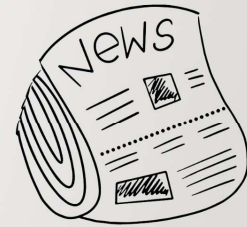




BOARD BRIEFING

From the Garrett County Board of Education



January 17, 2023

Public Session

Opening

- Newly elected Board member Mr. Josh Hinebaugh, and incumbent members Dr. Matthew Paugh and Mr. Rodney Glotfelty were sworn in by the Garrett County Clerk of the Court, William Bittinger.
- Board Members elected the President and Vice President of the Garrett County Board of Education for 2023. Mr. Tom Woods and Mr. Rodney Glotfelty will remain in these positions, respectively.

Announcements

- 1/26 End of Grading Period 2
- 1/27 Professional Day (Asynchronous Virtual Learning Day)
- 2/1 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Schools closed) and Elementary Report Cards released
- 2/2 Secondary report cards released
- 2/9 MABE Board Service Academy: Successfully Building & Navigating Relationships (virtual) 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 2/23 MABE Board Service Academy: Open Meetings Act; Understanding its Significance, Avoiding Penalties & Ensuring School Board Compliance (virtual) 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Board Recognitions

- Board member Dr. Matthew Paugh recognized Ms. Kamdyn Newsome, a 9th grader at Southern Garrett High School, for being named one of the First Lady Yumi Hogan's Gallery Winners.
- Mr. Jason VanSickle, Board member, recognized Savannah Snyder, a 3rd grader at Accident Elem. School. Savannah's artwork was chosen for the 2022 Board of Education Holiday Card.

New Business

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer presented a budget transfer request to the Board for their approval. Mrs. Sweitzer answered various questions from the Board regarding the transfer of funds. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.
- Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, presented regarding student behavioral procedures. He answered questions from the Board. No action was taken, as this was for informational purposes.

Public Comment

- Ms. Linda Bradley, a citizen, spoke to the Board regarding the future of our schools, particularly Swan Meadow School, and the diversity of schools.
- Mrs. Terah Crawford, parent, spoke to the Board regarding Accident Elementary School, including alternatives to the school grade band structure, collaboration with other agencies, consideration for other locations for Central Office, questioned the time period for F.A.R.M.S. applications and asked the Board to take their time in making decisions.

Policies and Procedures

- Mr. Jeff Gank, Director of Technology and Safety, presented the new ECH Use of the Work Order System Policy and the revised procedure, to the Board for their first review. Mr. Gank answered questions from the Board. There was no action taken as this was a first read.
- Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board Member, presented the revised BED Board Meeting Procedures Policy and the new procedure on behalf of the Policy Committee. This was a first read and no action was taken.

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Board of Education Members: Mr. M. Thomas Woods, President; Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Vice President; Mr. Joshua D. Hinebaugh, Dr. Matthew A. Paugh, Mr. Jason E. VanSickle, Associate Members; Ms. Alexis X. Shaffer, Student Board Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

Continuing Business

- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Director of Elementary Education, and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the Blueprint for MD's Future implementation and provided specific details of the Pillars 1 and 5 pertaining to GCPs implementation. They answered various questions from the Board about the different pillars.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the Grade-Band Alignment Advisory and Facility Utilization Committee work. She provided a brief update on the project status pertaining to Southern Garrett Middle and High schools. She gave updates on the northern area alignment and facility use committees. She also provided an update on the School Closing Advisory Committee work for Route 40 Elementary and Swan Meadow School.
- Southern High had a successful outcome for the Christmas light show held throughout Dec. They completed the Operation Christmas Child project, helping families in need. Their Student Council is working on plans for Winter homecoming. They are also hosting another blood drive on Mar 6th.
- Northern High Student Council is selling wooden roses for Valentine's Day.
- Northern and Southern Middle and High Schools attended Rachel's Challenge activities during the week of Jan 9th.

Superintendent's Response

This is a new portion of the monthly Board meetings that will be used for clarification of topics covered during the meeting.

- Free and Reduced meals: Superintendent Baker provided further clarification that the cutoff for state and federal metrics is Oct 31st, but that applications are accepted all throughout the year.

Board Updates

- Mr. Glotfelty will be meeting with the legislative committee every two weeks and providing frequent updates to the Board. Dr. Matthew Paugh encouraged Board members to review the legislative topics that were provided by Ms. Baker.

Informational Items

- Beginning on January 1, 2023, the federal standard mileage rates for the use of a personal vehicle (also vans, pickups, or panel trucks) changed to 65.5 cents per mile when driven for business use, up 3 cents from the midyear increase setting the rate for the second half of 2022.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Central Office, Oakland, MD. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.

Board Annual Business

- Mr. Tom Woods, Board President, asked for a motion to approve the second Tuesday of every month as the Board meeting date and 4:00 pm start time for Executive Session. The Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.
- Mr. Woods requested a motion to approve Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney, as the Board's Legal Counsel. The Board voted in favor unanimously.
- Mr. Woods discussed and requested Board members sign-up for the MABE and GCPs committees. Incumbent members will retain their current committees and Mr. Josh Hinebaugh will assume the committees on which Mrs. Monica Rinker served.

Student Member of the Board

- Ms. Alexis Shaffer, Student Member of the Board, said GCASC members met virtually on Dec 22, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss improvements that could be made for the February meeting.
- A fundraiser was held Monday, Jan 16th, at the Greene Turtle to raise money for GCASC.
- Northern and Southern Middle and High Schools are working together to sign postcards which will be sent to the governor's office. The purpose is to