



By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education convened in an open called session at 5:30 p.m. to present and vote on the Alternative Governance Plan. Present were Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairman Green-Gale, Mr. Miles, Dr. Whittington, Mr. Wells, Superintendent Dr. Marjorie Miles and Melissa Tilghman, recording secretary.

### **SPECIAL CALLED SESSION**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sumpter at 5:30 p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that all five Board members were present.

#### **3. Declaration of Quorum**

It was declared that a quorum was present.

#### **4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Sumpter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **5. Public Participation**

Mr. Dan Kuebler addressed the Board members with concerns that discipline was not addressed in the Alternative Governance Plan.

#### **6. Alternative Governance Presentation**

Dr. Miles presented and discussed the Alternative Governance Plan to the Board for discussion and approval. She addressed Mr. Kuebler's concern regarding discipline's inclusion into the Alternative Governance Plan stating MSDE had asked that SCPS prioritize and choose three topics from the eight categories that were listed. SCPS chose Reading, Math, and Technology. The Governance Plan was put together with information from town and parent meetings that were held. Chairman Sumpter stated that a meeting was held at Crisfield High School on March 12, 2012 with the parents for input and discussion related to the Alternative Governance Plan. Dr. Miles stated that the budget is not required to be submitted at this time.

Moved – Mr. Miles and seconded by Vice Chairman Green-Gale to approve the presented Alternative Governance Plan as presented. The vote was carried unanimously.

The Board members agreed that the proposal should impact discipline and the Alternative Governance plan will be the first step to increase student achievement. Mr. Miles stated that discipline issues should be enforced by the administration and principals must set the tone for school discipline.

Mr. Bloodsworth added that if the committee scores the Alternative Governance Plan an 85% or higher than the plan will go forward. If the score is less than 85% then the plan can be redone and resubmitted if it does not show significant impact on student achievement.

## **7. Superintendent and Board Member Comments**

Mr. Wells asked that the staff, commissioners, and community to work with the Board members to make it work.

Dr. Whittington asked that the community express their concerns to the Board and stated that the budget must be aligned to the Alternative Governance Plan.

Mr. Miles expressed that the Board members appreciate community input and is always looking for way to improve student achievement.

Dr. Miles thanked the staff and public for their input and thanked Mr. Kuebler for his input on the Promise Academy.

Chairman Sumpter closed the comments by expressing to the staff and individuals involved that the Board members concern is doing what is best for the students.

## **8. Adjournment**

Moved – Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Wells and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05. p.m.