

Princess Anne, Maryland  
October 15, 2002

By unanimous vote, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Dick Scott, Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Ernest Satchell, Mr. Jack Willing, Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee and Ms. Chisholm. The meeting was closed to discuss personnel 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 15, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Dick Scott, Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Ernest Satchell, Mr. Jack Willing and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Student Board member, Katie Ford, was also 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 Ms. Chisholm indicating that all Board 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.Satchell and passed, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2002 regular meeting, as published.

## **AGENDA**

Dr. Brofee requested to amend the agenda to table item 12-H, Proposed Policy No. 700-33 (Family and Medical Leave Act) and to add item 12-I, Transportation, Substitute Bus Driver. Motion - Mr. Willing, second - Mr. Byrd and passed, to adopt the agenda as amended.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Dan Kuebler expressed concern that student achievement was not on the agenda noting he feels this should be on the agenda at all board meetings.

## **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Katie Ford reported on activities in her area school district.

## **EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

Mrs. Theresa West, Coordinator of the External Diploma Program, introduced Hope Walker, a recent graduate of the External Diploma Program. Chairman Scott presented Ms. Walker with her diploma.

## **WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Mrs. Louise Cheek, Principal of Washington High School, reported on school activities to include the school improvement plan, ROTC Program, tutorial program, and school climate. The school's goal is to make every child successful.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Satchell, seconded by Mr. Paul and passed, to approve the Technology Plan as presented by Mrs. Smoker.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Paul and passed, to approve submitting the capital improvement recommendations to the state as presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **PERSONNEL**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Paul, seconded by Mr. Satchell and passed, to approve the following personnel actions: new hires: Michelle Thompson, Ellen Barnes, Kirk Jackson, Arthur Whittington III, Maizie Handy, Kenethia McIntosh, Derrick Felton, Jennifer Hoffman, Donna Hampton, Shawn DeShields, Donte Bivens, LaFonda Collier, Jamie Jenkins, Vernetta Mason, Frances Vignier, Maria Kenney, Ruth Scott, Stanford Gale, Michael Maciejewski; resignations: Donna Hampton; changes: Glen Ennis to position of Vice Principal Westover Elementary School.

## **MABE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Scott announced that Board member, Jack Willing will be serving on the Legislative and Budget and Finance Committees of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.

## **GEAR UP**

Ms. Dianne Johnson provided an update of the Gear Up Program, noting the goal is to increase the rigor of academic achievement.

## **EWELL SCHOOL BOILER REPAIR**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Byrd, seconded by Mr. Willing and passed, to approve the replacement of the boiler at Ewell School.

## **PROPOSED POLICY NO. 600-37 (LEARNING SUPPORT TEAMS)**

It was consensus of the Board to receive Proposed Policy No. 600-37 (Learning Support Teams) for study.

## **PROPOSED POLICY NO. 200-23 (AUTHORIZATION FOR RESEARCH STUDIES)**

It was consensus of the Board to receive Proposed Policy No. 200-23 (Authorization For Research Studies) for study.

## **TRANSPORTATION - SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Satchell and passed, to approve Mrs. Paula Green as a substitute bus driver.

### **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dr. Brofee shared some of the highlights from the school district during the previous month. Special recognition was given to the following: State and Local police, Mrs. Christy Scott, Economic Development Council, Local Management Board, Mr. William Cain, Ms. Lisa Hopkins, Mr. Conal Turner and Ms. Cortney Monar.

Chairman Scott expressed appreciation to Mr. Byrd for chairing the September meeting.

### **NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Motion - Mr. Byrd, second - Mr. Willing and passed, to hold the November meeting on November 19, 2002, 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 8:20 p.m.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Secretary/Superintendent  
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