



BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



Public Session 6/10/25

Recognitions

- On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Sadie Liller recognized teachers for recently achieving National Board Certification.



- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Tom Woods recognized Dr. Jane Wildesen for her years of service to GCPS, as Dr. Wildesen is retiring at the end of June.

New Business

- Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education, presented the FY2025-26 Special Education Staffing Plan to the Board for their approval. Dr. Brenda McCartney, Superintendent, recommended approval of the staffing plan. Dr. Manges answered a clarifying question from the Board. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the plan. Dr. Manges also presented an update on the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. She answered questions from the Board. This was an informational item, and no action was taken, but the Board was complimentary of the efforts of the group.
- Mr. Robert Witt, Director of System Operations, requested that the Board declare the Warehouse at 102 N Eighth Street property in Oakland as surplus. Dr. McCartney recommended that the Board approve this request. The Board voted

unanimously in favor of this request. This request will now go to the State Superintendent, Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC), and the Board of Commissioners of Garrett County.

Continuing Business

- Mr. Robert Witt requested Board approval of the July 2025 Educational Facilities Master Plan. Appendix Q was added to the EFMP since the May Board Meeting. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the plan. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the plan.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, presented the draft Student Handbook for School Year 2025-26 to the Board for approval. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the handbook. The Board voted 3-2 to approve the handbook.
- Mrs. Ashley Glotfelty, Interim Director of Finance, and Dr. Brenda McCartney, Superintendent, presented the FY2026 Operating Budget to the Board for their approval. They also elaborated on Federal revenue allocation changes made since the May 2025 presentation. Additionally, they noted that we are still awaiting final numbers from the state and that budget amendments may be necessary once those are received. Dr. McCartney recommended Board approval of the budget. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the budget. Mrs. Glotfelty was also introduced as the Director of Finance, effective July 1, 2025.

Public Comment

- Mr. Michael Henderson, a community member, spoke about charter school funding. Dr. McCartney elaborated on the process of the charter school application.

Student Board Member Report

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

Mr. Woods announced that Ms. Natividad will continue serving as the SMOB for the 2025-26 school year.

Board Business

- Mr. Woods noted several events that Board members attended, including the high school graduation ceremonies.
- Mrs. Sadie Liller was complimentary of the venue and process for the high school graduation ceremonies.

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney shared the following updates:

- June 11th is a three-hour early dismissal for students.
- June 12th is the last day of school for students with a three-hour early dismissal.
- June 13th is the last day of school for teachers and will be a professional day.
- June 19th, the report cards for the 4th grading period will be released.
- GCPS administrative offices and year-round schools will operate on a condensed summer schedule beginning June 16, 2025, and continuing through August 22, 2025. Hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with all facilities closed on Fridays.
- Last, she wished students, teachers, and instructional staff a well-deserved break this summer.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in the Cafeteria of Northern Middle School in Accident, MD. Details of the meeting will be announced in advance.