

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday April 18, 2006 at 6:40 p.m. Present were Chairman Scott, Vice Chairman Byrd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Willing, Mr. Miles, Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee, and Melissa Tilghman, recording secretary. Student Board members Britany Dennis and James Daniels were also present at the meeting.

## **MINUTES**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 6:40 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that all Board members and the Superintendent were present. Student Board Members Britany Dennis and James Daniels were also present.

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

Chairman Scott declared a quorum to be present.

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

Chairman Scott led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the minutes of March 21, 2006.

### **6. Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Miles to adopt the amended agenda. The vote was unanimous with all Board members in agreement.

### **7. School Volunteer Awards**

The Board formally thanked the school volunteers for their volunteer help. Over 6,000 hours of volunteerism had been recorded. Certificates were given to all volunteers. Christy Scott has agreed to accept the role of Coordinator of Volunteers for the county.

**8. Somerset 6/7 Intermediate Bid Proposal**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Willing to approve Mr. Daugherty's submitted Somerset 6/7 Bid proposal. All Board members agreed. The Board was informed that the commissioners had approved the capital budget. Mr. Daugherty also informed the Board that the SPN will call in Bid Contractors to sign contracts.

**9. Public Participation**

Billie Chandler, spoke to the Board concerning the lack of summer programs for IEP students. Chairman Scott thanked her for her concerns. Dr. Brofee will schedule a meeting to talk to her about this issue.

**10. Student Board Members Report**

Chairman Scott introduced the new student board member, James Daniels. Mr. Daniels did an excellent job and provided an extensive and detailed informational report. Student Board member Britany Dennis also provided a thorough and excellent report. Chairman Scott thanked both for their reports.

**11. Somerset 6/7 Intermediate**

Lisa Hopkins reported that the school year has been successful and students' and teachers' attitudes have improved showing an increase in student achievement. Ms. Hopkins also showed a presentation on the North Bay 6th grade trip. The purpose of this trip was to teach children about the environment, eco-systems and also how to build positive and strong character. A parallel was made between natural "filters" and human "filters". Students learned to "filter out" negative response energy and assume positive attitudes. The overall trip was a great success.

**12. JROTC ""Boot Camp" Graduates**

Sergeant Choate reported on the success of the JROTC program. Cadets had completed "Boot Camp" with several students obtaining special awards. Chairman Scott thanked Sergeant Choate and his cadets as well as commending them for a job well done at the Fruitland parade.

**13. 2007 Budget Approval**

A motion was called for by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the 2007 Operating Budget. The vote was unanimous.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Willing moved and Vice Chairman Byrd seconded to approve the 2007 Capital Budget.

## **New Business**

### **Woodson Change Order Request**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve Woodson Changer Order request #35. This request was for the relocation of the kitchen column. All board members were in agreement.

### **Washington High Athletic Storage Bid Approval**

Mr. Daugherty's Storage Bid approval request was tabled until the May 16, 2006 Board meeting.

### **Approval of Bus Contractor**

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Miles moved and Vice Chairman Byrd seconded to approve Duane Terrell as a substitute bus driver. Mr. Terrell will replace William Handy who declined the route.

## **Policies**

### **Athletic Policy #500-20**

The consensus of the Board concerning the Athletic Policy #500-20 was to re-evaluate and revise after talking to the Athletic Directors/Instructors.

### **Cell Phone Policy #600-31**

Dr. Brofee shared with the Board, the teachers and students frustration with cell phone use in the classroom. A letter has been sent home to all parents notifying them of the cell phone rules. Board members agreed that if these rules are not followed cell phone use will be abolished.

### **Wellness Policy #600-3.3**

Upon recommendation of Mr. Turner, the Board will review policy 600.3.3 for approval at next month's board meeting.

### **Human Resources**

Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve the amended Human Resources report presented by Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Lawson informed the Board of the Out of County Travel trips for the months of April and May.

### **Finance Report**

Ms. Miller gave the Board the update on the Local Budget. The Budget is on target with 85% of funds being spent and 15% left to spend. Ms. Miller also gave the Food Services Report showing a profit. Mrs. Miller cautioned that the inventory is down, so a true picture is not yet available.

### **14. Superintendent's & Board's Comments**

Dr. Brofee commented on the report she received from McDonald's informing her of how great the behavior of the Whittington Primary was that visited there. Mr. Lawson was thanked for the Teacher of the Year. Dr. Brofee also informed the Board and the Public of the upcoming Art Show on May 04, 2006 and the celebration of the Rosa Parks Blvd opening on April 19, 2006.

- 15. May 26, 2006** – A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Mr. Miles and approved to meet on May 16, 2006. Executive Session will be at 6:00 p.m. and open regular session will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

### **16. Adjournment**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Superintendent  
Recorded and Prepared by Melissa Tilghman/Secretary