

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

The meeting was conducted virtually due to COVID-19 and Governor Hogan's executive orders prohibiting public gatherings.

PUBLIC SESSION

New Business

Educational Facilities Master Plan

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented this informational item.
- Mr. Wesolowski presented the Educational Facilities Master Plan to the Board for review. He indicated that The Interagency Committee (IAC) on Public School Construction requires a yearly facilities master plan.
- The Education Facilities Master Plan is due to the IAC and the Maryland State Department of Education on July 1.
- The Educational Facilities Master Plan will be reviewed and revisited by the Board at next month's meeting.

Electric Rate Bids Energy Initiative

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented this action item.
- Mr. Wesolowski provided details regarding an energy initiative for Electric Rate Bids for Board's consideration.
- He recommended that the Board approve the 36-month fixed rate with Freepoint Energy Solutions. This contract rate will begin in the July billing statement. It is estimated to save GCPS between \$95,000 to \$110,000 in the reduced rate.
- Mr. Wesolowski also recommended that the Board approve the Energy Commission Agreement. MVPS LLC will transfer its commissions (\$60,000) by Freepoint Energy Solutions to GCPS as a direct pass through. This funding will be used to pay for labor to install LED equipment in schools. The equipment will be provided through a reimbursement program with Potomac Edison resulting on \$0 cost to GCPS.

- The Board voted to accept the electric rate bid package.

Continuing Business

FY21 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented the FY2021 Superintendent's Budget for the Board's review.
- At last month's meeting, Mrs. Sweitzer discussed the design of the document regarding some of the reallocations, reclassifications, and other changes that were reflected in the detailed FY2021 Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget. Many of the formatting, classification changes, and additional tables are the direct result of ESSA reporting requirements.
- The Board discussed several amendments to the proposed budget.
- The Board will revisit the FY2021 budget at the June 9th meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.