



BOARD BRIEFING



An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office

Public Session 8/8/23

Announcements

- Announcements are available on BoardDocs

Recognitions

- Mr. Tom Woods, Board president, recognized Ms. Elaina James, a 10th-grade student at Southern Garrett High School. Ms. James' artwork was selected by the Fine Arts Committee to be purchased and displayed at one of Garrett County Public Schools' facilities.



Policies and Procedures

Dr. Brenda McCartney indicated that each of the following policies went through the GCPS Policy Committee.

- Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, presented the revised JQB Student Meal Charge Procedure to the Board.
Mr. Germain answered various questions from the Board members. No action was taken as this was a first read.
- Mr. Paul Edwards, Director of Secondary Education, presented the revised BDFC Local Advisory Council (LAC) Policy and Procedure to the Board. Updates included moving procedural information from the policy to the procedure.
There was no action taken on this policy as it was a first read.
- Mr. Edwards also requested the Board to retire Policy IHCDG Gifted and Talented Students Under Sixteen Years of Age Admitted to College Level Instruction. With The Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislative requirements, the information in the policy and procedure is no longer valid. Dr. McCartney recommended the approval of the retirement of the policy. The Board voted unanimously to retire the policy.
- Mr. Edwards recommended the Board retire Policy IHCG Evening High School. GCPS no longer has an evening high school program for credit recovery.
Dr. McCartney recommended the approval of the retirement of this policy. The Board voted unanimously to retire the policy.
- Mr. Edwards recommended the Board retire JOA Issuance of Employment Certificates Policy. Work permits are now issued online through the Maryland Department of Labor. They are not offered by the school system; therefore, this policy is no longer valid. Dr. McCartney recommended the retirement of this policy. The Board voted unanimously to retire the policy.
Mr. Glotfelty was complimentary of the review of policies.

New Business

- Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Director of Elementary Education, presented an informational update on the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

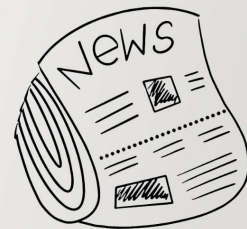
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Report Card process. GCPS Lead Teachers met and suggested changes to the Pre-K and K report cards. The changes allow parents to see the progress from Q1-Q2 on the report cards and the report cards will now align with our English Language Arts (ELA) and Math scope and sequence.

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented a budget transfer request to the Board for their approval. She provided the reasons behind the request. Dr. McCartney recommended the approval of the budget transfer request as presented. Mrs. Sweitzer answered various questions from the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget transfer.

Continuing Business

- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the approval of the GCPS Blueprint Implementation Plan. Dr. McCartney was very complimentary of Dr. Miller and the leadership team for their work provided. The Board echoed the superintendent's sentiment.

Student Member of the Board

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

GCASC Business

- The Executive Board met on July 18th to plan for the upcoming school year and its main project, a picnic, to kick off the school year. This picnic will take place on August 16th at Hickory with members from across the county participating in activities including a potluck dinner, service project, idea session, and more.

Board Business

- Last week Ms. Hailey Wildesen had the privilege of volunteering with several staff members at the GCPS fair booth speaking with a variety of stakeholders including current and past students.
- On August 3rd, Ms. Wildesen also had the opportunity to attend the Maryland Association of Boards of Education *New Student Board Member* training. Along with other SMOBs across the state, she was presented with information on the responsibilities of board members and different aspects of the Board's role. This was a great networking opportunity and was very beneficial in helping to better understand her role as SMOB.

General Student Updates:

- Many students had exhibit entries in the Garrett County Fair and/or showed livestock.
- Five GCPS students attend the Maryland Forestry Board Natural Resources Camp in July (the largest delegation Garrett County has ever sent).
- Southern Softball is in the process of creating a Southern High Cookbook with recipes from students as a fundraiser.

Board Member Updates

- Mr. Jason VanSickle thanked student FFA members for their hard work put into the Garrett County Fair.
- Mr. Woods indicated that Mr. Cody Brill would be at the September meeting to be sworn in.

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney shared the following updates:

- Mr. David Yoder will serve as the principal of the Northern Complex, all grades 6-12.

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- She indicated that the instructional team will be relocating to Northern Middle School, and dubbed Central Office North. There will be signage in place to direct visitors. This will take place by the end of August. Additionally, she indicated that the remaining staff will be moving to the Dennett Road Educational Complex by the end of November.
- She noted that the official GCPS address has been updated to 770 Dennett Road.

Public Comment

- Ms. Stephanie Boyd addressed the Board regarding nurses at schools. She provided statistics regarding the performance of school nurses and their effect on students. She questioned the cutbacks regarding technicians replacing nurses. She addressed concerns over the efficiency of the processes in place for GCPS school nurses.

Next Meeting

The September Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023. The location of the meeting and agenda will be announced ahead of time.