date with a 4:00 PM start time for Executive Session.

Legal Counsel

- The Board approved Mr. Brandon Hoover as the Attorney for the Board.

Committee Assignments

- The Board discussed and filled committee assignments for 2020.

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 discussed information from the legislative sessions.
- Mrs. Rinker attended some school Christmas events.

- Mr. Woods indicated the Garrett County robotics team assisted a Parkersburg school to start an iLego team that finished 2nd in the state of West Virginia in its first year.

Next Meeting

- A special budget work session will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.
- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.