



**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Princess Anne, Maryland
May 15, 2012**

TIME: 5:31 p.m. Location: Washington Academy & High School

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Miles, 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:

5:36 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Motion: Mr. Miles seconded by Dr. Whittington; unanimously carried

Reviewed and Approved Previous Closed Meetings' Minutes

March 8, 2012

March 20, 2012

April 17, 2012 – as corrected

April 2, 2012

April 30, 2012 – as corrected

Performed Administrative Functions – Section 10-503

Received information from Dr. Miles and discussed with the Board Attorney.

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

Reviewed and discussed personnel matters report

Discussed Matters Relative to Negotiations – Section 10-508 (a)(7)

Received and discussed updated information on unit negotiations.

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

Received and followed advice of attorney relating to personnel matters

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

6. RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 7:25 p.m.

7. Pledge of Allegiance

8. Adoption of Agenda

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

- Alternative Governance Plan was added to the agenda

9. Approval of Minutes:

April 17, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Motion - Ms. Green Gale and seconded by Mr. Miles; 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:

April 17, 2012

- 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)
- Approval of Minutes

April 30, 2012

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

May 15, 2012

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

10. Student Board Members’ Activities Report

The Board members thanked the student representatives for their reports.

11. GES Cherry Blossom Participant’s Performance

Greenwood Elementary School’s chorus members who participated in the Cherry Blossom Parade performed several selections. The Board members thanked Mrs. LaRue and Mrs. O’Neal for providing the Board with such uplifting entertainment.

12. Parent Involvement Recognition

With the assistance of Dr. Miles, Christy Scott presented awards and geraniums to parent volunteers. Gena Lankford was named as Somerset County’s Volunteer of the Year.

13. J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Skills Competition

Mr. Webster presented the winners of the Skills Competitions. There were winners in the Eastern Regional Elective Competition, the Culinary Arts Competition, and the Regional and States Auto Mechanics Competitions. Mr. Melvin Higgs, Mr. Chris Parke, and Mr. James Washington were thanked for a job well done in teaching the students.

14. Public Participation

Heard Public Comments from:

- John Phoebus, community member/advocate for CAHS, addressed the revised Alternative Governance Plan and the 2012-2013 school budget cuts impact on schools and students.
- Dan Kuebler, community member, addressed his concerns that recent agendas have not contained any items in regards to student achievement, discipline, and school violence. He questioned if SCPS had any plans for Math and Reading intervention.
- Sue Heath, staff member, addressed the Board members stating that the Central Office was overly staffed and that the Board members do not inform the public of policy changes.

15. OLD BUSINESS

Policies of Instruction

Policy #500-31, Student Field Trips

Motion – Mr. Miles and seconded by Dr. Whittington; unanimously carried to approve the revised policy.

Facilities and Transportation

GES HVAC Renovation Engineer Approval

Motion – Vice Chairman Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Miles; unanimously carried to award GIPE the HVAC project for GES.

Alternative Governance Plan

Motion – Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairman Green-Gale; unanimously carried to approve the revised Alternative Governance Plan.

Human Resources Report

This item was removed from the agenda.

16. NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE REPORTS

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

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

Educational Facilities Master Plan

Motion – Mr. Miles and seconded by Dr. Whittington; unanimously carried to approve the Educational Facilities Master Plan. Correction of construction for GES was 1961 not 1959 and WES construction 1977 not 1976.

MSP/Promise Academy Bathroom Renovation

Motion – Mr. Miles and seconded by Dr. Whittington to hold on the vote of the MSP/Promise Academy Bathroom Renovation until a further explanation of the Bid proposal is explained from Mr. Daugherty. Mr. Miles stated that SCPS make sure the low Bid contained change order or other services.

HUMAN RESOURCES – NEW HIRE, RETIREES, RESIGNATIONS

Personnel Matters – Certificated Employees

The Human Resources Report was approved with a 3:1 vote; Mr. Miles, Chairman Sumpter, and Vice Chairman Green-Gale voted for and Dr. Whittington was opposed.

Separation

Pat Carson, Elisabeth Hays, Shayna Samero, Jennifer Thompson, Matthew Bolich, Lindsay Martin, Clifford Hightower, Jennifer Brittan, Greg Laskinski

New Hires

William Johnson, Paul Jefferson, Elizabeth Marshall, Chad Moletress, Germaine Richardson, George Kline, James Conrow

Job Description – HVAC Instructor

Presented for review and study.

17. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Dr. Miles thanked the community for their attendance and commented on the outstanding performance of the GES chorus and congratulated the Skills Competition winners. She

also stated that input was received by the community, students, and staff when revising the Alternative Governance Plan.

- Mr. Miles expressed his amazement of the community's scrutiny of the Board members and stated that the community and Board needs to work together for the good of the students.
- Dr. Whittington thanked the community for their attendance.
- Chairman Sumpter thanked the community and the student board members for attending. He also stated that once the budget numbers are received budget meetings will be held.

The next Board meeting will be held **June 19, 2012** at the **J.M. Tawes Career and Technology Center**.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Dr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Miles and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary