



BOARD BRIEFING



From the Garrett County Board of Education

Public Session

Public Comment 3:00

- Brandi Folk a parent spoke against the proposed health curriculum supplement. She felt that the material in the book would encourage more behaviors than discourage them and that the current curriculum is sufficient.

Announcements

- The closed session summary was presented by Superintendent Barbara Baker
- May 30 - Schools Closed
- June 4 - Graduation Day
- June 9 - 3-hour early dismissal
- June 10 - Students' last day of school, 3-hour early dismissal
- June 13 - Teachers' last day
- June 21-24 & 27-30 - Summer programming for High Schools held at Garrett College
- July 11-14 & 18-21 - Summer Programming for Elementary & Middle schools at local schools except for Yough Glades, which will be combined and held at Broad Ford Elementary

Recognitions

- On behalf of the Board, President Tom Woods recognized the Garrett County Public Schools' high school robotics "Team 1629 Garrett County Coalition – GaCo" for

winning the 2022 Chairman's Award at the FIRST World Robotics Championship in Houston, Texas.

- The Board recognized National School Nurse Day, May 11, 2022, with Mr. Rodney Glotfelty presenting a proclamation to school nurses Megan Corby and Chelsie Pritt, School Health Services Manager Rebecca Aiken, and Director of Student Services John Hummel.
- Representing the Board, Mrs. Monica Rinker recognized Crellin Elementary School for being named a Green Ribbon School by the United State Department of Education.
- Dr. Matthew Paugh recognized Ms. Amy Beeman as the SY2022-2023 Garrett County Teacher of the Year on behalf of the Board. Ms. Beeman, a Science Teacher at Southern Middle School, is a member of the School Improvement and PBIS teams, a mentor teacher, and a valuable resource to her colleagues and students.
- On behalf of the Board, Ms. Leah Wilt, the Student Member of the Board, recognized the Food & Nutrition Department as one of the recipients of the No Kid Hungry of Maryland Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of the Food & Nutrition Department received the certificate on behalf of the staff members.

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- Karen Mager representing the FV PTO, presented a petition containing signatures opposing the closure of FV school to the

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Board and asked that they commit to keeping FV open for an additional 10 years.

- Samantha Mager, a junior at Northern High School, has experienced both small and larger schools. She is in favor of the smaller schools and opposes closing FV.
- Erica Mager, a seventh-grade student at Northern Middle School, spoke about her experiences at FV and the activities that are available now. She spoke about the closer bonds students have in smaller schools that wouldn't be found in larger ones.
- Michael Henderson, a community member, spoke in favor of smaller schools. He fears the decision the Board is about to make is going to be a bad one.
- Jill Inzer, parent of a Friendsville student, stated that she fears that larger schools will not address student issues and also expressed concerns over the length of bus rides. She fears that younger kids may be exposed to "sex things."
- Bethany Hayhurst is concerned about the lack of a cap on the student-to-teacher ratio. She stated the need to have adequate 1-on-1 time. She fears that the top in each class will succeed while the remainder of the students fall behind. She is also concerned about teachers losing their jobs and stated that we should be looking for incentives to increase enrollment, rather than shut down schools.

Student Board Member Update

- The Student Board Member Report was provided by Ms. Leah Wilt. Both SH and NH held prom on May 7th, and each event was very successful. The final General Assembly will be held in the next few weeks. This will include officer elections and brainstorming sessions. NH & SH student councils served lunch in honor of Teacher appreciation week. Currently, Ms. Wilt is completing the student member of the board handbook.
- GC Association of Student Councils' Year in Review – Ms. Leah Wilt, SMOB, and Ms.

Sarah Hueskamp, President GCASC presented their year in review to the Board.

Continuing Business

- Superintendent Barbara Baker recommended that the Board approve the proposed health curriculum. Mrs. Rebecca Aiken, School Health Services Manager, presented the supporting health curriculum "Making a Difference," to be adopted for the high school health classes. This supporting curriculum was available for parents and the public to review at both high schools and the Ruth Enlow Library in Oakland for a month. The Board voted unanimously to approve the curriculum.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the proposed grade band alignment on the Southern end of the school system. She also answered questions from Board members.
- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented the quarterly financial report for the 3rd quarter to the Board Members.

Policies and Procedures

- JIE Student Pregnancy and Parenting Policy and Procedure – Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of the policy. Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, presented JIE Student Pregnancy and Parenting Policy to the Board for their adoption. The policy was adopted by the Board unanimously.
- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented the revised KG Use of School Facilities Policy and Procedure to the Board. She also shared the revised application for the "use of building" form.

New Business

- Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, presented an update to the Board regarding the Student Services Department.
- Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, presented the revised Student



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Handbook for the FY2022-23 school year to the Board.

- Superintendent Baker recommended approval of the FY2023 Special Education staffing plan. Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education, presented the plan to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve the plan.
- Superintendent Baker recommended the acceptance of the bid from Hartwell. Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, presented the recommended vendor to complete the Northern Garrett High School security vestibule project. The Board voted unanimously to approve the selection.
- Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of a bus contract for Kevin Green. Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, requested that the Board approve a new school bus contract for the Southern area of Garrett County. The Board approved the contract unanimously.
- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, presented a minor change to the Organizational Chart for the Board's approval. The Board voted 3-1 to approve the change.

Board Business

- Board Member Updates:
Mr. Tom Woods attended the GCPS Foundation meeting. They are pushing out the mini-grants for teachers once again.

Mrs. Monica Rinker went to the bus contractor dinner. They recognized 4 contractors that have driven for over 50 years for GCPS.

She also went to the NH FFA Banquet.

Mr. Jason VanSickle announced that the FBLA group went to FSU last month.

Mr. Rodney Glotfelty stated that the legislative session is over. We have a presentation scheduled for June.

Mr. Brandon Hoover stated that on June 2 he will be attending the council of school board attorneys meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.

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