



BOARD BRIEFING



From the Garrett County Board of Education

Opening

- The Special Work Session (public) meeting began just after 5:00 p.m. and the agenda was approved

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

Continuing Business

Interagency on School Construction (IAC)

- Mr. Alex Donahue, JD, Deputy Director for Field Operations, and Mr. Brett Waskiewicz, Senior Project Manager, of the Interagency on School Construction (IAC) provided an overview report pertaining to GCPS
- They reviewed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Built to Learn Program (BTL), Aging Schools Program (ASP), School Safety Grant Program (SSGP), and Healthy Schools Facilities Fund (HSFF)
- They explained the HSFF Funding Priorities and additional considerations given to elementary schools and special education schools, followed by middle schools, and then high schools. They provided an overview of the CIP, discussed eligibility, funding factor applicability, and funding formulas
- The IAC provided eligibility requirements and showed enrollment projections at each school. This is based upon projected enrollment at the school and available projected capacity at adjacent schools, both based on 5–7-year projections

- The IAC operates on a cost per square foot calculation, which is determined by July of the calendar year. It is based on bids received for new school construction in the prior year, cost information from industry resources, and adjustments made by the IAC to reflect market conditions before receiving final CIP approval
- They explained eligible planning and design costs, the adopted regulations that allow planning & design, as well as the state cost-share percentage, which is established every two years by the IAC
- They reviewed the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) and applied TCO in portfolio sustainability. In addition, they outlined the power of early decisions vs. the costs associated with delayed decisions
- They answered questions from the Board members

FY 2023 Proposed Operating Budget

- Q&A of the FY23 Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget began with Mrs. Alison Sweitzer
- She provided clarification to each area of the budget from questions asked by various Board members
- Mrs. Sweitzer asked that the Board approve some form of the budget at the next meeting, even if it meant performing transfers later. Doing so is critical to schools and departments moving forward for FY23
- The budget will be presented by the Superintendent for approval at the next monthly meeting

Garrett County Board of Education Special Work Session - March 22, 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. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent

Revisit High School Auto Mechanics and Culinary Arts Programs Relocation

- Dr. Nicole Miller presented a short PowerPoint regarding the CTE Culinary Arts and Auto Mechanics programs
- She explained that the upgrades to the CTTC facility will be funded through a grant that Garrett College received
- She reviewed the background information of the program, industry certification requirements, and upcoming Blueprint changes
- Planning pertaining to administration, nursing, and counseling was presented, along with transportation and the implications on instructional time
- She stressed that every schedule was going to be reviewed on an individual basis to ensure that each student's needs were fully met whenever possible
- Mr. Tony Marchetti (public attendee), an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Program Advisor and Retired Coordinator/Auto Technology Instructor at Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey was called upon and he contributed information based on his knowledge and experience of the programs
- Dr. Miller fielded numerous questions from the Board pertaining to all aspects of the CTE programs, including plans in place to protect the safety of the students, transportation times, the potential loss of classroom time, and more
- Mr. Woods stated that while he does believe that a lot of our programs may look like this in the future, he does not believe that now is the time for the move
- Mr. Glotfelty expressed concern for students currently pursuing one of these two pathways, and how it would affect their classes if things changed now
- The Board voted to rescind the decision to move CTE programming to the Garrett College CTTC facility in a 3-1 vote

The meeting concluded just before 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.

