

Public Session 6/13/23

Announcements

- 6/14 Professional Day Teacher's last day of • school
- 6/20 Report cards for 4th quarter distributed .
- 6/20-23 and 26-29 Summer Program for High Schools – Garrett College 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 6/28 MABE Boardmanship Academy: Boost • Your Effective Board Governance with Stronger Board Self-Evaluations & Superintendent Evaluations (virtual) 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 7/4 Independence Day Schools and Offices • are closed
- 7/11 Board Meeting Location TBD, Public • Session 6:00 pm
- 7/13 MABE Boardmanship Academy: Public Information Act Virtual Training 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 7/17-20 and 24-27 Summer Programming for Elementary and Middle Schools at select locations, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

GCPS administrative offices and year-round schools will operate on a condensed summer schedule, from June 19, 2023, through August 25, 2023. Hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, with all facilities closed on Friday.

Recognitions

Mr. Tom Woods, Board President, recognized Dr. Brenda McCartney, as the Interim Superintendent. She was in attendance at the Board meeting. Additionally, he recognized Ms. Hailey Wildesen, as the upcoming Student Member of the Board for the SY2023-24, also present.

- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Josh Hinebaugh recognized the North 40 team for being a Finalist at the American Open Invitational F.I.R.S.T. LEGO League Robotics Competition.
- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Rodney Glotfelty recognized Ms. Alexis Shaffer, the Student Member of the Board, for SY2022-23. The Board awarded Ms. Shaffer 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.
- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Jason VanSickle recognized Dr. Matthew Paugh, Board Member, for his years of service on the Garrett County Board of Education. Superintendent Baker and other Board members also spoke of their time working with Dr. Paugh in this capacity.
- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Tom Woods recognized Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, for her years of service to Garrett County Public Schools since 1990 and for serving as Superintendent since July 2016. The other Board members thanked the Superintendent for her service and recognized other moments through her tenure with GCPS. Ms. Baker also reflected on her time with GCPS.

Public Comment

Mrs. Jess Brown, a parent, spoke to the Board regarding Pre-K. She requested a second classroom be opened at Accident Elementary for the coming school year. She expressed concerns over students in the PK3 classroom going to Grantsville Elementary for the PK4 class. She expressed concerns over long commute times getting to GES from AES.

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Continuing Business

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, provided the draft Superintendent's FY24 Operating Budget to the Board for their approval. Superintendent Baker recommended approval of the FY2024 operating budget. The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, . presented the draft FY2023-24 Student Handbook to the Board for their review on behalf of Mr. John Hummel. Director of Student Services. A summary of the revisions was also made. Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of the updates to the handbook for SY2023-24. The Board voted unanimously for approval.

New Business

- Mrs. Sweitzer requested the Board approve a budget transfer. She described the three different factors regarding the need for the transfer. She indicated that no services to students were jeopardized or eliminated due to this transfer. Superintendent Baker recommended approval of the budget transfer. The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget transfer.
- Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special • Education, presented the Special Education staffing plan for SY2023-24 to the Board for their approval. Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of the staffing plan as outlined. Dr. Manges answered a guestion from the Board. The Board voted unanimously for approval of the staffing plan.

- Dr. Manges also presented an update on the Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC). She provided an overview of SECAC within Garrett County.
- Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), presented the recommended vendors to supply food and supplies for the FNS department for the FY2023-24 school year. Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of the selected vendors. The Board voted unanimously for approval of the vendor selections.
- Mr. Germain also requested the Board approve the bid from Hagerstown Ford for a 2023 Ford 250 Transit Van. The FNS Department has received a grant from No Kid Hungry for this purchase. Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of the purchase. The Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the van.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, shared an apprenticeship contract on behalf of Mr. Paul Edwards, Director of Secondary Education, to the Board for their approval. She gave an overview of the apprenticeship program. Superintendent Baker provided the background as to the need for the contract. She then recommended approval of the contract to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve the contract
- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, presented the revised July 2023 Educational Facilities Master Plan to the Board for their review. He discussed updates and/or changes from the prior year.
- Mr. Wesolowski also presented the Northern High rear parking lot and the Northern

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An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office

Middle Tennis Court resurfacing projects to the Board for their approval. Superintendent Baker separately recommended approval of both contract awards. The Board voted unanimously on each contract. The work at NGHS was awarded to Byco Enterprises. The work at NGMS was awarded to Keystone Sports Construction.

Student Member of the Board

Ms. Alexis Shaffer, the Student Member of the Board (SMOB), shared the following updates:

- She congratulated all GCPS students for • completing the school year. She provided a recap of the events held this past school year, including graduation for both high schools on June 3, 2023.
- She thanked the Board for the opportunity to • serve as the SMOB, indicating the additional skills she has developed during her tenure.

Board Business

- Mr. Tom Woods, Board President, • commented on the fantastic job conducted by both High Schools for graduation. He indicated that he attended the retirement dinner on June 6th. He also attended the SGHS awards night.
- Mr. Jason VanSickle attended both Accident • Elementary and Grantsville Elementary Schools' fifth-grade graduations and Art in the Schoolyard at AES.
- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty attended the NGHS • awards ceremony. He applauded the number of awards earned by students.
- Mr. Josh Hinebaugh attended the White • Coat ceremony for the med students. He also congratulated everyone on a successful

school year and thanked the Central Office for their efforts this year.

- Ms. Baker spoke highly of graduation day. She also indicated that the school system is tentatively working on the class structure at Accident Elementary School.
- The May 2024 Board meeting will be changed due to a conflict with the Maryland Primary Election date moving to May 14th, when a Board meeting would normally be conducted. The new date for this meeting will be determined at the July Board meeting.
- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, presented the ratification of two bargaining group contracts for FY2023-24 to the Board. The Unit I and Unit III employee contracts were presented for ratification individually. The Superintendent recommended the ratification of each contract as presented. The Board voted unanimously to ratify each contract separately.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in the cafeteria of Northern Garrett Middle School, Accident, MD. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.

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