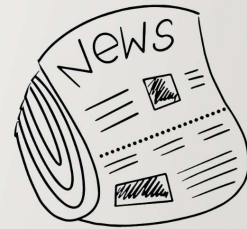




# BOARD BRIEFING



An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office

## Public Session 9/12/23

### Opening 4:00 p.m.

- The Oath of Office for newly appointed Board member, Mr. Cody C Brill, was administered by Mr. William Bittinger, Garrett County Clerk of the Court.

### New Business 6:00 p.m.

- Mr. Tom Woods, President of the Board, presented a proclamation to Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, recognizing the efforts of the Summer Feeding Program. Mr. Woods presented staff who worked the Summer Food Services Program with gift certificates from the Andrew S. Woods Memorial Foundation.  
Mr. Germain then updated the Board regarding the Summer Food Services Program. He indicated that funding for the program is from the federal level. Meals are provided to anyone 18 years of age or under, regardless of their home address. There were 230,562 meals served in total this year. Board members thanked the staff for their efforts.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, presented the Virtual Learning Plan to the Board for their review. The plan will go out for public comment until October 1st. Mr. Woods indicated that he would be anxious to learn the results of the public comments.
- Mr. Brian Schilpp, Assistant Principal Northern Garrett Educational Campus and Local Accountability Coordinator presented the 2023 Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) Results for

English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science to the Board. Overall, performance levels have returned to or improved upon pre-pandemic levels. Mr. Schilpp responded to various comments and questions from the Board. Ms. Hailey Wildesen, GCPS Student Board Member, spoke about the Bobcat Academy from her perspective.

### Public Comment

- Mr. Jonathan Yoder, Swan Meadow PTO President and parent spoke to the Board regarding Swan Meadow enrollment. He shared with the Board that enrollment has increased primarily from home-schooled students. He thanked the Board and Superintendent for their consideration in aiding enrollment. He indicated that they are in the process of exploring charter school status.
- Mrs. Arlene Lantz, a retired GCPS teacher, spoke to the Board regarding charter school status and information they have obtained in this process. She indicated that they look forward to working together on this project as they move forward.

### New Business cont.

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, requested Board approval for Howard Shockey and Sons as the vendor to complete the construction management services at risk for the Southern Elementary School Renovation project. Superintendent McCartney recommended the Board approve the vendor to complete renovations. The Board voted unanimously for the contract award.

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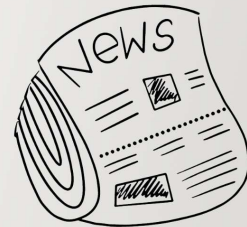
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Mr. Wesolowski also presented the Draft FY25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Board for their review. Mr. Wesolowski indicated that he worked closely with Dr. McCartney on revisions to the CIP. He responded to various comments and questions from the Board. No action was taken on this item as it was a first read.

- Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education, requested Board approval of Integrated Speech Solutions as the recommended vendor to provide speech and language services for the 2023-24 school year. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the vendor for the 2023-24 school year. The Board voted unanimously to approve the contract.

## Policies and Procedures

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented the revised DID Fixed Assets Policy and Procedure to the Board for their review. She indicated that the alignment of this policy corresponds with the retirement of Policy DNA. This was a first read and no action was taken.

Mrs. Sweitzer also presented the revised DJ Procurement Policy and Procedure to the Board. She noted a formatting change to align with the current policy format in use by GCPS. She indicated that verbiage was aligned for the future retirement of Policy FEDAA Procurement of Architecture & Engineering services and EFAA Procurement of Foodservice Goods. She indicated that the threshold for bidding is increased for category I from \$7500 to \$10k, and an increase in category II to \$50k with the addition of a second bid. These changes are to adjust for the timeliness of bids,

largely due to inflation. This was a first read and action is expected to occur at the October meeting.

- Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, presented the revised IKABB Reporting Student Progress in Garrett County Public Schools Procedure to the Board. There was a minor change to Kindergarten grading. This was a first read and no action was taken.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, presented the revised IHBHA Public Charter School Policy and Procedure to the Board. Updates were made to increase guidance and align with MSDE standards. Part of the procedure was removed as the practice is no longer in effect at the state level. This was a first read and no action was taken.

## Student Member of the Board

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

### **GCASC Business:**

- GCASC held its first-ever picnic to kick off the school year. At this picnic, they enjoyed a potluck meal, completed bonding exercises, and held an idea session for the upcoming year. The picnic was successful and extremely productive. GCASC is looking forward to hosting similar events in the future.

### **General Student Updates**

- Students started school this past week and there has been positive feedback about some of GCPS's projects such as the newly paved student lot at Northern High.

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- Northern Middle is currently running a PBIS hog raffle fundraiser. The school also held its Back-to-School Dance for students.
- Both Northern and Southern High held their “Meet the Squad” nights for fall sports and sports season is underway for those sports.
- The Northern Garrett Marching Band placed first at the Friendsville Days celebration.
- Southern Middle’s Lightning track team competed at Frankfort this past weekend with many of its runners placing, including a girls’ first-place finish.
- A basketball clinic with Maryland’s Women’s basketball players was hosted by Northern and Southern Garrett High Schools at Garrett College on Saturday, September 9, 2023.
- She stated there were noticeable changes in staffing throughout the school system. She offered assurance that the needs of students and instructional programs are at the forefront while being mindful of the school system’s fiscal challenges.

## Next Meeting

The October Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The location of the meeting and agenda will be announced ahead of time.

## Board Member Updates

- Mr. Woods attended the Open House at Swan Meadow. He was complimentary of the event, noting that the school has done a very good job of involving the community with the school.
- Mr. Glotfelty attended the Board of Directors meeting for MABE. They discussed possible initiatives that may be part of the next legislative session.
- Mr. Hinebaugh attended the GACO #1629 telethon held on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. He thanked everyone for the huge fundraising success.

## Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney shared the following updates:

- She thanked families, students, community members, and employees for a smooth opening to the 2023-24 school year.

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