

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Scott, Vice Chairman Byrd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Willing, Mr. Miles, Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee, and Ms. Tilghman. Student Board member Britany Dennis was also present. Chris Wood asked to be excused due to a class he's enrolled in that starts at 5:00.

## **MINUTES**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 5:00 p.m

### **2. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that all board members, the Superintendent and Britany Dennis, student board member were present. Chris Wood had a class and had asked to be excused from this meeting.

### **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. Miles to approve the minutes of November 15, 2005. All Board members were in agreement.

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

A request was made by Dr. Brofee to table the finance report due to Mrs. Miller's absence. A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Willing and approved to adopt the amended agenda. The vote was unanimous.

### **7. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **8. Student Board Members Report**

Student Board member Britany Dennis of Crisfield High School gave her report and informed the Board about the upcoming College Fair. Chairman Scott thanked Ms. Dennis for the information and congratulated Crisfield High School for winning first place in the Pocomoke and Princess Anne Parades.

## **9. Princess Anne Elementary School**

Mr. Dean gave highlights on Princess Anne Elementary School. Mr. Dean stated that discipline was down and that moral was up. Reading fundamentals are doing well and Dibels scores are up. There are six new teachers at Princess Anne Elementary and they are doing great. As an incentive for students that are doing well, they are allowed to go to Bowling Pizza parties which seem to be going quite well.

Mr. Dean has also organized the first student council at Princess Anne Elementary School for grades 3, 4, and 5.

Chairman Scott thanked Mr. Dean for his report.

## **10. 2005 Work-Based Learning**

Mr. Turner gave the Board a brief detailed description of Work-Based Learning and the data results for high school students. Mr. Turner also outlined the highlights of the program.

## **11. Old Business**

### **A. Policies**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Mr. Willing to approve the Facilities Policies #400-1 – 400-32. The vote was unanimous.

### **B. Change Order Request**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, and by seconded Mr. Willing to approve the change order requests for Woodson Elementary School. All Board members agreed.

### **C. Maryland Academy for Teacher Education (CTE Program)**

Mr. Paul moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve the CTE Program as requested by Mr. Webster.

## **12. New Business**

### **A. Policies**

Mr. Bloodsworth presented policies #500-1 to 500-36 for the Board to review and vote on at the January Board meeting. The policies are being taken into consideration.

**B. Safety/Security Assessment of Schools**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd to approve Mr. Daugherty's request to contract with Business Integrated Technology Solutions, Inc. for a Safety/Security Assessment of Schools.

**C. Charter School Application**

Dr. Brofee informed the Board that the Somerset County Public Charter School Application had been received and technical deficiencies defined for Mr. Thompson. Once these are corrected the Board can consider the application.

**D. Human Resources Report**

A motion was called for by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the Human Resources Report presented by Mr. Lawson.

**E. Finance Report**

Mrs. Miller had been excused and was not available to present the Finance Report.

**13. Superintendent & Board Member Comments**

Dr. Brofee and Board members thanked Mrs. Cheek for all of the hardwork and skill she has put into the school system and wished her good luck in retirement.

- 14. January 17, 2006** – A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd and approved to meet on January 17, 2006. Closed 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. The Board unanimously agreed.

**15. Adjournment**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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