

Princess Anne, Maryland  
October 19, 2004

By unanimous vote, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday October 19, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Dick Scott, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Jamie Byrd, Mr. Ernest Satchell, Mr. Jack Paul, 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, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Dick Scott, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Jamie Byrd, Mr. Ernest Satchell and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Student Board members, Jenna Nelson and Jalissa Worthy 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 five 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. Byrd and passed, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2004 regular meeting as published.

### **AGENDA**

Motion - Mr. Satchell, second - Mr. Willing and passed, to adopt the agenda as presented.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Bernard Johnson, President of the Somerset County Bus Contractors Association spoke on behalf of the association in reference to the rising cost of fuel.

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### **Student Board Members Reports**

Jenna Nelson and Jalissa Worthy, student board members, each gave a report on the happenings in each of the schools.

### **School Report: Whittington Primary**

Mr. Stan Pruitt, Principal of Whittington Primary School, spoke to the board on student achievement in Reading and Math, School Community Events such as “Circles of Support and the implementation of the Reading First program.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Policy 500-20 – Athletic Eligibility & Participation**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to continue to study Policy 500-20, Athletic Eligibility Participation.

#### **Policy 600-21 Enrollment/Attendance Eligibility**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to continue to study Policy 600-21, Enrollment/Attendance Eligibility.

#### **Inspection Report by Grand Jury**

Mr. Rodger Daugherty gave the Board a report on the corrective status of the items cited by the Grand Jury had cited in their inspection report.

#### **Facilities Update**

Mr. Rodger Daugherty gave the Board an update on facilities repairs taking place. Mr. Peter Winebrenner of BSA+A, gave the Board an update on the Woodson Renovation Project.

### **INITIATIVE UPDATES**

#### **Safe Learning Environment (Master Plan 5.2)**

**Safety Task Force Formation** – Mr. Jack Willing reported that a Safety Task Force had been formed with the following members: Mr. Steve Marshall, Chairman, 2 Parents from Crisfield High School, 2 parents from Washington High School, 2 parents from Somerset 6-7 Intermediate School, 3 bus contractors, 1 member from the Economic Development Commission, and 1 representative from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

**System Safe School Measures** – Dr. Karen Brofee gave a list of items that have been established toward reducing incidents that threaten the safety and well being of students and staff.

**Transportation Report** – Mr. Rodger Daugherty gave the Board an update on busing issues including a full listing of all bus schedules..

#### **Highly Qualified Extended Learning Opportunities (Master Plan 2.7)**

**NSBA website** -The superintendent introduced the Board to a website with very useful information

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on After School Programs.

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**After School Programs** – Ms. Renee McLaughlin gave the Board a report on After Schools Programs currently in place.

**Student Recovery Strategies** (Master Plan 6.)

Dr. Brofee shared with the Board twenty some items that the staff is working on to help promote family and community involvement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Personnel**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Paul, and passed, to approve the following personnel actions; resignations: Natalie Blizzard, Jean Davis, Debra Tyler Kellam, Hires for After School Program – Jenna Ryerson, Steve Millard, Michelle Bradford, Jackie Haymaker, Dorothy Kehm, Kirsten Schultz, Allison smith, Jamine Walker, Donte Bivens, Mary Sue Atkinson, Ted Gibson, Ashleigh Hutchinson, Vonette Wright, Kristen Harrington, Lynnette Chandler, Amy Powell, Erin Ruskey, Part-time to Full-time: Vonette Wright

**Policy 600-31 – Personal Electronic Communication and Camera Devices**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to accept for study Policy 600-31 – Personal Electronic Communication and Camera Devices.

**Policy 800-05 – Relations with Parent Organizations**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to accept for study Policy 800-05 – Relations with Parent Organizations.

**Senior Class Trip**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Satchell and passed to table the approval of the Senior Class Trip until some questions could be clarified.

**Energy Education, Inc.**

Mr. Daugherty gave an overview of the proposal by Energy Education, Inc. It was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Satchell and passed to not enter into a contract with Energy Education, Inc.

**SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

The gave a brief summary of items happening in the schools including the enrollment figures for September. Mr. Scott thanked everyone for their hard work.

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

It was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Paul, and passed, to hold the November meeting on November 16, 2004, opening meeting 5:00 p.m., closed session at 6:00 p.m., and open session at  
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7:00 p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Secretary/Superintendent  
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