

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

February 11, 2020

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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

Hearing of Constituents

- There were no comments at this time.

Announcements

- Feb. 13: MABE Legislative Luncheon Day, Miller Senate Building, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 10:00-1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17: President's Day - Schools Closed
- Feb. 21: 2nd Annual MSP/NRP Cool Schools Deep Creek Dunk at Deep Creek Lake by Uno's Restaurant
- Feb. 24: MABE Board Service Academy: Open Meetings Act, MABE Office in Annapolis, MD 9:30-12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Staff Development Day - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students
- Mar. 3: MABE Board Service Academy: Telling Your Story (A Guide for Board Communications) MABE Office in Annapolis, MD 9:30-12:30 p.m.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration

Report

Route 40 Elementary School

- Mrs. Candy Maust, Route 40 Elementary School Principal, provided the Board with a report on the progress of Orton-Gillingham, a multi-sensory approach for teaching reading as implemented in Garrett County schools. Staff has been trained by The Institute for Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE) staff development opportunities.
- Mrs. Maust indicated that Orton-Gillingham is an evidence based program. The program's components are Phonological Awareness, Decoding, Vocabulary, and Comprehension.

New Business

Seniors' Last Day of School

- Mrs. Stephanie Wesolowski, Supervisor of English Language Arts and Social Studies, on behalf of Mr. Paul Edwards, presented this action item.
- Mrs. Wesolowski made an official request to make the last school day for seniors Wednesday, May 27th. This is the reciprocal date that has been set for

several years as the seniors' final day. After consultation with both high school principals, this day provides ample opportunity to practice graduation ceremonies, complete final exams, and to make up any work necessary for seniors to earn their diplomas on May 30.

- The Board unanimously voted for May 27, 2020, as the last day of school for seniors.

Recognitions

School Social Worker Week

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Board Member, recognized School Social Workers Week, March 2-6, 2020 by presenting a proclamation. "Beacon of Hope: School Social Workers - Lighting the Way" is the theme for School Social Worker Week 2020. School social workers are able to light the way by emphasizing the whole child, collaborating with other professionals, linking students and families with needed services, and advocating for the profession.
- Social Workers Shannon Haley, Carrie Hook, and Mary VanSickle accepted the proclamation.

Hearing of Constituents

- Evan West, GCEA UniServ Director, addressed the Board concerning staff and student physical safety.
- Ms. Jennifer Paugh addressed the Board regarding the Dennett Road Educational Complex and school safety.

Policies and Procedures

Procedure #105.1 - Potential Indicators to Accompany Goals of Garrett County Public Schools

- Mrs. Stephanie Wesolowski, Supervisor of English Language Arts and Social Studies, on behalf of Mr. Paul Edwards, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Wesolowski discussed retiring *Procedure #105.1 - Potential Indicators to Accompany Goals of Garrett County Public Schools*.
- This procedure, regarding the indicator package data, is outdated and does not reflect the current method of data collection and reporting.

Policy and Procedure #JLCBA – Health Requirements for Entry to School

- Mrs. Rebecca Aiken, Nurse Manager, presented this informational item and first reading of revisions to this policy and procedure.
- The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all students meet the immunization, lead testing, and physical assessment standards for admission to Garrett County Public Schools as set forth by Maryland law.
- All students must meet the eligibility requirements for school admission established by the State of Maryland, including immunizations, lead testing, and health assessment.
- Maryland State law mandates immunizations for students as an evidence based strategy to control vaccine-preventable diseases. Maryland has enacted vaccine requirements for entry into school to protect students' health and welfare.
- Mrs. Aiken indicated there were a number of revisions to the procedure.
- The policy will be scheduled for approval at next month's meeting.

Continuing Business

Health Materials

- Mrs. Rebecca Aiken, Nurse Manager, presented this action item.
- Mrs. Aiken reviewed health materials present last month, which included 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.
- Several public comments were received regarding the recommendations.
- The Board unanimously voted to table this action item until next month's meeting.

School Calendar 2020-21

- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, on behalf of the Calendar Committee, presented this action item.
- At last month's Board meeting, Dr. Wildesen introduced two proposed pre-Labor Day calendars for the 2020-21 school year.
- Dr. Wildesen indicated that 32 comments from the public had been received and compiled regarding the proposed calendar for the 2020-21 school year. The Board received a copy of the comments.
- Dr. Wildesen recommended the adoption of the Calendar Committee's 2020-21 school calendar choice that begins on August 26, 2020.

- The Board unanimously voted to accept an amended 2020-21 school calendar with the first day of school for students on Monday, August 31, 2020.
- Highlights of the 2020-21 school calendar are:
 - August 31: First day of school for students
 - September 7: School closed for Labor Day
 - October 11: Schools closed for Autumn Glory
 - November 3: School closed for Election Day
 - November 26,27,30: Thanksgiving break
 - December 24-January 1: Winter break
 - January 18: Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - January 28: School closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - February 15: Schools closed for Presidents' Day
 - April 2 and 5: Schools closed for Easter break
 - May 31: Schools closed for Memorial Day
 - June 2: Three-hour early dismissal for students
 - June 3: Last day of school for students – 3-hour early dismissal

Quarterly Finance Report

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer shared the FY2020 second quarter financial review by showing the school system's expenditure/balances by category.
- For the Unrestricted Expenditure Budget to this point, the system has spent 37.7% of the FY20 budget compared to 37.0% at this time last year. Thus far in FY20, \$1,061,731 more has been expended compared to FY19.

2020-21 Superintendent's Budget Priorities and Responses to Work Session Questions

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented this informational item.
- Ms. Baker shared budget work session responses requested by the Board from the January 27th session. She supplied data in the areas of:
 - Behavior Support
 - Behavior Coaches
 - STARS Program
 - School Psychologists
 - Registered Behavior Technicians
 - Non-Public Placements
 - School Bus Assistants
 - Site Licenses
 - Rachel's Challenge
- Mrs. Baker also shared the FY2021 budget timeline with the projected approval date on May 12, 2020.

County Revenue Request

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented this action item.

- Ms. Baker discussed the county revenue request from the Board. The County asked agencies whether or not they would be requesting maintenance of effort and/or any one-time only nonrecurring funding.
- The Board voted to request maintenance of effort from the County.

Board Business

Student Board Member Report

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

Board Member Updates

- Mr. Glotfelty discussed the MABE legislative meetings and various bills.

Audit Firm Selection

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, recommended that the Board continue to contract with The Rodeheaver Group P.C. for the 2020 audit.
- The Board unanimously approved The Rodeheaver Group P.C. for the 2020 audit.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.