



BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



Public Session 8/13/24

Opening

- Ms. Sheila Keating, Chief Deputy Clerk for Garrett County, administered the oath of office for the newly appointed Board Member, Mr. Donald Morin.



New Business

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of System Operations, presented the recommended vendor, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., to complete the partial roof replacements at Southern and Northern Garrett High School. Dr. Brenda McCartney, Superintendent, recommended approval of the vendor. The Board voted unanimously in favor of proceeding with the selected vendor.

Policies and Procedures

- Mrs. Candy Maust, Supervisor of Elementary Education, presented revisions to the IHBB Gifted and Talented and Schoolwide Enrichment Policy and Procedure. She answered questions from the Board. This was a first read. The Board is expected to act on this next month.

Continuing Business

- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, discussed the Board of Education's feedback regarding the Blueprint Strategic Plan. Dr. Miller requested the Board act as a focus

group before finalizing and launching the GCPS Blueprint Strategic Plan. She answered various questions from the Board.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment at this meeting.

Student Board Member Report

Ms. Cadence Natividad, Student Member of the Board, shared the following updates:

Student Reports

- Haley Klotz was named the 2024 Garrett County Farm Queen.
- Fall sports/activities have started practicing and preparing for the coming season.
- She recognized all the hardworking students who participated in the Garrett County Agricultural Fair.

Student Council (GCASC)

- The first executive board meeting will be held on August 18th. At this meeting, they will discuss goals for the following year.

SMOB Initiatives/Agenda

- Ms. Natividad plans to create a series of videos/social media posts explaining the changes being made this school year so that students can view them.
- She will continue compiling a list of student positions to fill.
- She is also working on creating a list of goals for the upcoming school year.

Additional Notes

- She and several fellow students will volunteer at the Stuff the Bus Campaign, which takes place on August 11th, at the Oakland Walmart.
- She attended the MABE conference for the new SMOB orientation.
- Ms. Natividad participated in the NSBMA dinner to connect with past and present SMOBs.
- She plans on attending Southern's New Student Orientation on August 28th. Northern was reached out to, but no response has been received yet.

- She will give closing remarks at the Women's Equality Day event.

Board Member Updates

- Mrs. Sadie Liller urged parents and community members to attend the Stuff the Bus event at the Oakland Walmart, on Friday, August 16, 2024, from 9 am-5 pm.

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney provided the following updates:

- She provided an update on cell phone use at the high school level. She indicated that each high school will provide additional guidance on these changes.
- In preparation for the new school year, she emphasized the importance of regular attendance by students.
- She also shared that the back-to-school nights for all schools will be conducted on August 28th and 29th, with classes beginning on September 3rd. Specific dates and times for each school are available on our website.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the Cafeteria of Northern Middle School in Accident, MD. Details will be announced ahead of time.