



**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Westover, Maryland  
April 17, 2012**

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**TIME: 5:00 p.m.**

**Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center**

**PRESENT:** Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Miles, Mr. Wells, Dr. Whittington; Superintendent Miles; Assistant Superintendent Bloodsworth; Board Attorney Fulton Jeffers; and Board Secretary Tilghman. Also present were supervisors, public observers, and media representatives.

**CLOSED MEETINGS:**

5:04 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Motion: Chairman Sumpter and seconded by Mr. Miles; unanimously carried

**Reviewed and Will Approve Previous Closed Meetings' Minutes at the May 15, 2012  
Closed Board meeting:**

March 8, 2012

March 20, 2012

April 2, 2012

**Discussed Matters Relative to Negotiations – Section 10-508 (a)(9)**

Received updated information on unit negotiations

Members of the negotiations team were present for this portion of the meeting.

**Consulted with Attorney – Section 10-508 (a)(7)**

Received and discussed the State Open Meetings Act Complaint

**Discussed Personnel Matters – Section 10-508 (a)(1)(i)(ii)**

Reviewed and discussed personnel matters report

**4. CONVENED IN OPEN WORK SESSION: 6:45 p.m.**

**POLICIES**

**600-12, STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY**

Ms. McLaughlin presented the revised Dress Code Policy, 600-12. Chairman Sumpter asked that principals be given the revised revisions before the Board's approval.

Moved – Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and seconded by Dr. Whittington to adjourn the open work session.

**5. RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 7:05 p.m.**

Mr. Daugherty informed the Board that Mr. & Mrs. Collins of Bus Route #3 do not want to continue running the route after this year and requests the Board's permission to advertise for the route. Chairman Sumpter requested that the Board members receive a copy of all correspondence from the previous Route #3 advertisement to review and study before voting on approval to re-advertise the route.

**6. Declaration of a Quorum**

**7. Pledge of Allegiance**

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion – Mr. Miles and seconded by Dr. Whittington; unanimously carried to approve amended agenda

- Wind Turbines Presentation and Bus Route #3 were added to the agenda

**9. Approval of Minutes:**

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Motion - Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried

Chairman Sumpter announced that the Somerset County Board of Education met in Closed Session on the following dates pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Maryland Annotated Code for the reason listed below:

March 8, 2012

- To discuss personnel matters – Section 10-508(a)(1)(i)(ii)

March 20, 2012,

- To discuss personnel matters – Section 10-508(a)(1)

April 2, 2012

- To discuss personnel matters – Section 10-508(a)(1)(i)(ii)
- To discuss matters relative to negotiations – Section 10-508(a)(9)

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- To discuss personnel matters – Section 10-508(a)(1)(i)(ii)
- To discuss matters relative to negotiations – Section 10-508(a)(9)
- To consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice – Section 10-508(a)(7)
- Due to time, the minutes were not approved and not administrative functions performed

**10. Student Board Members' Activities Report**

The Board members thanked the student representatives for their reports.

**11. Public Participation**

Heard Public Comments from:

- Mitchell Sampson, a parent, requesting an update on the Alternative Governance Plan
- John Phoebus, a community member/advocate for CHS requested a copy of the Alternative Governance letter from MSDE and questioned the signature sheets that were sent to the State with the Alternative Governance Plan.
- Garland Hayward, town commissioner, thanked the Board for developing a plan to move forward and asked for the community’s assistance in helping the school system to ensure the plan will work to increase student learning.

**12. Economic Development Counsel**

Mr. Matthew Davon and Walter Wynter presented a presentation on the addition of Wind Turbines to the Crisfield area. They reported that Crisfield residents were concerned about the turbines effect on crabs and the noise level. Mr. Wynter informed the Board that they were looking for investors to fund the project.

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

**FINANCE**

Approved revisions to Policy #200-14, Bidding and Purchasing  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells; unanimously carried

**STUDENT SERVICES**

Approved revisions to Policy #600-12, Student Dress Code and the expansion of school uniforms to Crisfield and Washington Academy & High Schools  
Motion: Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Miles; unanimously carried

**FACILITIES**

Approved revisions to Policy #400-25, Disaster & Emergency Plans with the stipulation that a plan is developed between the parents and school to assure someone will be at the residence when children are dropped off.  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells; unanimously carried

**Facilities and Transportation**

Approved the advertisement for Bus Route #3  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Approved revisions to Policy #700-13, Work Schedule and Leave for Employees of SCPS  
Motion: Mr. Wells and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried

Approved revisions to Policy #700-56, Progressive Discipline  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells; unanimously carried

Approved revisions to the Media Specialist Job Description; Tabled the Executive Assistant's revised job description until further notice  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Dr. Whittington; unanimously carried

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **FINANCE REPORTS**

Ms. Rounds presented the monthly Finance and Food Service reports to the Board.

##### **POLICIES OF INSTRUCTION**

The Board will review and study revisions to Policy #500-31, Student Field Trips.

- Students on discipline restriction will not be allowed to attend field trips
- Board members will be given 60 – 90 days prior to trip to vote on approval

##### **SUPERINTENDENT'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRIORITIES**

The Superintendent presented an overview of the preliminary budget. SCPS is looking forward to major cuts with an expectation of a decrease in level funding. The Board is looking forward to a more detailed budget.

##### **REQUEST TO TRAIN SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS**

Approved Mr. Daugherty's request to train presented substitute bus drivers.  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried

##### **HUMAN RESOURCES – NEW HIRE, RETIREES, RESIGNATIONS**

Personnel Matters – Certificated Employees  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried

##### **Separation**

Robert Horsey, II  
Linda Mitchell  
Cindy Taylor  
Ellen Walston

#### **15. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Vice Chairperson Green-Gale thanked the community and students for attendance

- Mr. Wells commended the GES Cherry Blossom Chorus participants and Ms. O’Neal for a job well done and for their exhibition of good behavior.
- Dr. Miles informed the community that the Press Release and the Alternative Governance letters will be posted on the SCPS website. She also thanked the student Board members for their reports.
- Chairman Sumpter expressed to the community that the Board members never voted to close CAHS

**16. MAY 15, 2012 BOARD MEETING**

The Board will consider going into an open work session at 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2012 to discuss personnel matters as permitted by the Maryland Open Meetings Act S10-508(a) of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, an open work session at 6:00 p.m. and in an open regular session meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Academy & High School.

Motion – Mr. Wells and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion - Dr. Whittington, seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary