

Princess Anne, Maryland
January 18, 2005

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Dick Scott, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Jamie Byrd, Mr. William Miles and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Student Board members, Jalessa Worthy and Jenna Nelson were in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Brofee.

A moment of silence & tribute was called to honor Beccy Fisher. Dr. Brofee Announced the establishment of a budgetary line item – Beccy Fisher Outing: for transportation to support the cost of one local activity each year for Somerset Challengers

2. SWEARING IN OF BOARD

Theodore Phoebus, Clerk of Court swore in the members of the Board of Education.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Willing to nominate Richard Scott as Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul and was seconded by Mr. Willing to nominate Jamie Byrd as Vice Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Willing to nominate Fulton Jeffers as Attorney to the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Scott assumed chairmanship for the meeting.

3. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Mrs. Miller indicating that five Board members, the Superintendent and two student board members were present.

4. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Scott declared a quorum to be present.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scott led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2004 regular meeting as published. The vote was unanimous.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

A closed session of the Board was held from 5:50 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel, negotiations, and pending litigation. All members were present.

8. AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Paul and passed, to adopt the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

10. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Miss Jenna Nelson and Miss Jalissa Worthy gave their student board reports. Chairman Scott thanked them both.

11. SCHOOL REPORT: CRISFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Debra Josenhans, Principal of Crisfield High School, gave a report on the varied programs and activities at her school.

12. SAFETY TASK FORCE COMMENTS

Mr. Steve Marshall, Chairman, of the Safety Task Force reported that the Task Force has met regularly and will conclude on Thursday, January 20th. Mr. Marshall commended the Somerset County Public Schools for their cooperation and help. The Task Force has reviewed policies, handbooks, transportation items, etc. and will be talking to students. They will be bringing recommendations forward, but wish to note that we have a good system that works very well for the majority of students. He noted that some of their recommendations such as the Transfer policy had already been addressed by the Board. Mr. Marshall urged that citizens of the county need to support the system and be involved.

A draft report will be presented at the February meeting.

13. OLD BUSINESS

A. POLICY #300-1 - FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Miller, it was moved by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Byrd and passed unanimously to accept Policy #300-1, Fiscal Management Goals.

B. PROPOSED 2005-2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, it was moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Mr. Miles and passed, following discussion to approve the School Calendar with an after Labor Day start. Mr. Paul asked administrators to investigate the possibility of a Labor Day to Memorial Day, 180 day calendar as well as investigate year round school programs.

C. POLICY 500-25 – GUIDELINES TO ALTERNATE ROUTES TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, it was moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Mr. Willing and passed to approve Policy 500-25 – Guidelines to Alternate Routes to High School Graduation.

D. FACILITIES

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty, it was moved by Mr. Byrd, seconded by Mr. Paul and passed to accept the lease agreement for Shore Up Use of CHS Property.

NEW BUSINESS

A. HUMAN RESOURCES

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Lawson, it was moved by Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Willing and passed to approve the Human Resources Report. Dr. Brofee expressed appreciation for the service to the county for the three retirees.

B. FACILITIES

B-1 Upon the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty, it was moved by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Willing and passed to approve the release of RFP for Construction Management of Tawes 6-7 Intermediate School.

B-2 Upon the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty, it was moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul and passed to approve the lease of an office mobile for Somerset 6-7 Intermediate School.

B-3 The update on Construction funding and progress:
Mr. Daugherty and Dr. Brofee updated the Board on the recent presentation to the IAC appealing the first round of funding and the upcoming appeal to the Board of Public Works.

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C. TRANSPORTATION

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty, it was moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Miles and passed to allow the request to purchase a new bus by Mr. Collins.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty, it was moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Byrd and passed to deny the request to keep his present bus as a spare and purchase a new bus by Mr. Kurtz.

D. Out of State Conference attendance was reported.

E. The December Food and Nutrition Monthly Report was received for Information only.

15. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Brofee welcomed Mr. William Miles to the Board. She also thanked Vicki Miller for serving as secretary to the board this evening and taking minutes for the board meeting and Linda Sterling for preparing the December minutes and January agenda. She also thanked the community members for their work on the Master Plan and the magnificent participation of the committee on the Action Teams. Dr. Brofee expressed her thanks for the community support during the loss of Mrs. Fisher.

Board Chairman Scott welcomed the new board member, Mr. William Miles.

16. February Board Meeting –

The February Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m..

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Secretary/Superintendent

Recorded by Vicki Miller

Prepared by Linda L. Sterling