

**Minutes of Special Open Meeting
Westover, Maryland
January 30, 2013**

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman William Miles, Vice Chairman Robert Wells, Mr. Sumpter, Ms. Green-Gale and Mr. Kuebler; Superintendent Miles; and Board Secretary Tilghman. Also present were supervisors, local emergency agency members, the State's Attorney Danny Powell, and community members.

Chairman Miles declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Mr. Kuebler and seconded by Mr. Sumpter; unanimously carried to approve the amended agenda and move adopting of the agenda prior to voting to go into a closed meeting.

Public Participation

Mr. Henry Teagle addressed the Board regarding the following concerns:

- Greenwood Elementary School fence repairs
- The need of an emergency lockdown plan
- The need for Inacoms in the schools
- Trained officers needed in schools
- Door and window replacement
- School staff ID cards should indicate the number of years the employee has been in the system

Mr. Teagle stated that he would volunteer his time to check all the schools for security flaws and report his findings to the Board.

CLOSED MEETING

10:10 a.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the **Annotated Code of Maryland**

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

DISCUSSED SCHOOL SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PLANS – SECTION 10-508 (a)(10)

- Met with staff and local emergency agencies to discuss and develop school security and emergency plans
- Discussed Truancy and Attendance Resolutions

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Miles, Vice Chairman Wells, Mr. Sumpter, Ms. Green-Gale and Mr. Kuebler; Superintendent Miles; and Board Secretary Tilghman; Supervisors Paul Jefferson, Renee McLaughlin and Vicki Carter. Also in attendance were local police and emergency representatives; Chief Michael Tabor, Sgt. Rick Taylor, Frank Pruitt, Captain Tim Bozman, Lieutenant Plunkert, Chief Scott Keller, Steve Marshall, Ronnie Howard, Donald Ford, and Dan Powell.

Reconvened in Open Special Session at 12:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent and Board Member Comments

The Superintendent informed the Board that beginning in August Somerset County Public Schools will be required to pay for and provide full benefits to all part-time employees working thirty or more hours per week. Mr. Kuebler stated that part-time employees could be scheduled to work under thirty hours per week.

Mr. Kuebler informed the Board that the Somerset County Board of Education must adhere to the new Open Meetings Act laws.

The Board unanimously agreed to hold a Special Open Meeting on February 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

Vice Chairperson Wells stated that at the February 19, 2013 Open Work Session the Board will review the Calvert County's Board of Education Handbook in order to develop a handbook for the Somerset County Board of Education, discuss public participation and school board meetings. He also requested that before a vote is made on revisions to the school board meetings policy, that three community input hearings be held.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Ms. Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Kuebler and passed to adjourn the meeting at **3:44 p.m;** carried unanimously.

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary