

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Dick Scott, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Jamie Byrd, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. William Miles and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Student Board members, Jalissa Worthy and Jenna Nelson were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Scott.

2. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating all five Board members, the Superintendent and 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 made by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2005 regular meeting as published. The vote was unanimous.

- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session of the Board was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. All members were present.

6. AGENDA

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

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Angel Bradshaw spoke to the Board about her concerns at Marion Sarah Peyton School. Ms. Vanessa Parks also spoke to the Board addressing her concerns at Crisfield High School.

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8. TEACHER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

Teacher of the Year, Pamela South was issued an award by Governor Erlich presented by Delegate Page Elmore.

9. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

10. SCHOOL REPORT: JM TAWES TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER CENTER

Mr. Bloodsworth reported that there has been an increase of CTE students. Programs being offered to CTE students include: Computer Technology and Networking, CSI, Welding, Electricity, and AG Science. The Computer Technology Teacher is really great with children. Mr. Bloodsworth also reported that Welding and Construction class had been combined. Mr. Bloodsworth also informed the Board of the agreement with MSDE. They have agreed that upon completion of the carpentry and masonry courses, a certified certificate will be issued and can be used anywhere in the United States.

Mr. Bloodsworth also informed Board members that reading blueprints (C.A.D.) would also be taught. Wor Wic also gives credit for the C.A.D. course if the student makes an average of a B or better.

Mr. Bloodsworth was happy to report that the Construction class participated in a construction project and came in 5th in the state.

Mr. Bloodsworth reported that Shiesha Williams, Food Service student, and Mrs. Paige-Bacon went to Johnson and Whales for a developed recipe contest. They were in the top ten and Shiesha received a \$14,000.00 scholarship to Johnson & Whales.

Mr. Bloodsworth ended his report by inviting all Board members to the May 26, 2005 Awards Program at the JM Tawes Technology and Career Center.

11. OLD BUSINESS

FACILITIES UPDATE

A motion was made by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the Minority Business Enterprise Procedures. All Board members unanimously agreed.

Mr. Daugherty gave an update on last month's mitigation concerning the environmental waterway.

Mr. Daugherty also presented to the board the \$.05 extra a mile for bus contractors. The Board informed Mr. Daugherty that the extra for bus contractors had already

been approved. Mr. Byrd suggested that field trip rate should also be increased. Mr. Daugherty will calculate costs and will present in June's board meeting.

POLICIES

Mrs. Cheek presented policy #600-18 Early School Admissions with changes. A motion was made by Mr. Scott, moved by Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Byrd. All Board members unanimously voted to approve the Policy #600-18.

Dr. Brofee presented the Attendance Policy #600-07. The A motion was made to put the policy on the agenda for June 21, 2005 for the next board meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFING PLAN

Mrs. Betsy Reich presented and will seek approval at next month's board meeting.

B. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Upon recommendation of Mr. Lawson, a motion was made by Mr. Scott, moved by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the Human Resources report. All board members unanimously agreed.

Mr. Lawson informed the Board that Somerset County Public Schools, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Wor-Wic Community College, and Chesapeake Organization were collaborating to recruit teachers to the Shore.

C. FINANCE REPORT

1. Mrs. Vicki Miller presented the budget. The Board was referred to the monthly report and shown that revenue expenditures were on target.
2. Mrs. Vicki Miller briefed the board on the Food Service Report. The Board was referred to the monthly report. There is still a deficit but will be significantly less than 03-04.

D. POLICIES

1. Renaming of Guidance Counselors to School Counselors

Mrs. Renee McLaughlin presented and the board agreed.

2. Bullying and Harassment Policy #600-34

Mrs. Renee McLaughlin presented policy to Board. The item was discussed with changes and will be presented for approval at next month's board meeting.

13. Superintendent & Board Member Comments

Dr. Brofee informed the Board that the County Commissioners were in support of the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget. Dr. Brofee also presented the Board with an explanation of expenditures for the 2.6 million dollars in Thornton funding.

Dr. Brofee mentioned the Governor coming to Somerset County. Washington High School Band will play for his arrival. Dr. Brofee also reported that Special Olympics was a success.

14. June Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Byrd and carried unanimously to meet on June 21, 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.

15. Adjournment

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

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