

OPEN WORK SESSION

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Greenwood Elementary School

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Miles, and Mr. Wells; Superintendent Miles; and Board Secretary Tilghman. Also present were supervisors, media, community members and presenters.

Moved – Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Miles to convene in an open work session at 6:25 p.m.

Technology Update

Ms. Smoker showed a presentation on Technology Equipment Update. She explained that the budget had not allowed an increase in the new Technology Equipment this year. There were no summer stipend money and data production is a challenge. Somerset County Public Schools Technology Initiative ranked 17 out of 20 in the State of Maryland and continues to decline.

Ms. Smoker presented a breakdown of the band width, technology and assessments. Infrastructure and wiring must be updated and broadband will help with keeping the network up. Classroom teachers need professional development to teach with current technology equipment. Ms. Smoker is currently looking for grants and other resources for funding in advancing technology within our school systems.

Chairman Sumpter suggested that we need funding to update Technology.

Food Service – External Options

Mr. Ed. Smith of Chartwell Food Dining and Nutrition Services showed a presentation on an external approach for Food and Nutrition Services. He explained that good school meals could increase academic achievement and school performance and the implementation of the external dining service would reduce costs and improve food quality. Mr. Chartwell added that this would be guaranteed income, increase employee jobs, help solve union issues. He is requesting the Board's approval by January to begin the project should this be something SCPS is interested in. Mr. Wells stated that input is needed from parents and several meetings must be held before the Board can vote on this request.

Solar Energy Presentation

Robert Bussler, from Standard Solar Energy showed a presentation on Solar Energy. To build the Solar Energy Plant would be at no cost to SCPS. Kent County and the school has a joined Solar Energy System. He explained that a county Board could run the facility.

Bleachers

Mr. Jefferson presented the vendor quotes to the Board and will be seeking the Board's approval at the open regular meeting. He will be requesting to purchase bleachers from West Recreation, Gametime for the two high schools. Washington Academy & High School's home side will have 550 bleachers and the visitors side will have 250 bleachers. Crisfield Academy & High School will have two sets of bleachers with 225 seats on both sides.

Chairman Sumpter informed Mr. Jefferson that he must go before the commissioners for final approval of the bleacher purchase.

Pole Barn Building/Storage Building

Mr. Jefferson presented the information received from one vendor. The maximum budget is \$108,000 estimate, current price will be higher.

Chairman Sumpter stated that the over budget amount must be presented to the commissioners if all effort was done to advertise for bids.

Student Transportation

Mr. Wells requested that Mr. Jefferson provide bus drivers with a list of CHS dislocated students and their correct locations and enforce parents to provide the information to the schools. He also requested that schools enforce the prohibition of parents driving in the bus lanes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. and the Board convened in an open regular session.

OPEN REGULAR SESSION

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PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Miles, and Mr. Wells; Superintendent Miles; and Board Secretary Tilghman. Also present were supervisors, media and presenters.

CLOSED MEETING:

5:02 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells; unanimously carried

Reviewed and Approved Closed Minutes

November 27, 2012

Performed Administrative Functions – Section 10-503

Received information from the Superintendent

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

Received, reviewed and discussed personnel matters

Consulted with Attorney to Obtain Legal Advice

Received advice from the Board Attorney

The Board reconvened in Open Regular Session - 7:45 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Miles to adopt the amended agenda; unanimously carried.

A tribute to Dr. Whittington was made and Vice Chairperson Green-Gale accepted the plaque for Ms. Whittington.

Approval of Open Regular Session Minutes

Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale to approve the amended minutes of the following meetings:

Announcement of Closed Meeting

Chairman Sumpter announced that the Somerset County Board of Education met in a Closed Session on December 18, 2012 date pursuant to Section 10-508 of the *Maryland Annotated Code* for the reasons listed below:

- To review and approve the closed meeting minutes of November 27, 2012
- To perform administrative functions – Section 10-503
- To discuss personnel matters – Section 10-508(a) (1)
- To seek advice from Legal Council – Section 10-508 (a)(7)
- To consider matters related to contracted agreements – Section 10-508 (a)(14)

Public Participation

Mr. Robert Price addressed the Board with his concerns about not being called into to volunteer.

Mr. Dan Kuebler expressed his concern regarding replacing bleachers that do not need replacing. He suggested that a subcommittee be developed to discuss with parents what the requirements of the bleachers are and ask commissioners can funding be used for other purposes.

Recognition of the Golf, Soccer and Field Hockey Teams

Dr. Miles presented certificates to the Golf, Soccer and Field Hockey Teams. The Board congratulated the teams for a job well done.

Student Board Members' Activities Reports

Crisfield Academy & High School student representative presented a very informational report and was thanked by the Board members. Washington Academy & High School student representative was excused from the meeting. Mr. Elebash presented his schools' report.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy #600-44, Emergency Anaphylaxis

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

Job Descriptions

Motion: Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the revised job descriptions for the Accounting Associate and the Accounting Associate (Grants).

NEW BUSINESS

TGM Group, LLC

This item was removed from the agenda.

Finance – Monthly Finance and Food Service Reports

Mr. Blye presented the projected revenue and budget expenditures to the Board. The food service deficit is currently \$47,379.00.

Curriculum & Instruction Report

Ms. Hopkins presented an update on benchmarks and assessments. She stated that Reading materials are more challenging. The Government Assessment will be returning to high schools and that new standards are coming up. Ms. Hopkins further explained that students will be required to show how math problems are solved and that Algebra courses are going to be more complex.

Technology Update

Ms. Smoker presented a technology update to the Board.

Policy 800-11, Parent Involvement

Ms. Holland presented revised Policy #800-11, Parent Involvement. The Board will vote at the January 18, Board meeting.

Student Services Report

Ms. Carter and Ms. McLaughlin presented a report on attendance and enrollment. They informed the Board that lists were sent to local vendors of the uniform requirements and requests the Board's approval to continue with the Uniform Initiative Program. Schools will implement casual dress and dress for success days. Mr. Wells requested a list of disciplinary referrals broken down by school.

Human Resources

New Hire, Retires, Resignations

Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; vote passed with a 3:1 vote. Mr. Wells opposed.

New Hires
Norman Purnell

Separations/Resignations/Layoffs
Willis Dryden
Bonnie Vass

Transfers
Scott Tawes

Job Descriptions

Ms. Whitlock presented the following job descriptions for the Board's review and study:
➤ Data Specialist Associate

Facilities

Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells to table Mr. Jefferson's request to purchase bleachers for Washington and Crisfield High Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board Members thanked the community for attending, congratulated the student athletes for a job well done and asked that everyone enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Vice Chairperson Green-Gale congratulated Crisfield Student Board member for being an exceptional student.

Chairman Sumpter announced that he would not be seeking the Board's Chairmanship in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.; unanimously carried

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent
Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary