

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; Mr. Jarrett M. Miller, 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

Modify 2020-2021 School Calendar

- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, presented this action item.
- Due to the Garrett County Board of Education's decision to postpone the start of school to September 8, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year, the Calendar Committee was surveyed to determine if the school calendar should be revised to include additional student days. The days included for consideration in the calendar are Friday, October 9, 2020, since some of the Autumn Glory festivities have been cancelled and Monday, November 30, 2020, which is Thanksgiving Break.
- Dr. Wildesen made the recommendation to the Board to add October 9, 2020, and November 30, 2020, back into the 2020-21 School Calendar as student instructional days. The addition of the two days back into the 2020-21 school calendar would move the students' last day of school to June 8, 2021.
- The Board unanimously voted to add October 9 and November 30 as school days in the 2020-21 school calendar.

Swan Meadow Roof Replacement Project Bid

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, presented this action item.
- Mr. Wesolowski indicated that there were 3 qualified bids received for the Swan Meadow roof replacement.
- Mr. Wesolowski recommended to the Board the CN Metals, LLC, bid award of \$25,773. CN Metals, LLC, is from Oakland, MD.
- The Board unanimously voted to award the Swan Meadow roof replacement project bid to CN Metals, LLC.

Continuing Business

Re-Opening of Schools

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented this action item.
- Ms. Baker presented the re-opening of school information for FY21 to the Board for consideration.
- Ms. Baker discussed a safe reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. She reviewed the Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue phases of the recovery plan for the opening of schools.
 - **Red** (when the state is in Stage 1): All school activities to be conducted online and through distance learning platforms.
 - **Yellow** (when the state is in Stage 2): Some in-person school activities may commence in accordance with the Governor's social distancing measures. (AA/DL/BB days for students)
 - **Green** (when the state is in Stage 3): In-person activities may fully resume, and schools can begin normal operations consistent with additional safety measures.
 - **Blue** (regardless of the stage): All students enrolled in this model will participate virtually full time.
- Ms. Baker recommended a modified red phase for the start of school on September 8, 2020, through the end of the first nine weeks grading term. With the modified red phase, small instructional groups (special populations of students) could attend school in person. Ms. Baker also indicated that extra-curricular activities would be canceled, staff would return to the schools, and information would be sent to parents regarding online instruction.
- The Board voted for the recovery plan's opening of school at a modified red phase.

5-Year Strategic Plan/Capital Improvement Plan

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, and Dr. Paugh presented this informational item.
- Mr. Wesolowski indicated that the [5-Year Strategic Plan](#) and the [Capital Improvement Plan](#) (CIP) are now together in one format as a blended document.

- Dr. Paugh gave a background review of the 5-Year Strategic Facilities Plan FY2022-27. The 5-Year Strategic Facilities Plan aims to identify the key projects that the Garrett County Board of Education has identified as priorities for the Fiscal Years 2022-27. These projects were determined through an extensive process over the past three years.
- Mr. Wesolowski outlined the CIP prioritization process in the proposed 5-year strategic plan regarding capital projects.
- The Board will revisit the plan at the August Board meeting

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.