

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education met in a closed session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, March 21, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Somerset County Board of Education met in regular session at the J. M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday March 21, 2006 at 7:05 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 also present at the meeting.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 6:00 p.m.

2. Presentation of 2007 Budget

Dr. Brofee presented a detailed presentation of the 2007 Budget Proposal. The Board was given the results of the top 12 priorities identified at the steering committee members. Dr. Brofee assured the Board that these priorities would be addressed. Vice Chairman Byrd would specifically like the textbook issue addressed.

3. Discussion

The Board was given an opportunity to ask any questions or voice any concerns about the budget following the presentation. Dr. Brofee clarified any questions or concerns that they had.

By unanimous agreement, the Somerset County Board of Education resumed meeting in closed session at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, March 21, 2006 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that all Board members and the Superintendent were present. Student Board Members Britany Dennis and James Daniels were also 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 called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the minutes of March 21, 2006.

6. Adoption of Agenda

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

7. Public Participation

Mr. Doug Taylor, accompanied by his wife, read a prepared letter about their dissatisfaction with a teacher Washington High School and the unfairness of her grading. Several members of the public had concerns regarding the Athletic Policy. They were Ms. Zelma Hayward and Sylvia Smith. Dr. Brofee gave an explanation of the policy and the Board members listened to their concerns. Dr. Brofee agreed to meet Ms. Hayward and Mr. & Mrs. Taylor in her office to discuss their concerns.

8. Student Board Members Report

Student Board member Britany Dennis gave a wonderful report for Crisfield High School. Chairman Scott thanked her for her report.

9. Greenwood Elementary

Mrs. O'Neal, Greenwood Elementary School Principal, provided a report on the school's progress describing several highlights and accomplishments within and beyond the school day.

10. High School Graduate

Mr. O'Neal, Washington High School Principal, presented Delron Corbin with his diploma. Mr. Corbin was accompanied by his family. Mr. Corbin was unable to complete his work with his graduating class last year.

11. Old Business

Approval of two members to the School System Ethics Panel

A motion was called for by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd to approve Chris Sterling and Phil Widdowson to serve on the School System Ethics Panel.

Policies

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was the consensus of the Board to approve the reviewed and revised series #100, Administration Policies.

12. New Business

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve Mr. Daugherty's Woodson Change Order Requests with the exception the transformer protectors. The Board requested more information on this item.

Bus Contract Awards

It was the consensus of the Board to approve Mr. Daugherty's request to hire John Asanovich and William Handy as new Somerset County Bus Contractors.

Capital Budget Proposal

The Capital Budget was presented and reviewed at the Budget Work Session.

External Security Cameras at Crisfield High School

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Willing and seconded by Mr. Paul to approve Mr. Daugherty's request to allow the Crisfield Police Department to operate cameras placed outside of Crisfield High School to survey the grounds and parking lots.

Human Resources

Mr. Willing moved and Mr. Miles seconded to approve the Human Resources report presented by Mr. Lawson.

Summer School Program Update

Mr. Turner provided the Board with information regarding Summer School. The information included the location, time and cost of the summer school program. Chairman Scott thanked him for this information.

Finance Report

Ms. Miller gave the Board the update on the Local Budget and the Food Services Budget. Chairman Scott thanked her for the information.

13. Public Participation

There was no public participation regarding the budget.

14. Superintendent's & Board's Comments

Dr. Brofee commented Britany for a job well done on her report. Dr. Brofee also recommended that the cell phone policy and practices be discussed. Zack Muir of Marion Sarah Peyton was recognized for being awarded the Ben Carson Scholarship.

- 15. April 18, 2006** – A motion was called by Chairman Scott, moved by Mr. Willing, seconded by Mr. Paul and approved to meet on April 18, 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.

16. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Superintendent
Recorded and Prepared by Melissa Tilghman/Secretary