



# BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



## Public Session 7/11/23

### Announcements

- 7/13 MABE Boardmanship Academy: Public Information Act (virtual) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 7/17-23 & 24-27 Summer Programming for Elementary and Middle Schools at select locations 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 7/27 MABE Board Service Academy: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future (virtual) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 7/31-8/5 Garrett County Fair – GCPS Booth
- 8/3 New Student Board Member Orientation (virtual) 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 8/7-8 Administrators and Supervisors Back-to-School Retreat at Garrett College
- 10/2-4 MABE Annual Conference, Westin Hotel, Annapolis, MD
- Dr. McCartney added that there would not be a county-wide staff development, as has occurred in years past. She indicated that she would visit each school the week teachers return.

*\*\*GCPS administrative offices and year-round schools will operate on a condensed summer schedule, from June 19, 2023, through August 25, 2023. Hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, with all facilities closed on Friday.\*\**

### Recognitions

- Mr. Jason VanSickle, Board member, recognized members of the Northern Garrett High School boy's track team for their first-place win at the MPSSAA Championship Meet, which occurred on May 25-27, 2023, at the PG Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland.



### New Business

- Mr. Ronald Bray, Transportation Manager, requested the Board approve three new school bus contracts for Garrett County Public Schools. Each contract was presented individually. Dr. McCartney recommended approving each contract, and the Board voted unanimously to approve each one.

### Policies and Procedures

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented revisions to the original GCPS Plan Provisions for Other Post-Employment Benefits statement to the Board for approval. She indicated that the corrections were necessary due to changes at the state level. Superintendent McCartney, a GCPS retiree, deferred her recommendation to Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Miller recommended the adoption of the revisions, and the Board voted unanimously for the adoption.

### Continuing Business

- Mr. Ronald Bray, Transportation Manager, presented the 2023 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) to the Board for approval. Superintendent McCartney recommended the approval of the EFMP as presented, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the plan.

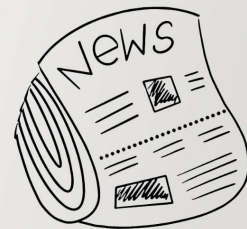
Garrett County Board of Education Meeting – July 11, 2023

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## Student Member of the Board

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

### **GCASC**

- The Executive Board appointed three new members in June.
- The Board then met on June 19th to discuss plans for the upcoming school year, including fundraisers and planning a picnic to kick off the year.
- The next meeting is scheduled in July to discuss these topics further.

### **General Student Updates**

- The College Board released high school students' AP Scores last week.
- Members of both Northern and Southern High Schools' FFA chapters attended the Maryland State Convention to compete and attend workshops, with several members placing.
- Summer school for both high schools ran June 20-29<sup>th</sup>.
- Several Fall sports teams across the county have begun summer training for the upcoming season.

### **State SMOB Communication**

- Student Members of the Board representing different counties across the state and the newly appointed Student Member of the State Board of Education have created a communication group to stay in contact.

## Superintendent Updates

- Dr. McCartney provided the following updates:
- Northern Garrett Middle and High Schools and the Hickory Environmental Educational Center will become the "Northern Complex," which will be served by a complex principal

overseeing all three facilities and an assistant principal for each location. Hickory will continue serving students from all areas of the county.

- Additionally, she indicated that the Central Office on Second Street in Oakland would be vacated by the end of this calendar year, with instructional staff moving to Northern Middle before school starts and support service departments moving to the Dennett Road Educational Complex by the end of November. The vacated building will be returned to the County Commissioners by the end of 2023.
- Lastly, she indicated Swan Meadow School would have an adjusted school day of 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for the 2023-24 school year to support the community better. Mr. Josh Hinebaugh asked for clarification on the Northern Complex principal position. Dr. McCartney indicated that it will be posted for internal candidates only.
- Dr. McCartney thanked the staff, Board, and community for allowing her to serve as Interim Superintendent for this period.

## Board Member Updates

- Mr. Tom Woods, Board President, indicated that we should have an announcement on the selection for the vacant Board member position by the end of next week.

## Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2023, in the Cafeteria of Southern Garrett High School, Oakland, MD. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.

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