

**Minutes of Special Open Meeting
Westover, Maryland
August 16, 2012**

TIME: 5:00p.m.

Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Wells, Mr. Miles; Dr. Whittington; Superintendent Miles; Whitelock, Blye and Board Secretary Tilghman.

CLOSED MEETING

5:07 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Motion: Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and seconded by Dr Whittington; unanimously carried

TO PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS – SECTION 10-503

Received information from the Superintendent

TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS – SECTION 10-508 (a)(1)

Received information from the Superintendent and discussed personnel matters

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Sumpter; Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; Mr. Wells; Mr. Miles; Superintendent Miles; Whitelock; Blye; and Board Secretary Tilghman

6. Reconvened in Open Special Session – 6:45 p.m.

7. Pledge of Allegiance

8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Mr. Miles, and seconded by Ms. Green-Gale; unanimously carried

Announcement of Closed Session Meeting

Chairman Sumpter announced that the Board members met in closed session on August 16, 2012 at 5:03 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. for the reasons listed below.

To Perform Administrative Functions – Section 10-503

To Discuss Personnel Matters – Section 10-508 (a)(1)(i)

9. **Public Comments**

Mr. Darryl Webster, President of the Booster Club, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the Washington Academy & High School practice/game fields. He stated that the Geothermal renovators left WAHS is disrepair. Mr. Webster stated that the fields had high grass, holes in the ground, dirt pile ups, irrigation trenches, nonworking sprinkler systems and missing Bermuda grass. He requested the Board's permission to ask the commissioners permission to allow the inmates to help with the improvement of Washington High School's landscaping. Members of the Booster Club and parents are also willing to help physically and financially. Dr. Miles has asked Mr. Scott Tawes to speak with Mr. Webster in obtaining additional information.

Ms. Billy Chandler addressed the Board requesting the purchase of bleachers and athletic uniforms for Crisfield High School students. She also asked the Board to consider adding the Army ROTC back to CAHS. Dr. Miles stated that she was in receipt of a letter from Major Donnell informing her that there must be an enrollment of at least 100 cadets. Ms. Chandler requested a copy of the letter from the Airforce/Army regarding the disestablishment of the ROTC programs. She stated that would work on encouraging students to sign up for ROTC and that SCPS should recruit students as well. She stated that the commissioners would financially back the ROTC programs.

Ms. Chandler expressed concern about the uniform colors. Dr. Miles explained that the principals at the school could choose the school colors. Ms. Chandler announced that the PAC meeting scheduled for August 21, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. at CAHS will be rescheduled.

10. **New Business**

Human Resources Report

Motion: Ms. Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Wells; unanimously carried

New Hires

Ed Barber, Willis Dryden, Julie Elliott, Patricia Fontaine, Danielle Poinsette, Merrilee Perko, MeShell Purnell, Darlene Taylor, Mariyln Townsend, Trudy Johanning, Mary Smith, Theresa O'Neal, and Courtney Stewart

Resignations

Linda Maldonado

RIF Rehire

Delantae Ward

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Contract Approvals

Bus Route #19 – Hank Ward

Bus Route #33 – Nick Moons

Motion: Dr. Whittington and seconded by Mr. Miles; unanimously carried

11. Superintendent and Board Member Comments

Ms. Gale thanked the community for attending and expressing their concerns. Mr. Wells addressed the community's concern with the number of meetings being called and explained that these meetings are called in order to vote on Human Resources Reports and get teachers in position before schools open. Mr. Miles expressed concern about the sports fields at Washington High School and stated that there should be no athletics held on the fields until they are safe and ready. He also added that SCPS include Crisfield Academy & High School in the bleacher restoration project. Chairman Sumpter asked Dr. Miles to look into the concerns of the community.

12. Adjournment

Motion – Mr. Miles, seconded by Ms. Green-Gale and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Sumpter announced that the next Board meeting will be held on August 21, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary