

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 Gloffely, 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

Continuing Business

System-wide Coronavirus Response

- The Board unanimously voted to pay for any non-benefited staff member that had a consistent schedule for GCPS on the 4/15/2020 pay date. The pay would be based upon an average of the two most recent pay periods. This would include long-term substitutes, hourly academic intervention staff, and hourly support service staff.
- The board unanimously voted to pay the April transportation school bus contract payment, less the fuel portion, should the schools not resume in April.
- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, addressed the Board and public regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the school system response.
 - At this time, there is no information when schools will resume – whether March 30 or later.
 - Ms. Baker indicated that no decisions have been made regarding graduation, prom, sports, extra-curricular activities. Everything is on hold.
 - As far as the continuation of learning, Ms. Baker indicated that the system is looking at a type of hybrid learning of online and packets for students. Principals will have a lead role in supporting the teachers.
 - Daycare centers in the schools will not be in operation since the schools are closed.
 - School lunches are being served between 11:00 – 1:00 in a number of locations. Home delivery will begin March 25, 2020.

Next Meeting

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