

Princess Anne, Maryland
March 16, 2004

By unanimous vote, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Dick Scott, Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Ernest Satchell, Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee, and Mrs. Fisher. The meeting was closed to discuss personnel and negotiations matters under authority of S10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in a regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Dick Scott, Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Ernest Satchell and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Student Board members, Lea Harrison and Kyle Ward were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Mrs. Fisher indicating that all Board members, the Superintendent and two student members were present.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Scott declared a quorum to be present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scott led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion - Mr. Willing, second - Mr. Paul and passed, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2004 regular meeting as published.

AGENDA

Motion - Mr. Byrd, second - Mr. Satchell and passed, to adopt the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No opinions were voiced during public participation.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Lea Harrison reported on activities in her school district and Kyle Ward reported on activities in his school district.

J. M. TAWES TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER CENTER REPORT

Mr. Bloodsworth, Principal of the Tawes Technology and Career Center provided a report of the school's programs and extended an invitation to visit the school.

MOCK TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. John Somers, Instructor for the Protective Services Program, gave a description of the mock trial held by his class and Ms. Somers' History Class.

ROTC

Mr. Juan Choate, ROTC Instructor at Washington High School, presented an update on the program and encouraged the Board to continue this program.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY 700-53, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Satchell, seconded by Mr. Willing and passed to approve Policy 700-53, School Resource Officer Program as submitted.

REORGANIZATION PROJECT

The Superintendent gave an update and presented a timeline of activities and schedules for the reorganization.

ANNEXATION OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TO PRINCESS ANNE

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Satchell and passed to approve the writing of a letter to the Town of Princess Anne requesting the annexation of Washington High School.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR CONTRACT

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Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Mr. Willing and passed to approve for the next three year period the contracted services of Pigg, Krahl, Stern & Co., P.A.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Byrd and passed, to approve the following personnel actions; retirements: William Webster, resignations: Jill Ross, Michelle Bradshaw, Robert Arney, Diane Conner, new hires: Allison Romano, retire/rehire: Stan Pruitt, Jim Webster.

GRAND JURY INSPECTION

Mr. Rodger Daugherty summarized the Grand Jury Inspection at Tawes. The Board was provided with documentation of the correction of cited items. He also announced the sale of surplus property to be held on April 3, 2004.

CHS BOILER PROJECT

Mr. Rodger Daugherty stated that the current bids for this project exceeded the budget. He recommended pursuing the value engineered recommendations. It was moved by Mr. Byrd, seconded by Mr. Willing to allow Mr. Daugherty to accept the recommendation.

POLICY 500-3 USING COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to accept for study Policy 500-3, Using Copyrighted Materials and have the Board attorney review it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

The Superintendent presented the Board with the Proposed Budget for FY 2005. It was accepted for study.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Brofee informed the Board of some very positive happenings that had taken place in the schools. She gave a special thanks to Dr. Grasmick, Lt. Gov. Steel and Delegate Conway for all of their hard work on HB 1433.

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APRIL BOARD MEETING

Motion - Mr. Willing, second - Mr. Paul, and passed, to hold the April meeting on April 20,

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2004, closed session at 6:00 p.m., and open session at 7:00 p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Secretary/Superintendent
Prepared by: Rebecca A. Fisher