



BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



Public Session

Announcements Nov/Dec 2022

- 11/14-18 is American Education Week
- 11/16 First grading period report cards released
- 11/16 Educational Support Professionals Day
- 11/23 Three-hour early dismissal
- 11/24-28 Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed
- 12/6 Staff Development three-hour early dismissal
- 12/8 MABE new board member orientation (virtual) 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Recognitions

- Due to inclement weather, recognitions were moved to the December Board meeting.

Continuing Business

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, presented the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Educational Facilities to the Board for their approval. Superintendent Barbara Baker recommended the approval of the plan to the Board. Mr. Wesolowski answered various questions from the Board and they voted unanimously to approve the plan.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, presented the Virtual Learning Plan to the Board for approval. Superintendent Baker recommended approval of the plan. Dr. Miller answered questions from the Board. The Board voted 3-1 to approve the plan.

Public Comment

- Public citizen David Moe spoke about the Capital Improvement Plan. He expressed concerns regarding the accessibility of the document on the website. He inquired about planning involving the County Commissioners.

Policies and Procedures

- On behalf of Mr. John Hummel, Director of Student Services, Superintendent Baker presented JLIIG Registered Student Sex Offenders Entry onto School Property Policy to the Board for adoption. She recommended approval of the policy to the Board, as it aligns with state requirements. The Board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

New Business

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented the FY2023 Enrollment and Forecasted Revenue to the Board. Mrs. Sweitzer answered numerous questions from the Board. No action was taken on this topic.

Student Member of the Board

- Ms. Alexis Shaffer, Student Member of the Board, was not present due to the inclement weather but provided a written update for the Board.
- On Oct 20th, a GCASC meeting was held at Garrett College to learn about the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC).
- On Nov 14th, GCASC members met virtually to discuss fundraising opportunities at local restaurants.
- Starting Nov 23rd members will begin decorating a dog-themed tree for the Festival of Trees.

Garrett County Board of Education Meeting – November 15, 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. Alexis X. Shaffer, Student Board Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

- Nov 28th will be the next GCASC meeting at Brenda's Pizzeria.
- On Oct 24th Southern High held a successful blood drive with over 30 volunteers.
- Southern High held a Powder Puff game on October 13th. It was a great hit with students. They are currently organizing a Ram Rumble for November 23rd.
- Southern High is organizing a holiday light show on the school's former football field. The dates for the show are December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, and 22-23, 2022.
- Northern High Student Council just completed a fundraiser selling *Applelicious* gourmet apples and pretzels.
- Southern High held homecoming on Oct 29th, with a great turnout and positive comments.
- Students are happy with the bottle fillers that have been installed. They are being used frequently.

Board Business

- Board member Rodney Glotfelty reminded everyone of the Northern High production of "The Lightning Thief" at the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College. The show runs Fri-Sun 11/18-20.
- Mr. Glotfelty was asked by MABE to be on their Ad Hoc Committee, regarding Blueprint monitoring, inquiry, analysis, and communication relating to the state and local implementation.
- Board member Jason VanSickle stated that he, and fellow members Mr. Glotfelty and Mrs. Rinker, went to the MD State Board Meeting recently. They were able to ask questions and provide feedback as it pertains to GCPS and MSDE.
- Mr. VanSickle thanked Mr. Hummel and the school counselors at Northern and Southern Middle Schools. They were able to go into schools to present the Maryland Scholars Program through the Maryland Speakers Bureau to all classes at both schools.
- Mrs. Monica Rinker stated that the Farm Bureau supported the AG Chair that was here and visited all of the elementary schools. She was able to be a volunteer for

that, helping students with different activities.

- Mr. Woods noted that everyone has a copy of the MABE agenda pertaining to the upcoming legislation.
- Mr. Woods also noted that they sent a funding request letter to the commissioners. Once they hear back from the commissioners, the request will go to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in the Central Office Board Room. Details of the meeting will be announced ahead of time.