

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, June 21, 2005.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Dick Scott, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Jamie Byrd, Mr. Jack Paul, and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Mr. William Miles was absent. Student Board members, Britany Dennis and Chris Wood were also present.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Scott at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating four board members, the Superintendent and the two student board members were 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 the May 17, 2005 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

6. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd to adopt the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

8. Student Recognition Presentation

Chairman Scott, Dr. Brofee, and Lisa Hopkins recognized Crisfield High Schools' Athletes.

9. Student Board Members Report

The new student board members gave their reports. Chairman Scott thanked each one. Chairman Scott also congratulated Chris Wood for his participation in the rocketry program. Jenna Nelson and Jalissa Worthy were presented with gifts for being dedicated student board members for the 2005-2006 school year.

10. School Report - Ewell

Mrs. Janet Evans reported on Ewell School. The school has a population of 17 students. Mrs Evans informed the Board that Betsy Reich has arranged for training of the Ewell's teachers to familiarize them with autistic children. They have one autistic child on the Island who will began school this year. She also enlightened the Board by giving them an overview of a typical day at the Island School.

11. United Way Presentation

Mr. Bloodsworth, along with Kennan Luleby, United Way Representative, awarded plaques to various schools for their participation in United Way. Chairman Scott commended the principals and thanked Ms. Lubeley for attending.

12. Facilities Update and Transportation

A motioned was called by Mr. Scott, moved by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the Transportation reimbursement rate increase. The vote was unanimous.

A motioned was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, and seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd to approve the Educational Facilities Master Plan. The vote was unanimous.

Special Education Staffing Plan 2005-2006

A motioned was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Willing to approve the Special Education Staffing Plan for 2005-2006. The vote was unanimous.

C. Policies

1. Administration of Medication#600-32

The Board agreed to move this to the July Board Meeting to give a thirty day period of approval.

2. Bullying and Harassment Policy Changes #600-34

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve policy #600-34, Bullying and Harassment.

3. Attendance Policy – #600-07

Dr. Brofee presented amendments to the new attendance policy. A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Vice Chairman Byrd, and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve Policy #600-07 with amended changes.

13. New Business

A. Human Resources

1. A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, and seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd to approve the Human Resources Report. The vote was unanimous.
2. A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, and seconded by Mr. Willing to approve the Appointment of Mr. Michael Forbush as the representative of the Board of Education to the Somerset County Recreation and Parks Commission. All Board members approved.

B. 2005-2006 School Calendar

1. A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, and seconded by Mr. Willing to accept the amended 2005-2006 school calendar. All Board members were in agreement.
2. A motion was called by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the amended board meeting dates. The vote was unanimous.

C. Update on After-School Programs

Chairman Scott thanked Mrs. Mclaughlin for giving her Update report on After-School Programs

D. Report on IOU Program

Chairman Scott thanked Mr. Turner for his IOU Report. Mr. Turner will bring further data the August 16, 2005 Board meeting.

E. Finance Report

1. A motion was called for, moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and passed to approve Mrs. Miller's request to make a budget transfer of accounts.
2. A motion was called, moved by Mr. Paul, and seconded by Mr. Willing to pass and approve the Confidential Group Salary Contract.

3. Mrs. Miller gave the Food Service Report. Everything is going well.

F. Instructional Report

1. Dr. Brofee gave the Reading and Math MSA Scores. All elementary schools made AYP. There are no schools ‘In Need of Improvement’.

G. Out of County Conferences – Information Only

Agenda noted that Renee McLaughlin will be attending a National American School Counseling Conference in Orlando, Florida on June 26 – June 29, 2005.

Terry Drechsler, Kathy Crockett, Lisa Hopkins, Patti Butler will be attending an ASCD Conference at the New York Marriot Marquee on June 28 – June 30, 2005.

14. Superintendent & Board Member Comments

15. July Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Willing and seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd and carried unanimously to meet on July 19, 2005, closed session at 6:00 p.m. and open session at 7:00 p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology and Career Center in the Board Room.

16. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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