

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, May 16, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday May 16, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. Present were Chairman Scott, Vice Chairman Byrd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Willing, Mr. Miles, Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee, and Melissa Tilghman, recording secretary. Student Board member Britany Dennis was present. Student Board member James Daniels asked to be excused.

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 7:15 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that all Board members and the Superintendent were present. Student Board member Britany Dennis was present. Student Board member James Miles was excused from the meeting.

### **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. Miles to approve the minutes of April 18, 2006.

### **6. Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Willing to adopt the amended agenda. The vote was unanimous with all Board members in agreement.

### **7. Teacher of the Year**

Delegate Page Elmore presented the Teacher of the Year Award and was thanked by Dr. Brofee for all he's done to help the school system.

**8. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**9. Student Board Members Report**

Britany Dennis provided an excellent report and was thanked by Chairman Scott. Miss Dennis also invited the Board to attend Crisfield High School's upcoming drama show. James Daniels was given permission to be excused from this board meeting due to a project (Washington High School Play) he was working on at school.

**10. Tawes Technology and Career Center Student**

Mr. Webster reported that Tawes Technology and Career Center has had 9 out of 39 special need students complete the transitioning level and 2 out of 35 students who completed graduation. Mr. Webster also reported that 73% of ALC students are below grade level, and this should be looked into. Behavior and Learning Support Specialists have had a positive impact with students at ALC and the CTE staff is always willing to help out. CTE staff has also been helping students find jobs with several having very successful job placements. Mr. Webster also showed a presentation on the MOCK crash that was organized by Mr. Chambers and his students. Chairman Scott thanked him for his report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**11. Policy #500-20 (Athletic Policy)**

The Board has not made any decision on the Athletic Policy and had no new information to report.

**Wellness Policy #600-3.3**

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Paul moved, and Vice Chairman Byrd seconded to approve the Wellness Policy #600-3.3. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Turner thanked Sue Heath for her help with the policy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. Facilities and Transportation**

A motion was called for by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve Mr. Daugherty's Woodson Change Order request to add bollards to the surrounding dumpsters, deleting a door, installing curtain, a blocking canopy, and an intercom system in the classrooms. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Willing questioned the available funds to cover the costs.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Paul moved and Mr. Willing seconded to approve the WHS Building Feasibility Study by BSA & A. The vote was unanimous with all board members agreeing not to exceed \$50,000.00

A motion was called for by Chairman Scott, moved by Vice Chairman Byrd and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve Mr. Daugherty's request to conduct school bus driver training for Lee Daniels. All Board members agreed.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Paul moved and Mr. Willing seconded to approve the Educational Facilities Master Plan.

A motion was called for by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the Washington High Athletic Storage Bid. The vote was unanimous.

## **Policies**

### **(Gifted and Talented) Policy #500-11**

Vicki Carter presented revised policy #500-11 (Gifted and Talented) to be reviewed and studied for approval at next month's board meeting.

### **Administrative Policies #200 series**

Dr. Brofee and Nancy Smoker presented revised administrative policies #200 series to be reviewed and studied for approval at next month's board meeting.

### **Community-Policies-Home Relations Policies #800-12**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board agreed to review policy #800-12 (Federal Statute-Regulation-Complaint Policy) for study and vote at the June Board meeting.

## **Human Resources Report**

A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Paul, and seconded by Mr. Willing to approve Mr. Lawson's Human Resources Report. The vote was unanimous.

## **Informational Item – Out of State Travel**

Mr. Lawson provided the Board with an itemized list of out of county travel for the month.

### **Ratification of Unit I, Unit II, and Unit III agreements**

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve Unit I contract. The vote was unanimous.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve Unit II contract. The vote was unanimous.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Brofee, Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve Unit III contract. The vote was unanimous.

### **Finance Report**

Mr. Lawson's request for approval of the negotiating team was tabled until next month's board meeting.

Ms. Miller gave the Board the update on the Local Budget and the Food Service Report. Mr. Miles questioned the amount of dollars unspent in the textbook funds and teachers' complaints of textbook shortages.

### **13. Superintendent's & Board's Comments**

The Charter School Group will review and resubmit a new proposal. The Police Department did a drug search at Somerset 6/7 Intermediate and nothing was found. Dr. Brofee congratulated Greenwood Elementary and Princess Anne Elementary Schools for their all their efforts made in becoming a coalition school. Dr. Brofee announced that the official ground breaking of Somerset Intermediate School will be in June.

"Hats Off" to the Crisfield High School Band and Gospel Choir, and Washington High School's band and drama club. Both schools are doing great.

Dr. Brofee also reported the number of volunteer hours as of 05/16/06, there were 6,457 known hours.

- 14. June 20, 2006** – A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Miles and approved to meet on June 20, 2006. Executive Session will be at 6:00 p.m. and open regular session will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

### **15. Adjournment**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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