



# BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



## Public Session 6/11/24

### Recognitions

- On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Sadie Liller recognized the following teachers for recently achieving National Board Certification: Amanda Mayne, April Lewis, Carrie Hordubay, Debi Beachy, Jack Burdock, Jennifer Parks, Jennifer Theriot, Kenya Wilt, Amanda Sines, and Zach Trautwein. Currently, 19 educators hold a National Board Certificate within GCPS.



- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Jason VanSickle recognized Ms. Lydia Nelson, a Northern Garrett High School senior, for capturing first place in the 1600-meter race at the 2024 MPSSAA State Track & Field Championships.



- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Tom Woods recognized Ms. Hailey Wildesen, GCPS Student Member of the Board, for the 2023-24 school year. The Board awarded Ms. Wildesen with the Charlotte A. Sebold Scholarship. The Scholarship offers \$500 to Student Board Members for their outstanding academic performance, leadership, and advocacy while

serving on the Board.



### New Business

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, presented the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract for Howard Shockey & Sons, Inc. to renovate the Southern Middle School building into the new Broad Ford Elementary School. During this time, Dr. Sandy Rodeheaver, and two students, Ms. Karma Spak and Ms. Abigail Georg, presented items that will be placed in a time capsule. Mr. Larry Wright, Senior Project Manager of Howard Shockey and Sons, presented the proposed construction. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the contract. Mr. Wesolowski and Mr. Wright answered questions from the Board. The Board voted unanimously for the contract award.
- Mr. Milton E. Nagel, CPA, Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), presented the services they offer to Boards of Education across the state.
- Mr. Wesolowski presented the draft July 2024 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 July 9, 2024, Board of Education Meeting.
- Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education, presented the Special Education staffing plan for SY2024-25 to the Board for

their approval. She discussed changes to the plan from the prior year. Dr. Manges answered questions from the Board. The Board voted to approve the plan unanimously.

- Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education, presented an update on the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. She received positive feedback about the program from the Board.

### **Public Comment**

- Mrs. Kathryn Maglione, a parent, addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the changes in positions at Yough Glades Elementary. She asked if a Risk Mitigation plan would be put into place.

### **Continuing Business**

- Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, presented the draft Student Handbook for SY2024-25 to the Board for approval. Since the May 15, 2024, Board Meeting, the handbook was updated on page 72 based on the requirements of [House Bill 284](#). Dr. McCartney recommended the approval of the handbook. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the handbook.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, requested the Board adopt the recommended textbooks for 7th grade World History classes. The textbooks were available for review by the public and the Board. One comment was received. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the textbooks. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the adoption.
- Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, presented the elementary health instructional materials to the Board for approval. The instructional materials were available for review and feedback from the public. Dr. McCartney recommended the approval of the instructional materials. Mrs. Ashby answered various questions from the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve these materials.
- Ms. Gloria Smith, Director of Finance, and Dr. Brenda McCartney, Interim Superintendent, presented the FY2024-25 Operating Budget to the Board for approval. The Board was complimentary of the budget presentation. Dr. McCartney recommended

approval of the budget. They answered questions from the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, and Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, updated the Board on implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future requirements regarding the Behavioral Health Screener and Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Platform.

### **Policies and Procedures**

- Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, presented revisions to the Procedure JKG Students Arrested and Charged with Reportable Offenses in the Community. No changes were recommended for the corresponding policy. Board action is not required for procedures.
- Dr. McCartney, Interim Superintendent of Schools, presented revisions to the CA Administration Policy and the new CA Administration Procedure to the Board. This was an informational presentation. The Board is expected to act on this during the July Board Meeting.

### **Student Member of the Board**

Ms. Hailey Wildesen, Student Member of the Board, shared the following updates:

- Schools throughout the county hosted numerous end-of-year activities.
- NGHS and SGHS tennis teams each won regional titles.
- Many of the elementary schools hosted award assemblies.

### **Board Business**

- Mr. Glotfelty attended and was complimentary of both high school graduation ceremonies. He also attended the GCPS retirement dinner, of which he spoke highly.
- Mr. Woods agreed about the retirement dinner. He also attended the awards banquets for each high school and spoke of their accolades.
- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, requested Board approval to ratify Unit I (Teachers) and Unit III (Support) negotiating agreements for the next three years. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the agreements. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agreements.

## **Superintendent Updates**

Dr. McCartney provided the following updates:

- GCPS Administrative Offices and schools will operate on a condensed schedule from June 17<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with schools and offices closed on Fridays.
- The Food & Nutrition Services Department's summer feeding program will begin the week of June 17<sup>th</sup> at locations throughout the county (info is available on the website).
- High School summer programming for course credit recovery will occur on June 17, 18, 20, and 21 and from June 24 to 27.
- On June 29<sup>th</sup>, Southern Middle School will hold an auction. Various items from throughout the school will be available for bidding.
- The Board approved a three-year operating contract for the Swan Meadow Heritage Charter School beginning with the 2025-26 school year under the consent agenda.
- The October Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Dennett Road Educational Complex in the Community Room.

## **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the Cafeteria of Northern Garrett Middle School in Accident, MD. Details will be announced ahead of time.