



BOARD BRIEFING



From the Garrett County Board of Education

Public Session

Announcements

- The closed session summary was presented by Superintendent Barbara Baker
- 4/14 3-hour early dismissal for staff development
- 4/15 Good Friday – Schools Closed
- 4/18 Easter Monday – Schools Closed
- 4/22 School Bus Contractor Association Dinner – Pleasant Valley Community Ctr.
- 4/30 Student Arts Fair - CARC
- 5/10 Monthly Board Meeting 6 pm
- 5/10 Progress Reports–4th Grading Term

Recognitions

- Dr. Matthew Paugh recognized Coach Tom Bosley SH Head Boys' Basketball coach (412-201 record), as Coach of the 45th McDonald's All-American Game on behalf of the Board. Assistant Coaches Matt Redinger and Cory Bosley were also recognized for their work as Assistant Coaches.
Head Coach Bosley said the three major takeaways were: "1. We could still learn.
2. We could reinforce some things and that we're already doing some things correctly.
3. We hopefully influenced somebody along the way to get better at their craft."
- MPSSAA Title 1A/2A State Wrestling Champion Jacob Brenneman was recognized by Mr. Tom Woods on behalf of

the Board. Brenneman holds an 87-3 career record. Midway had their own state-wide competition in which Mr. Brenneman participated with the Hillbilly Hammers and won first place amongst all divisions of schools across MD. He also competed in the National High School tournament and finished 7th in the country.

- Representing the Board, Ms. Monica Rinker recognized Mr. Mitchell Hall, Dr. Sandy Rodeheaver, and Dr. Suzanne Wilburn as awardees of the Outstanding Teacher as Leader in Gifted and Talented Education. A virtual awards ceremony was previously held.
- School Library Month – April 2022, John Coffman - SH, Samantha Roller - NH, and Susan Duggan - SX were present to accept the award.

Student Member of the Board

- The GCSC meeting will be held in May and will be the last one for the year. They will be electing officers for the 22-23 school year.
- March 17th there was an assembly regarding the SMOB. They discussed smart voting and the merit of candidates. They held a mock election to help train participants. Applicants applied for positions in which they felt qualified.

Policies and Procedures

- JLDD Therapy Animals Policy – Action item. Ms. Barbara Baker recommended adopting the policy. Mr. John Hummel answered

Garrett County Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 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. Leah Wilt, Student Board Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

questions from the Board members. The policy was approved unanimously.

- JIE Student Pregnancy and Parenting Policy and Procedure – First read. State regulations continue to be updated, resulting in the need for our policies to be implemented or updated. Mr. Hummel answered questions from the Board Members. Action will be taken at a later date.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Continuing Business

- Ms. Barbara Baker recommended approval of the 22-23 calendar as proposed by the GCPS Calendar Committee. There was a motion for a pre-Labor Day start but it died for a lack of a second. Supt. Baker didn't provide an alternative recommendation. The Board then made a motion to discuss a post-Labor Day start of Sept 6. The Board voted unanimously for a post-Labor Day school start.
- Superintendent Baker and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer presented the proposed FY23 Budget for action. Ms. Baker recommended the Board approve the FY23 Operating Budget. Board Member Glotfelty complimented the GCPS presentation to the GC Commissioners. Mrs. Sweitzer answered questions from Board members. The Board members approved the FY23 budget in a 3-1 vote.

New Business

- Superintendent Baker recommended the approval of the RFP for Grimm & Parker. Mr. Rich Wesolowski presented information regarding the Educational Specifications and Feasibility Study for Southern Garrett Middle School. He explained the criteria for which the bids were reviewed and the reasons for the recommendation. Mr. Wesolowski answered questions from the

Board. The Board approved the RFP in a 3-1 vote.

- Dr. Chelsie Manges presented the Physical and Occupational Therapy RFP for action. Superintendent Baker recommended that we continue to utilize School Therapy Services of Cumberland, MD. GCPS has 90 students receiving occupational services and 50 students receiving physical therapy services currently. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the RFP.
- Mrs. Sweitzer presented a Budget Transfer Request for action. Superintendent Baker recommended approval of the transfer, from food services to transportation due to the escalation of fuel costs. The Board approved unanimously.
- Health Curricular Materials "Making a Difference" was presented by Mrs. Becky Aiken - GCPS and assisted by community partners Vanessa Stacey & James Michaels – GCHD. The health department offers an abstinence program that would supplement our existing health curriculum. It complements 5 out of 12 state units. This would not be implemented until the 22-23 school year. The curriculum is available for review at SH & NH.

Board Business

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer presented her recommendation for Auditor. Supt. Baker recommended retaining the Rodeheaver Group for our upcoming audits. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- Board Member Updates:
Mr. Rodney Glotfelty – the next legislative update will happen by the end of the month.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.