

**Minutes of Open Special Board Meeting
Westover, Maryland
June 26, 2012**

TIME: 6:30 p.m. **Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center**

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Wells, and Dr. Whittington; Superintendent Miles; Board Secretary Tilghman; and supervisors and community members. Mr. Miles was excused from the meeting.

CLOSED MEETINGS:

6:33 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the **Annotated Code of Maryland**
Motion: Mr. Wells and seconded by Ms. Green-Gale; unanimously carried

Performed Administrative Functions – Section 10-503

Received information from Dr. Miles

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

Reviewed and discussed personnel matters.

Discussed Negotiations – Section 10-508(a)(9)

Received and discussed information from the Superintendent on Negotiations

Present for this portion of the closed meeting were Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Wells, and Dr. Whittington; Superintendent Miles; Board Secretary Tilghman

6. RECONVENED TO SPECIAL OPEN SESSION: 7:10 p.m.

7. Pledge of Allegiance

8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Mr. Wells, and seconded by Dr. Whittington; unanimously carried to adopt the agenda

Announcement of Closed Meeting

Chairman Sumpter announced that the Somerset County Board of Education met in Closed Session on June 26, 2012 from 6:33 p.m. to 7:08 as pursuant to Section 10-508 of the *Maryland Annotated Code* for the reasons listed below:

- To discuss personnel matters
- To perform administrative functions

- To discuss negotiations

9. **Public Participation**

Several members of the community addressed the Board with the following concerns:

- WAHS Bleacher Costs
- Request of CAHS to get new bleachers and lights
- Assistant Superintendent Salary
- High Roads Academy Explanation
- Future of ROTC Programs
- Board meetings and agendas
- Outline and budget figures
- Increased Administration Costs

Dr. Miles explained that \$200,000 for the High Roads Academy would be coming from grants through MSDE. She informed the community that SCPS will be implementing a new transportation and bus routing system. Dr. Miles stated that she wanted the public to know the funding sources of the budget. She informed the community that the position posted advertising for an assistant superintendent has been removed from the website and is no longer being advertised. That position will not be filled at this time.

Chairman Sumpter explained that MABE Insurance representatives inspected the bleachers and declared them condemned. In order for insurance coverage to continue the bleachers would have to be replaced or reconstructed.

Commissioner Randy Laird addressed the Board and the community stating that the State would be paying for the bleachers. He stated that capital improvement money and infrastructure funding would pay for the bleachers. Mr. Wells explained to the community that the Aging Schools funds were restricted.

10. **2013 Proposed Budget**

Motion – Mr. Wells and seconded by Vice Chairman Green-Gale; carried unanimously to approve the SCPS 2013 Budget.

Superintendent and Board Member Comments

Vice Chairman Green-Gale thanked the community for their comments. Mr. Wells expressed to the community that he will become more involved. Dr. Miles informed the Board that the Leadership Team Meetings went well and that she had attended a very informative PBIS conference at Wor Wic Tech. Dr. Miles also announced that the new Principals and Vice Principals will be available as of July 01, 2012.

Dr. Whittington expressed concern about budget preparation. He stated that the budget should be presented showing an account of where all monies in the budget are allocated and that future budgets should be better presented in the future years.

Chairman Sumpter finalized the comments stating that change was inevitable. He stated that the Board took the advice of the community and has given administrators leadership and the

authority to discipline and evaluate. Administrators will be present in the schools throughout the year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of opinion of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Sumpter announced that the next Board meeting will be held on June 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in an open special session at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center. The Board will discuss Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(1) and to Perform Administrative Functions as pursuant to Section 10-503 of the *Maryland Annotated Code*.

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary