

Chairman Scott led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion - Mr. Paul, second - Mr. Satchell and
December 10, 2002 regular meeting, as published.

AGENDA

Motion - Mr. Satchell, second - Mr. Willing and
presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Diane Ritchey requested the Board look into the process
the final exam for high school students.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Katie Ford and Sara Grosky reported on activities in their area school districts.

DEAL ISLAND SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Mike Forbush, Principal of Deal Island School, reported on school activities making particular mention of the school's new school activities and a very active PTA.

REQUEST TO APPEAR - MR. BRIAN LAIRD

Mr. Brian Laird, Coach of the Washington High School baseball team appeared before the Board to request that a fence and gate be installed for safety purposes. Chairman Scott stated the request would be considered and an answer provided at the February board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Satchell and passed, to approve hires: Maria Hubbs, Angela Rathcamp, Stephanie Sproul, Regina Crosley, Sheil Donna Ignelzi-Ferraro, Terry Purnell, Derek Savage, Keondra Miller.

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL TOOL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Satchell and passed, to accept the Performance Appraisal presented for non-certificated staff.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Johnson presented two proposed school calendars to the Board's consideration. It was consensus of the study.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

A presentation was made by Mr. Johnson, all student data ranging from the Maryland School Performance Program, assessment results, SAT results, CTBS results and local reading and math assessment.

PROPOSED POLICY 700-34 VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL LAWS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Satchell and passed, to request the Board to receive Proposed Policy 700-34, Violation of Criminal Laws, for study.

CLASSIFIED UNIT COMPOSITION

Upon request of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Paul and passed, granting approval to post requesting unit composition negotiations for the purpose of eligible non-certificated employees of the Somerset County Board of Education.

BIDS - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR WHITTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Byrd and passed to approve the low bid of \$31,501 by Playworld Systems, Inc., for playground equipment for Whittington Primary School.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Brofee expressed appreciation to Mrs. Mary Pruitt and Mr. Larry

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their many years of dedicated service to the school system and shared some of the highlights from the school district during the previous highlights were announced with Mr. Stan Pruitt at Whittington Princess Anne Primary. Community input session is scheduled Princess Anne Primary. Community input session is scheduled for 2003 for the performance audit of the school system.

Chairman Scott expressed appreciation
support of him as chairman of the board.

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Motion - Mr. Byrd, second - Mr. Willing
meeting on February 18, 2003, closed session at 6:00 p.m., and open session at 7:30
p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Secretary/Superintendent
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