
OPEN REGULAR SESSION

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman William Miles, Vice Chairman Robert Wells, Mr. Warner Sumpter, Ms. Margo Green-Gale, and Mr. Dan Kuebler; Interim Superintendent Dr. John Gaddis; Board Attorney Fulton Jeffers; Interim Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Ms. Nancy Smoker and Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Dave Elebash and Board Secretary Ms. Melissa Tilghman. Supervisors, Media and Community members were also present.

Chairman Miles declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion – Vice Chairman Wells, seconded by Ms. Green-Gale, and passed to approve the amended agenda; motion carried unanimously

Amendments included the following:

Removal of 12-B1, Grading System Update

Addition of 13-A2, School Lunch Prices

CLOSED MEETING:

4:07 p.m. – Pursuant to Section 10-508 of the **Annotated Code of Maryland**

Motion: Mr. Kuebler/Vice Chairman Wells; motion carried unanimously to convene in closed session

Approval Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2013 Closed Meeting

Motion: Ms. Green-Gale/Mr. Sumpter: unanimously carried

Performed Administrative Functions – Section 10-503

Received and discussed administrative items

Discussed Personnel Matters – Section 10-508(a)(1)

Received, reviewed and discussed personnel matters

Consulted with Attorney to Obtain Legal Advice – Section 10-508 (a)(7)

Received information on employee appeals

Received information on the ethics policy
Received information on policy content and format

Discussed School Safety Matters – Section 10-508 (a)(10)

Reviewed School Safety Assessment Reports

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman William Miles, Vice Chairman Robert Wells, Ms. Margo Green-Gale, Mr. Warner Sumpter, Mr. Dan Kuebler, and Board Attorney Fulton Jeffers; Interim Superintendent Dr. John Gaddis; Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Dave Elebash, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Ms. Nancy Smoker, and Board Secretary Ms. Melissa Tilghman. Mr. Paul Jefferson was also present for a portion of the meeting.

The Board reconvened in an Open Regular Meeting at - 6:15 p.m.

Public Comments

The Board accepted public comments from Zelma Hayward and Garland Hayward.

Ms. Hayward submitted a “Declaration of No Confidence” to the Board from the Concerned Citizens of Somerset County.

Mr. Hayward asked that a response to some of the questions asked by the Concerned Citizens from a prior meeting be answered at the next meeting or be put on the agenda as a response item before public participation. He questioned amendments made to motions in approved minutes and asked that the amendments be clarified or announced. Mr. Hayward also requested that agriculture be put back into the Career & Technology Center’s Curriculum.

Open Regular Session Minutes

Approval of July 2, 2013 minutes

Motion: Mr. Kuebler/Vice Chairman Wells; motion carried unanimously

Approval to amend the minutes of May 1, 2013

Motion: Ms. Green-Gale/Mr. Kuebler; motioned carried unanimously

Announcement of Closed Meeting:

Chairman Miles announced that the Somerset County Board of Education met in Closed Sessions on the following dates pursuant to Section 10-508(a) and Section 10-503 of the **Maryland Annotated Code** on the following date:

- July 16, 2013
 - To Review and Approve Minutes of July 2, 2013

- To discuss personnel matters - Section 10-5 08(a)(1)
- To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice Section - 10-508(a)(7)
- To discuss security matters – Section 10-508(a)(10)
- To perform administrative functions - Section 10-503

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Student Services

Policy #600-07, Attendance, Elementary & Secondary

Approval of revised Policy #600-07, Attendance, Elementary & Secondary as amended

Motion: Mr. Sumpter/Mr. Kuebler; unanimously carried

Chairman Miles asked that Ms. Renee McLaughlin, Students Services Elementary Supervisor, check the State guidelines and add the appeal committee's response time to the appellant and include in the policy. Mr. Kuebler requested an attendance report card from all the schools. He also noted that policies and procedures should be followed and students be retained if they miss too many days. He stated that the school system is incurring extra costs to remediate students who are missing days. Chairman Miles expressed that parents and guardians must be held accountable.

Curriculum & Instruction

The Grading System Update was removed from the agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Financial Updates

Monthly Food & Finance Reports

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the June 2013 Expenditures' Report of \$3,748,457.73

Motion: Mr. Kuebler/Mr. Sumpter; unanimously

Lunch Price Increases

Ms. Smoker presented the federal guidelines and the new student lunch costs.

Approval of Lunch Price Increases

Motion: Mr. Sumpter/Ms. Green-Gale and approved to increase school paid lunch prices by fifteen cents for school year 2013-2014 and an increase of ten cents for school year 2014-2015: motion carried unanimously

The 2013-2014 school lunch prices will be as follows:

2013-2014	
Increase of \$.015	
Breakfast	\$1.25
Lunch - Elementary	\$2.00
Lunch – Intermediate	\$2.00
Lunch – 8 th Grade	\$2.00
Lunch – High School (9-12)	\$2.25

Note: 8th Grade lunch prices are aligned with the elementary schools lunch prices
Reduced meal prices for breakfast and lunch will remain the same

BOARD FOUNDATION AND GOVERNANCE

Approval of revised Policy #100-13, School Board Meetings

Motion: Mr. Kuebler/Vice Chairman Wells; unanimously carried

School Board Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, but the Board has the authority to call Special Meetings when necessary. The Pledge of Allegiance will now occur during the regular open meeting. The Board Attorney advised the Board that administrative procedures of a policy can be revised by the Superintendent any time.

Superintendent’s Entry Plan

Dr. Gaddis showed a presentation on his 90 day plan towards his “Journey to Success” broken down into two phases and listed by goals.

Phase I: Listening and Learning (July – September 2013)

- Increased Student Achievement
- Establish a positive, student-centered culture district wide where decisions are based on teaching learning and what is best for our students
- Establish stakeholder trust and confidence through transparent and honest communication and decision-making
- Align the organization to optimize effectiveness and efficiency
- Establish a relationship of trust and collaboration between the superintendent and the Board

Phase II: Synthesizing and Reporting (October/November 2013)

Dr. Gaddis reported that in a conversation with Dr. Lowrey, State Superintendent of Schools, she noted that Somerset County Public Schools has great potential. Dr. Gaddis expressed that the Somerset County Public Schools system can and should be one of the top performing schools.

Human Resources Report

Approval of the Human Resources Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Kuebler, seconded by Mr. Sumpter, and approved: motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

Ashley Brewington 1st Grade – Carter G. Woodson Elementary
 Maya Constantine Art – Somerset Intermediate
 Kristen Horner 4th Grade – Carter G. Woodson Elementary
 Lindsay Wild 5th Grade – Language Arts/Reading/Social Studies–Carter G. Woodson Elementary

Transfers	From	To
Amanda Ault	Crisfield Academy & High School English Teacher	Washington Academy & High School English Teacher
Michelle Bradford	1 st Grade Woodson Elementary Schools	Princess Anne Elementary Reading/Math Intervention
Vic Burns	Somerset Intermediate School Physical Education	Washington Academy & High School Physical Education
Greg Lasiniski	Washington Academy & High School Physical Education	Somerset Intermediate School Physical Education
Keith O’Neal	Crisfield Academy & High School/Somerset Promise Academy Learning Support Specialist	Crisfield Academy & High School Learning Support Specialist
Annette Waggoner	Princess Anne Elementary School Reading/Math Intervention	Princess Anne Elementary School Reading Coach

Separations:

Michel Perdue Science Teacher – Somerset Intermediate School
 Megan Centineo Music – Crisfield High School
 Donna Adams Speech Pathologist – Countywide

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

The Board thanked the community for their attendance and the staff for all their hard work. The Board encouraged the news media to print the following announcement:

School begins August 26, 2013, children turning age four by that date can be enrolled into Pre-K. There is no cost.

Chairman Miles asked that the community and staff support Dr. Gaddis, the Interim Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miles announced that the Board will convene in an open meeting at the J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to immediately consider voting to convene in a closed meeting. Additional information can be found on the Somerset County Public Schools' website.

Motion: Ms. Green-Gale/Mr. Sumpster; unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Dr. John Gaddis, Interim Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Board Secretary