



BOARD BRIEFING



From the Garrett County Board of Education

Public Session

Announcements

- The closed session summary was presented by Superintendent Ms. Barbara Baker
- 9/21 Staff Development – Three Hour Early Student Dismissal
- 9/29 Special Board meeting – FY22 Audit Review Central Office Board Room 5:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will be live-streamed.
- 9/30 State deadline for FY23 student enrollment count
- 10/6 Progress reports for 1st Quarter
- 10/6-8 MABE Annual Conference – The Westin Annapolis

Policies and Procedures

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, requested that the Board approve the revised EEBA Vehicle Use Policy. The Board voted unanimously to adopt this policy.

Continuing Business

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski requested the Board approve the 2022 Educational Facilities Master Plan. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2022 EFMP.
- Grimm + Parker architects and design team members prepared the two educational specifications reports for the GCBOE. There was no formal presentation on this topic. These documents summarize in writing the presentation given at the August Board

Meeting. This information will be submitted to the Interagency for School Construction. Mr. David Wolf, Architect, G+P, and Mr. Richard Wesolowski, GCPS, answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment

- Parent Michael Kepple spoke to the Board in favor of the recommended grade-band alignment and facility modernization, and also applauded Grimm + Parker for their work on the project.
- Public citizen Michael Henderson questioned the definition of an adjacent school, questioned the school population after GBA, and suggested to the Board they consider a backup plan if funding does not come through as believed will happen.

Continuing Business

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, requested the Board approve the plan for modernization of Southern Middle School and to become a Pre-K to 6th-grade facility, Southern High School to receive limited renovation to become a 7th to 12th-grade facility, and Broad Ford Elementary to eventually be demolished. The Board voted 3-1 to approve the new grade-band alignment. They also requested a project manager to oversee these projects and that a feasibility study be completed for Crellin Elementary.

Garrett County Board of Education Meeting – September 19, 2022

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Board of Education Members: Mr. M. Thomas Woods, President; Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Vice President; Dr. Matthew A. Paugh, Mrs. Monica L. Rinker, Mr. Jason E. VanSickle, Associate Members; Ms. Alexis X. Shaffer, Student Board Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

New Business

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski presented the draft FY2024 Capital Improvement Plan to the Board for their review.
- Mrs. Candy Maust, Supervisor of English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies presented myWorld Interactive®, a K-5 social studies curriculum, to the Board for their review. myWorld Interactive® encourages active inquiry while introducing civics, economics, geography, and history concepts. The materials will be on display at two locations: Grantsville/Northern Middle School in Accident and the Ruth Enlow Library in Oakland from 9/20-10/7.

Student Member of the Board

- Ms. Alexis Shaffer, Student Member of the Board (SMOB), stated that students have started the 2022-2023 school year. In talking to other students, they are settling in and adjusting to the new year.
- Garrett County Student Council (GCSC) officers met on August 11th at Perkins to discuss future plans for upcoming workshops and meetings. They have a new advisor from Yough Glades, Ms. Taylor. Officers are meeting once a month virtually beginning September 26th, at 6 pm.
- The SH Student Council will hold a blood drive on Oct 24th, from 9a-2p in the Auxiliary Gym at SH. They are also working on future fundraisers such as RAM Rumbles and Spirit Weeks.

Board Business

- Mr. Jason VanSickle, Board Member, attended the Garrett County 150th Celebration and thanked GCPS staff for having a booth at the well-attended event.
- Superintendent Barbara Baker stated that we have reopened schools, the most normal school year in quite some time, and had an excellent first ten days.
- Mr. Tom Woods, Board President, stated that they held a GCPS-Foundation meeting. They are going to disburse mini-grants again this year.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Central Office Board Room. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.