

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, Mr. Jason VanSickle, 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

- There were no public comments at this time.

Board Business

Superintendent Appointment

- Mr. Thomas Woods, Board President, announced the Board Superintendent contract renewal.
- The Board voted to renew the contract of Ms. Barbara L. Baker as Superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025.
- Ms. Baker thanked the Board for the renewal as Superintendent of Schools. She also thanked the staff, teachers, and administrators for their support.

Budget Work Session

Operating Budget Discussion

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, outlined the process for setting the FY2022 Operating Budget with the Board. Ms. Baker and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, also discussed departmental needs with the Board for consideration.
- Ms. Baker explained the budgeting process from internal planning to the Board's vision, mission, and goals.

Superintendent Priorities

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, discussed her budget priorities for constructing the FY2022 Budget.
- The Superintendent's priorities are:
 - The next steps in COVID recovery;
 - Accelerate academic achievement;
 - Address social and emotional wellbeing;
 - Return the focus on moving the school system forward.
- The Board shared some priorities with the Superintendent for the FY2022 Budget.

Funding Request

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, shared estimated revenues and local funding for the FY2022 Budget.
- The Board finalized its local funding request for the County Commissioners. A county maintenance of effort will be requested at \$28,170,095. This is \$1.00 more than last year's funding by the county government.
- The Board unanimously approved to request \$28,170,095 from the County Commissioners.

Continuing Business

GCPS Reopening Update

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, shared a reopening update for in-person learning.
- Ms. Baker's reopening update can be viewed [here](#).

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.