

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Byrd, Mr. Jack Willing, Mr. Jamie Byrd, and Superintendent Karen-Lee Brofee. Chairman Scott and Mr. Paul were absent. Student Board members, Britany Dennis and Chris Wood were also present.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating three board members, the Superintendent and the two student board members were present.

3. Declaration of Quorum

Vice Chairman Byrd declared a quorum to be present.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Byrd led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was called by Vice Chairman Byrd, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

6. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was called by Vice Chairman Byrd, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Mr. Miles to adopt the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

7. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

8. Student Board Members Report

The Board thanked student board members, Chris Wood & Britany Dennis for their reports.

8. Old Business

A. Policies

1. Administration of Medication #600-32

Amended Policy #600-32 will be presented for approval at the August 16, 2005 Board Meeting.

2. Facilities Update and Transportation

- Mr. Miles moved and Mr. Willing seconded and a unanimous vote was made to approve the Proposal for the Hazardous Waste Removal Contract at Woodson Elementary School.
- Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve the County Road mitigation. The vote was unanimous.
- A motion was called by Vice Chairman Byrd, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the purchase of two new county vehicles. The vote was unanimous.
- Mr. Daugherty also reported the termination of the Woodson Elementary Wireless Data Contract.

9. New Business

A. Human Resources

1. New Hires, Retirees, and Resignations

Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve Mr. Lawson's Human Resources report. The Board also agreed that the New Hires, Retirees, and Resignations would be read at the August 16, 2005 Board Meeting.

2. Ms. Hopkins announced the partnership with Salisbury University and introduced Nancy Michelson who will be providing professional development for all secondary education teachers.

B. Finance Report

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Mrs. Miller informed the Board the Budget was on target.

2. Budget Transfer Request

A motion was called for by Vice Chairman Byrd, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the Finance Transfer Request as presented.

3. Food Service Report

Mrs. Miller presented the Food Service Finance Report. There has been improvement. As of July 19, 2005 the budget was in a profit situation of \$15,000.00. Mrs. Miller explained that this figure will change after all expenses are deducted, but deficit will continue to decline.

C. Out of County Conferences – Information Only

Dr. Brofee briefed the Board on the upcoming county conferences.

D. October 18, 2005 Board Meeting

Upon the request by Dr. Brofee, a motion was called by Vice Chairman Byrd, moved by Mr. Willing, and seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the move of the October 18, 2005 board meeting to October 25, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

11. Superintendent & Board Member Comments

Dr. Brofee elaborated on the activities at the schools brought by the student board members. The Migrant program and the Century 21st grant program are both going well. Dr. Brofee explained to the Board that we need more professional development and positive culture in the schools. Family and community involvement needs to be increased. Vicki Nelson, Public relations specialists, has been invited to expand outreach. Larry Bell, consultant, will come back next year.

Dr. Brofee gave highlights on the ROTC Drill Academy.

12. August Board Meeting – August 16, 2005 closed session at 6:00 p.m. and open session at 7:00 p.m. at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center.

13. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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