



BOARD BRIEFING



An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office

Public Session 7/9/24

New Business

- Mrs. Carrie Wampler, Judy Center Coordinator, and Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, updated the Board on the Learning Beyond the Classroom program. The mobile classroom was on-site for the meeting. Board members were very complimentary of the program and the community partnerships.
- Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, presented the recommended vendors to provide food and supplies for the FNS department for the 2024-25 school year. Dr. Brenda McCartney recommended the approval of the vendors. Mr. Germain answered a question from the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve the vendors.
- Dr. Brenda McCartney, Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on the work completed by the Equity Advisory Board. Dr. McCartney answered a question from the Board. This was an informational update.

Continuing Business

- Mr. Matthew Zimmerman, Coordinator of Projects and Maintenance, requested the Board approve the Educational Facilities Master Plan. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the EFMP as presented. The Board voted 3-1 in favor of the plan.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, updated the Board about the stakeholder feedback plan based on the Blueprint for Maryland's Future requirements.

Student Member of the Board

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

- She thanked the Board for her appointment to the position.

- GCASC is working on finding a new advisor for the next school year to begin working on new initiatives
- Ms. Natividad also shared her initiatives as the SMOB, which included attending MABE Orientation in August and the NSBMA dinner. She is also compiling a list of student positions on local boards and organizations that students can apply for later.

Board Business

- Mr. Tom Woods announced the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Brenda McCartney (Interim was removed July 1, 2024)

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney provided the following updates:

- GCPS will have a booth at the Garrett County Fair from July 29th to August 3rd. The booth is in the commercial exhibit barn next to the horse barn.
- GCPS staff members and County United Way will participate in the Stuff the Bus campaign at Walmart in Oakland on August 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

- Mrs. Cindy Vose, a parent, spoke to the Board about concerns regarding data collection of a program within GCPS.
- Mr. Kevin Lyons, a parent, addressed the Board regarding a concern at a school.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the Community Room of the Dennett Road Educational Complex in Oakland, MD. Details will be announced ahead of time.