

**Minutes of Open Work Session Meeting  
J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center  
November 27, 2012**

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**OPEN WORK SESSION**

**TIME: 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center**

**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.

**Chairman Sumpter declared a quorum was present and convened in an open work session at 12:05 p.m.**

**AWD Wind Energy**

Mr. Matthew Damon, AWD Representative presented a proposal for constructing, maintaining, and providing financial funding for Wind Turbines in the Crisfield area on private property near Woodson Elementary School. Crisfield will have the largest turbines on the Eastern Shore. The production of Wind Energy Turbines will generate significant energy usage savings over a twenty year period. Energy usage will be on a Net Metering System. This means that energy costs to the school will depend on how much energy the school uses verses how much energy the wind turbines generate. During the months when the wind energy is low the school system's bill will be the same. If the wind turbines produce more energy than the school uses then the electric company will reimburse the schools. Mr. Damon showed a presentation analyzing Somerset County Public Schools system-wide energy usage and a breakdown of energy usage by individual schools.

Mr. Damon explained the two energy agreement models, Traditional Model and Guaranteed Model. The Guaranteed model is backed by several investors and appears to be more beneficial to SCPS. AWD Wind Energy Group has been issued a city permit to begin construction.

Chairman Sumpter requested photos and pictures of other Wind Turbines and asked that the contract contain information regarding the Academic Educational Aspect of the project.

The Board members thanked the AWD presenters for attending.

The open work session was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. The Board will reconvene in open work session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Reconvened in Open Work Session - 6:02 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Board Members: Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, Mr. Wells, Mr. Miles, Superintendent, Dr. Miles, Supervisors, media, community members and recording secretary Tilghman.

**Policy #200-22, Volunteer Services**

Ms. Whitelock presented revisions to Policy #200-22, Volunteer Services.

**AWD Wind Energy**

The presentation from AWD was removed from the agenda. AWD presented at the 12:00 p.m. open work session.

**Kenyon Solar Energy**

Mr. Allen Gorsuch introduced Mike Dykstra. Mr. Dykstra specializes in working with schools and Solar Energy projects and is offering SCPS the chance to control energy costs. Ms. Marta Tomik showed the Board pictures of projects already constructed. The designated location for the Solar Energy project is behind Somerset Intermediate School. SCPS is looking at close to \$500,000 in savings over a twenty year period. If Delmarva Power increases their prices, SCPS will still see savings. There is a six month building timeline and the system is fully insured by Kenyon. Mr. Gorsuch will be requesting the Board's approval to complete the engineering study and PPA agreement contract to present to the Board's attorney for review.

The open work session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. and the Board convened in an open regular session at 7:06 p.m.

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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:**

1:17 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried

**Reviewed and Approved Closed Minutes**

September 13, 2012  
October 2, 2012  
October 16, 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**

Board Attorney was available by phone

**The Board reconvened in Open Regular Session - 7:06 p.m.**

**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.

**Pledge of Allegiance – 7:06 p.m.**

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

### **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:

- September 6, 2012
- September 13, 2012
- September 18, 2012
- September 24, 2012
- October 02, 2012
- October 12, 2012
- October 16, 2012
- November 20, 2012

### **Announcement of Closed Meeting**

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

#### **November 27, 2012 - from 1:17 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.**

- To review and approve closed meeting minutes
- 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**

None

### **Student Board Members' Activities Reports**

The student representatives presented very informational reports and were thanked by the Board members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Policy #200-22, Volunteer Services**

Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells; unanimously carried.

### **AWD Wind Energy**

Motion: Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Wells to approve AWD's request to move forward in collecting information and preparing a contract proposal. The vote was unanimous.

### **Kenyon Solar Energy**

Motion: Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve Kenyon Solar Energy's request to move forward in collecting information and preparing a contract proposal. The vote was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Finance – Monthly Finance and Food Service Reports**

Mr. Blye presented the projected revenue and budget expenditures to the Board.

### **Curriculum & Instruction Report**

Mr. Elebash presented the Curriculum and Instruction Report on Disciplinary Literacy. There has been common core changes in Reading, Language Arts and Math and students will be expected to problem solve when answering questions. An increase in teacher professional develop will begin to occur to help teachers with the change in the common core subjects. Mr. Wells requested that parents be kept up to date with the common core changes.

### **Out of State Field Trip**

Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried to approve Washington and Crisfield High Schools Spanish Teachers' request to advertise for the Out of State field trip to Puerto Rico. The cost of the trip will be \$1,592 per student and will be available to any student who has taken Spanish I & II. The teachers will be applying for grants, holding fundraisers, and asking Upward Bound to help with funding to lower the cost for the students.

## **Student Services Report**

Ms. Carter presented a report on attendance, homeless students, referrals and suspensions. She informed the Board that students enrolled in the Marion Sarah Peyton's Promise Academy have shown an improvement in behavior and academic progress.

## **Policy #600-44, Emergency Anaphylaxis**

Motion: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale; unanimously carried to approve Ms. Thomas' request to move forward in developing Policy 600-44, Emergency Anaphylaxis to get SCPS in compliance with State regulation. Ms. Thomas will bring this policy forward to the December 18, 2012 Board meeting for final approval.

## **Human Resources**

### **New Hire, Retires, Resignations**

Motion: Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and seconded by Mr. Miles; unanimously carried to approve Ms. Whitelock's Human Resources report.

### **Job Descriptions**

Ms. Whitelock presented the following job descriptions for the Board's review and study:

- Accounting Associate
- Accounting Associate (Grants)
- Accountant

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

The Board Members thanked the student Board representatives for a job well done and thanked the community for attending the meeting and commended them for their assistance during Hurricane Sandy. The Board members also commended the Fall Sports Teams for their accomplishments.

Dr. Miles congratulated the Crisfield High School Band for their win at the Pocomoke Parade and thanked SCPS Staff for their assistance and support during the storm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.; unanimously carried

Dr. Marjorie E. Miles, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary