

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

April 13, 2021

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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

Public Comments

- There were no public comments at this time.

Announcements

- May 6: Progress Reports for 4th grading term
- May 7: Garrett County Mental Health Awareness Day - Wear green to show your support
- May 13: MABE Board Service Academy (Virtual), Topic: Effective Board Teamwork, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- June 5: Graduation Ceremonies at CARC Building in McHenry - Northern Garrett High School at 10:00 a.m.; Southern Garrett High School at 2:00 p.m.

Recognitions

Recognition of Retired Board Member – Charlotte Sebold

- Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board member, recognized Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, former Board Member, who retired from the Garrett County Board of Education after 28 years of service. The Board presented Mrs. Sebold with a gift and read a proclamation for Mrs. Sebold's years of service to the Board of Education. The Board also presented to Jarrett Miller, Student Member, the first annual *Charlotte A. Sebold Scholarship Award* of \$500.

2021 Carson Scholars

- Mr. Jason VanSickle, Board Member, recognized Lauryn Bishoff, 10th grader at Southern Garrett High School, Laura Huelskamp, 9th grader at Northern Garrett High School, and Serena Lewis, 11th grader at Southern Garrett High School (unable to attend), for being named 2021 Carson Scholars. The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Scholarship winners receive the honor of being

named "Carson Scholars" and are awarded an Olympic-sized medal and a trophy for their school to celebrate their accomplishments.

National History Day Competition Award Winner – Laura Huelskamp

- Mr. Jason VanSickle, Board Member, recognized Laura Huelskamp for winning the National History Day Competition. The National History Day contest, held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was held on June 12-20, 2020. She was awarded first place in the Junior Individual Exhibits with her exhibit "*Aren't Lights Grand?: Breaking Barriers in History with Rural Electrification*".

Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation – May 3-7, 2021

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Board Member, recognized Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2021, by reading a proclamation.
- Ardra Sharpless, 8th Grade Science Teacher at Southern Middle School, received the proclamation on behalf of all GCPS teachers.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration (CIA) Report

Comprehensive Middle School ELA Curriculum: StudySync 6-8 Grade

- Mrs. Stephanie Wesolowski, Supervisor of English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Wesolowski presented and recommended a middle school ELA curriculum to the Board for their review. The recommended ELA curriculum for grades 6 - 8 is "*StudySync 6-8: A Comprehensive Middle School ELA Curriculum*".
- The curriculum will be available for the public to review and provide comments at Northern Middle School, Southern Middle School, and the GCPS Central Office from April 14 - May 7, 2021. The curriculum can also be viewed online.
- The Board will take action on the proposed ELA curriculum materials at next month's meeting.

History and Government Curriculum

- Mrs. Stephanie Wesolowski, Supervisor of English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies, presented this informational item.
Mrs. Wesolowski presented and recommended a high school History and Government curriculum. The 3 curriculum resources are:
 - *"United States History Interactive High School Reconstruction to the Present"* is published by Savaas Learning Company LLC (formerly Pearson Publishing).
 - *"World History and Geography: Modern Times"* published by McGraw Hill.
 - *"Building Citizenship: Civics & Economics"* published by McGraw Hill.
- The curriculum will be available for the public to review and provide comments at Northern High School, Southern High School, and the GCPS Central Office from April 14 - May 7, 2021. The curriculum can also be viewed online.
- The Board will take action on the proposed History and Government curriculum materials at next month's meeting.

New Business

Grantsville Elementary Open Space Conversion Project and Roof Replacement

- Dr. Nicole Miller, Director of Elementary Education and Early Childhood, presented the Grantsville Elementary Open Space Conversion Project and roof replacement to the Board.
- The Grantsville Elementary Open Space Conversion Construction Planning Committee was tasked with developing educational specifications for the conversion of the five existing open space classroom suites into ten individual classrooms, the conversion of a portion of the current media center into two individual classrooms, relocation of the STARS program, and security improvements to the main office, administrative, and adequate health suite to improve the safety of the school.
- In the relocation plan overview for the project, the relocation of Grantsville Elementary School students will take place. 1) PreK-5th grade will relocate to Northern Middle School for the 2021-22 school year. 2) Northern Middle School 8th grade will relocate to Northern High School for the 2021-2022 school year using two portable classrooms.
- View the Grantsville Elementary Open Space Conversion Project presentation [here](#).
- The Board voted to approved the use of portable classrooms at Northern High School for 8th grade students.

Northern High and Southern High Track Servicing Project Bid

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, presented this action item.
- Mr. Wesolowski requested the Board approve the Northern High and Southern High Servicing Project Bid Award to the most qualified bidder – ATT Sports Incorporated for \$380,620. The project will utilize the Capital Grant Funding to resurface and line the existing 6 lane tracks at Northern and Southern High Schools.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the Track Servicing Project bid by ATT Sports Incorporated.

Budget Transfer Request

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this action item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer recommended to the Board budget transfers:
 - **Security Camera and DVR Project** – Last fiscal year, work began to significantly upgrade security cameras and DVR equipment in GCPS buildings. The work was completed in FY2020 utilizing a combination of State and Local funds. There is still an estimated \$100,000 of expense remaining to complete the remaining locations. The request is to transfer \$75,000 from Pupil Services and \$25,000 from Health Services.
 - **Operations** – The pattern for Operations staffing in the 2020-2021 school year has not been typical. Food Service employees were reallocated to assist the school system in different ways. Operations staff did projects that are normally completed by the "Summer Paint Crew". The request is to transfer \$144,755 from Maintenance to Operations.
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the budget transfers.

Organization Chart

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented this action item.
- Ms. Baker indicated that the organizational chart has been reorganized to reflect several reclassification position changes.
- The Board voted to accept the realignment of the organizational chart.

Garrett County Employees Health Care Plan

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this action item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer indicated that it is the recommendation of the representatives of the Garrett County Coalition to accept the health care offer from

CareFirst for medical only, instead of the current UMR medical provider. There will be no change recommended for Prescription Drug, Dental, or Vision providers.

- The Board unanimously voted to accept the new health care plan.

Asynchronous Wednesdays

- Mr. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented this action item.
- Mrs. Baker recommended continuing the asynchronous schedule on Wednesdays until the end of the school year.
- The Board unanimously voted to continue the asynchronous schedule on Wednesdays until the end of the school year.

Continuing Business

Quarterly Financial Report

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer shared the third quarterly financial report showing the school system's expenditures/balances by category.
- For the Unrestricted Expenditure Variances to this point, the system has spent 61.8% of the FY21 budget compared to 60.9% at this time last year.

FY22 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this action item.
- At last month's meeting, Mrs. Sweitzer discussed the budget document regarding revenues and expenditures in the detailed FY2022 Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget.
- Ms. Baker and Mrs. Sweitzer outlined the Budgetary Highlights with the Superintendent's goals of accelerating academic achievement, addressing the social/emotional wellbeing of students and staff, and moving GCPS forward.
- View the Superintendent's FY2022 Operating Budget [here](#).
- The Board voted to approve the FY2022 Superintendent's Budget.

Board Business

Student Board Member Report

- Mr. Jarrett Miller, Student Board Member, presented informational items.
- Mr. Miller stated that the Garrett County Association of Student Councils (GCASC)

continues with various activities, including addressing mental health issues.

- Mr. Miller was complimentary of the school staff and custodians for their diligence in keeping schools clean and safe during the pandemic.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.