



By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education convened in a closed session on June 25, 2011, June 28, 2011, June 29, 2011 at the UMES Henson Center and on June 30, 2011 at the J.M. Tawes Career and Technology Center to discuss personnel and legal matters as permitted by the Maryland Open Meetings Act, S10-508(a)(9) of the State Government Article. Present were Chairman Sumpter, Vice Chairman Miles, Mr. Wells, Dr. Whittington, Ms. Green-Gale, Superintendent Dr. Karen-Lee Brofee, and Melissa Tilghman, recording secretary.

The regular Board meeting began at 7:25 p.m. Present were Chairman Sumpter Vice Chairman Miles, Mr. Wells, Dr. Whittington, Ms. Green-Gale, Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee, and Melissa Tilghman, recording secretary.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brofee at 7:25 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that all five Board members and the Superintendent were present.

3. Declaration of Quorum

It was declared that a quorum was present.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sumpter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miles, seconded by Dr. Whittington and passed to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of May 17, 2011, the minutes of May 24, 2011, and June 14, 2011. The vote was unanimous.

6. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was called to approve the amended agenda. It was moved by Vice Chairman Miles, seconded by Dr. Whittington and passed to approve the amended agenda. Change orders were removed from the agenda as well as the policies and the Human Resources Report was

added under 9B. Dr. Whittington made a motion to postpone item 8 B-2, Route #3 bus contract approval until the August Board meeting. The vote was carried unanimously.

7. Public Participation

Bus contractor, John Asanovich addressed the Board to discuss the practice of awarding a bus contractor multiple bus contracts. He stated that bus contracts should first be offered to current bus driving substitutes looking to be hired full time. If there are no qualifying substitutes applying for a bus contract then the contract should be opened to allow current bus contractors that are interested apply. Mr. Asanovich expressed concern that substitutes will go to other counties if they are not being offered full time employment and SCPS will lose good drivers.

Mr. Asanovich commented on the elimination of the 13 -15 year PVA allotment stating that PVA for those years help cover maintenance repairs and upkeep of the bus. He expressed that he was aware that this issue will not be addressed until 2013 but wanted to provide the Board with his perspective. The Board thanked Mr. Asanovich and will take his concerns into consideration.

8. A. Transportation and Facilities

Greenwood Elementary Schools' Parking Lot Lights Bid

It was moved by Dr. Whittington, seconded by Ms. Green-Gale and passed to approve the awarding of Greenwood Elementary's parking lot's lights bid to Peninsula Electric. The vote was unanimous.

Tawes Technology & Career Center's Bathroom Upgrades

It was moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Whittington and passed to approve the awarding of the bid for the Tawes Technology & Career Center's ADA Bathroom renovations to Wilfre Mechanical. The vote was unanimous.

Washington Academy & High School Relocatables Transfer to the Commissioners

It was moved by Dr. Whittington, seconded by Vice Chairman Miles and passed to approve the commissioners' request to purchase the outside relocatables at Washington Academy and High School for \$45,000.00. The vote was unanimous.

Policy #200-18, Transportation

Mr. Daugherty presented revisions to policy #200-18, Transportation. He provided a breakdown of the various changes and revisions made to the policy as well an explanation of the substitutes point system. Dr. Whittington explained that the Board will not be answering any questions on the policy at this time and stated that bus contractors should be given a

copy of the revised policy prior to the next meeting.

B. Human Resources

Job Descriptions

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miles, seconded by Mr. Wells and passed to approve the revised job description of the Data Design Specialist. This position is required by the state to follow students through graduation and into the workforce. All Board members were in agreement.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miles, seconded by Mr. Wells and passed to approve the position upgrade of the Human Resources Generalist Position Level. The vote was unanimous.

10. New Business

A. Finance

Food Service Report

Ms. Miller informed the Board that the Food Service Budget is expected to be less than the deficit from last year but an accurate deficit will not be ready until all expenditures have been paid.

Category Transfer Requests

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miles, seconded by Ms. Green-Gale and passed to approve Ms. Miller's category transfer request. The vote was unanimous.

B. Human Resources

Policies

Policies #700-12, Sick Leave, #700-26, Tuition Reimbursement, and #700-35, Family and Medical Leave Act were removed from the agenda. Mr. Lawson will present these policies at the July Board meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Wells and passed to approve Mr. Lawson's Human Resources Report. The vote was unanimous.

C. Student Services

Policies #500-21, Extra Curricular Activities Eligibility, #600-15, Student Alcohol and Drug Abuse, #600-17, Standards of Social Behavior, #600-34, Student Bullying

Harassment, Intimidation, and #600-36, Fighting were removed from the agenda. Ms. Carter will present these policies at the July Board meeting.

D. Recommendation to Hire Superintendent 2011-2012

A motion was made by Mr. Wells, seconded by Ms. Green-Gale and passed to approve the appointment of Dr. Majorie Miles as the new Superintendent for Somerset County Public Schools. The vote was unanimous.

10. Superintendent and Board Member Comments

Chairman Sumpter thanked all the Board members for the time and effort they put into the process of hiring a new superintendent. He also stressed the need for community support. Mr. Wells thanked Dr. Brofee for a job well done. Dr. Whittington expressed his appreciation for the hardwork that Dr. Brofee has done, and wished her future and continued success. He thanked the community for attending and encouraged them to attend more meetings. Vice Chairman Miles expressed to Dr. Brofee that it has been a pleasure to work with her and that she has provided great leadership and advancement at both federal and local levels. Ms. Green-Gale added that she has enjoyed the past five months of working with Dr. Brofee and thanked her for all her support.

Dr. Brofee stated that MSA scores have increased, Woodson Elementary School has the second highest aggravated Math score, Greenwood Elementary has a 93.5% Math Score which is the highest in the county, and Somerset Intermediate has exited the “In Need of Improvement “ status.

- 11. July 2011** – A motion was called for by Vice Chairman Miles, seconded by Dr. Whittington and passed to approve July 19, 2011 as the next open regular session. An open work session will be held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss facilities items, a closed session at 6:00 p.m. and an open regular session at 7:00 p.m. at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center. The vote was unanimous.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Whittington, seconded by Vice Chairman Miles and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Secretary