



BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



Public Session 5/13/25

Recognitions

- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Tom Woods recognized Mrs. Laura Witt, a second-grade teacher at Broad Ford School, for being named the 2025-26 Garrett County Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Witt will compete for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year award, which should be announced in October.



- On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Sadie Liller recognized Teacher Appreciation Week by reading a proclamation. Mrs. Laura Witt accepted the declaration on behalf of the teachers.



New Business

- Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, requested that the Board approve a 15-cent meal price increase for the 2025-26 school year. Superintendent Dr. Brenda McCartney elaborated on the FNS programming and recommended approving

this increase due to inflation. Mr. Germain answered various questions from the Board. The Board voted 3-2 in favor of this increase.

- Mr. Robert Witt, Director of System Operations, presented the draft July 2025 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) to the Board for review. He discussed updates and changes from the prior year. The Board is expected to take action on the EFMP at the June Board meeting.
- On behalf of Mrs. Jennifer Kotulak, Interim Director of Student Services, Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, presented the updated Student Handbook for the 2025-26 school year. She answered questions from the Board. The Board is expected to act on this during the June Board meeting.

Policies and Procedures

- Mrs. Ashley Glotfelty, Interim Director of Finance, presented revisions to the DID Fixed Assets and Physical Inventories Policy and Procedure. Mrs. Glotfelty also presented revisions to the DJ Procurement Policy and Procedure. Finally, Mrs. Glotfelty presented the new DJEE Public Schools Federal/State/Local Government Debarment Policy and revisions to the corresponding procedure. Mrs. Glotfelty elaborated on changes to each policy and procedure. The Board is expected to act on these during the June Board meeting. Mr. Woods introduced Mrs. Glotfelty as the Interim Director of Finance.
- Mrs. Amy Warnick, Supervisor of Secondary Instruction, presented the new IJL Implementation and Utilization of Media Materials Policy and revisions to the corresponding procedure. Mr. Matthew Trezise requested an addition to the policy, which he shared.

Public Comment

- Ms. Kathy Shaffer, a community member, addressed the Board about enrollment. She invited everyone to the Swan Meadow School Open House on June 2nd.
- Mr. Justin Liller, a parent, addressed the Board regarding policy.
- Ms. Kathryn Maglione, a parent, addressed the Board regarding GCPS Support Services.
- Ms. Addy Tasker and Ms. Jayden Weaver, students, spoke to the Board regarding school issues.
- Ms. Marilyn Jo Janes, a grandparent, addressed the Board regarding GCPS policy.
- Mr. Bradley Hamilton, a student, provided a petition to the Board. He addressed the execution of weather-related cancellations and the effect on athletes and teams.
- Ms. Ruth Hamilton, a parent, addressed the Board regarding GCPS policy.

Continuing Business

- Mr. Paul Edwards, Director of Secondary Education, requested Board approval of the *Promoting Health Among Teens! Abstinence-Only Intervention* Supplemental Resource for high schools. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the supplemental resource. Mr. Edwards answered various questions from the Board. The Board voted 3-1 to approve the supplemental resource.
- Mrs. Glotfelty and Dr. McCartney provided an update about the FY2026 budget. They answered various questions from the Board. The Board is expected to act on the proposed budget at the June Board meeting.

Student Board Member Report

Ms. Cadence Natividad, the Student Member of the Board, shared her update, which may be found on [BoardDocs](#).

Board Business

- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, requested Board ratification of the FY2025-26 Unit I Level IV Career Ladder Tentative Agreement. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the amended

article and authorize the execution of an MOU. The Board voted unanimously for approval.

- Mr. Donald Morin applauded the acceptance of an NGHS student into the US Naval Academy.
- Mrs. Sadie Liller congratulated a former student Board member, Mr. Jarrett Miller, for obtaining a White House job. She also attended the Oakland FFA banquet. She also recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty shared a legislative wrap-up with the Board.

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney shared the following updates:

- Tuesday, May 27, 2025, is a Staff Development Day with a 3-hour early dismissal for students.
- Wednesday, May 28th, is the Seniors' last day of school.
- On Saturday, May 31st, the high school graduation ceremonies will take place in the Ag Hall at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The Northern Garrett High School ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m., and the Southern Garrett High School ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 11th, is a 3-hour early dismissal for students.
- Thursday, June 12th, is the last day of school for students, with a 3-hour early dismissal.
- Friday, June 13th, is the last day of school for teachers.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Community Room of the Dennett Road Educational Complex in Oakland, MD. Details of the meeting will be announced in advance.