



BOARD BRIEFING



An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office

Public Session 10/3/24

New Business

- On behalf of Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of System Operations, Dr. Brenda McCartney, Superintendent, presented the draft FY2025 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to the Board for review. She highlighted some of the changes and provided clarifications for the Board. The Board is expected to act on this during the November Board meeting.

Continuing Business

- Dr. McCartney requested the Board approve the draft FY2025-30 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on behalf of Mr. Wesolowski. As the Superintendent, she recommended the Board approve the FY2025 CIP. The motion did not proceed as there was no second. The plan was tabled and will be acted upon at a later date.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, requested that the Board adopt the Virtual Learning Day Plan for SY2024-25. The Board members received feedback from stakeholders on the plan, which they voted unanimously to approve. *Due to changes in state legislation, approval at the state level is no longer required.*
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the committee structure for Blueprint implementation. This was an informational item, and no Board action will be taken.

Student Board Member Report

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

Student Reports

- Golf Teams from both high schools competed in the Westmac Tournament, where Southern placed first and Northern placed second.

- Swan Meadow held their annual Harvest Sale, which was very successful.
- The GaCo Robotics Team #1629 recently traveled to NJ to participate in Robocon.

Student Council (GCASC)

- The second executive board meeting was held on Sept. 24th.
- The first General Assembly (GA) will be held on October 27th at the Garrett College Performing Arts Center.
- All of the appointed officer positions have been filled.
- The fall leadership conference for MASC will be held on November 23, 2024, at Havre de Grace High School in Harford County.
- Southern High Grades 9-12 are planning their homecoming. It is set to occur on November 1st (7th-9th) and November 2nd (9th-12th).
- Currently, plans are being made for the first of three Blood Drives, occurring on October 21st at Southern High.
- Northern Middle teamed up with the social studies dept. and shared campaign speeches for a schoolwide election for 8th-grade officers. Students are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and selling PowerHouse Subs to raise money for local charities.
- Northern High is running a campaign for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Yellow childhood cancer ribbons were handed out. The 9/13 home football game theme was Go for Gold for Childhood Cancer, and the school's entryway bulletin board was decorated for the occasion.

SMOB Initiatives/Agenda

- Ms. Natividad visited Broad Ford Elementary to speak to 6th graders about the recent changes at the school. The feedback was very positive.
- She is working with the Equity Advisory Committee to get student input on the school environment.
- Additionally, she continues connecting with SMOBs across the state.

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney provided the following updates:

- She provided an update on the possibility of middle school sports, as discussed at an earlier Board meeting.
- She also announced that the State Superintendent and State Board President & Vice President will visit two of our schools on October 16th.

Board Member Updates

- Mrs. Sadie Liller thanked Dr. McCartney for arranging the board members' SGHS tour.
- Mr. Woods reminded Board members that committee assignments are in their folders.

Public Comment

- Mrs. Jes Brown, a parent, spoke about Accident Elementary. She thanked the community for supporting the PTO fundraising efforts. Fall fest is coming up on October 25th. She spoke about the heart of Accident Elementary. She asked that all of the programming put into place on the current school grounds convey to the Northern Middle, if a relocation of the school occurs. She asked that an alternative exit be established if the relocation occurs.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in the Cafeteria of Northern Middle School in Accident, MD. Details will be announced ahead of time.