

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

November 10, 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; Mr. Jarrett M. Miller, Student Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

The meeting was live streamed, but closed to the public, due to COVID-19 and Governor Hogan's executive orders prohibiting public gatherings.

PUBLIC SESSION

Hearing of Constituents

- Mr. Evan West, UniServ Director for ACEA/GCEA, addressed the Board regarding some concerns and recommendations in regards to the Garrett County Education Association.
- Ms. Donna Deal, teacher, addressed the Board in regards to keeping students in class, even with an increase of COVID cases, as well as consider extending the classroom day to keep the students engaged in the learning process.

Announcements

- Nov. 10: End of First Grading Period
- Nov.12: Executive Session at Greene Turtle Restaurant 12:00 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Report Cards Released
- Nov. 26-27: Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 8: Board Meeting
- Dec. 10: MABE New Board Member Orientation - Virtual Meeting 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Recognitions

Veterans Day Proclamation - November 11, 2020

- Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board member, read a resolution in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, which was signed by Board members and Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Paugh presented the proclamation to Master Sergeant Donald Wilson, a veteran and instructor in the JROTC program at Southern Garrett High School.

School Psychologist Week Proclamation – November 9-13, 2020

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Board Member, read a proclamation in honor of School Psychologist Week, November 9-13, 2020, which was signed by Board members and Ms. Baker. Mr. Glotfelty presented the

proclamation to Dr. Phil Lauver, Supervisor of Pupil Services, on behalf of the school psychologists.

American Education Week Proclamation – November 16-20, 2020

- Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Board Member, read a proclamation in honor of American Education Week, November 16-20, 2020, which was signed by Board members and Ms. Baker. The proclamation was a salute to the dedicated employees of Garrett County Public Schools. Mrs. Sebold presented the proclamation to Ms. Heather Roth, music teacher at Broad Ford/Crellin Elementary Schools, on behalf of all GCPS employees.

New Business

FY2022 Budget Calendar

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer presented the FY2022 budget calendar to the Board for their review and discussion. She outlined tentative dates for various budget deadlines, meetings, and presentations beginning the end of November and moving forward to the approval of the Superintendent's Proposed FY22 Operating Budget on April 13, 2021.

Policies and Procedures

Policy #JCB – Admission to School Out of Attendance Area

- Dr. Phil Lauver, Supervisor of Pupil Services, presented this action item.
- The purpose of this policy is that Public Schools Laws of Maryland give the Board of Education the responsibility for establishing school districts and determining which pupils shall be admitted to the public school within that district.
- Dr. Lauver outlined the out-of-area application process and conditions under which Garrett County students may be permitted to attend school outside of the local area on a one-year basis.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept *Policy and Procedure #JCB – Admission to School Out of Attendance Area*.

Continuing Business

Return to Learn

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented this informational item.
- Ms. Baker provided an update on the reopening of schools. She indicated that there is no tentative timeline of returning students to full day instruction. However, in the last three days, the county's pandemic metrics are trending up significantly. As of November 10, 2020, 35 staff members are quarantining/isolating at home.
- Ms. Baker made a recommendation to go to a virtual (red) learning environment from Thursday, November 12, 2020, to Thursday, December 10, 2020, with all extra-curricular activities to cease.
- The Board voted to go to a virtual learning environment beginning November 12, 2020 through at least December 10, 2020.

Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Educational Facilities

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented this informational item.
- Mr. Wesolowski presented the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Educational Facilities to the Board for their review.
- The Comprehensive Maintenance Plan was established and is updated yearly to develop, maintain, and/ or improve all facilities in the Garrett County Public School System. The goal is to support the delivery of educational programs and services in safe and healthy environments as effectively and efficiently as possible. A combination of the Educational Facilities Master Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, are used to identify and determine the district's maintenance needs. Each year the Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Security Department identifies projects in various categories from parking lot overlays, roof replacements, energy efficient boiler upgrades, etc.
- The Comprehensive Maintenance Plan can be viewed [here](#).
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the *Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Educational Facilities of Garrett County*.

Board Business

Student Board Member Report

- Mr. Jarrett Miller, Student Board Member, presented informational items.
- Mr. Miller discussed student government activities and elections through virtual voting.

- He recently attended a Title 1 Night at Broad Ford Elementary School where a meal was provided along with information for parents and activities for students.

Board Member Updates

- Mr. Glotfelty expressed gratitude to the Garrett County Health Department with all the things they are doing during the pandemic.
- Mrs. Sebold expressed that she likes having student Board members throughout the years. She would like the Board to consider having a scholarship for student members.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.