



OPEN REGULAR SESSION

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

Location: J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairperson Warner Sumpter, Mr. Robert Wells, and Mr. Kuebler; Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John B. Gaddis, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tom Davis and Director of Schools, Mrs. Tracie Bartemy; Board Attorney Mr. Fulton Jeffers and Ms. Melissa Tilghman, Recording Secretary.

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

ABSENT

Vice Chairperson Penny Nicholson and Board Member Ms. Margo Green-Gale were excused from the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Board Member Kuebler and a second by Board Member Wells, the Board voted 3:0 and the amended agenda was adopted.

- Amendment #1: Items 9 – 14 were removed from the agenda

On the motion of Board Member Kuebler and a second by Board Member Wells, the Board voted 3:0 to approve the adoption of the agenda as amendment #2.

- Amendment #2: Item 14-E, Personnel Matters was added back to the agenda

On the motion of Board Member Kuebler and a second by Board Member Wells, the Board voted 3:0 to approve the adoption of the agenda as amendment #3.

- Amendment #3: Item 14-C2, The New J.M Tawes Technology & Career Center Schematic Design was added back to the agenda.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, **General Provisions Act**, 3-305(b), a motion was made by Board Member Wells, seconded by Board Member Kuebler and unanimously passed to enter into an Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. for the following reasons:

- To Review and Approve the closed minutes of September 20, 2016
- To Perform Administrative Functions - Section 3-103
- To Discuss Personnel Matters - Section 3-305(b)(1)
- To Discuss Matters Not Related to Public Business - Section 3-305 (b)(2)

- To consult with Counsel to Obtain Legal Advice - Section 3-305(b)(7)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Announcement of Closed Meeting:

Chairperson Sumpter announced that the Somerset County Board of Education met in an Executive Session on October 18, 2016 for the sole purposes of discussion on Personnel Matters, Student Matters and Legal Matters as pursuant to Section 3-305 (b)(1), (2), and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to perform Administrative Functions and to review and approve the minutes of September 20, 2016.

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairperson Warner Sumpter, Mr. Robert Wells, and Mr. Dan Kuebler; Superintendent, Dr. John B. Gaddis, Deputy Superintendent, and Mr. Tom Davis, Director of Schools, Mrs. Tracie Bartemy; Board Attorney Mr. Fulton Jeffers and Ms. Melissa Tilghman, Recording Secretary. Mrs. Beth Whitelock, Human Resources Supervisor, was present for a portion of the meeting.

ABSENT: Vice Chairperson Penny Nicholson and Board member Ms. Margo Green-Gale were excused from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Personnel Report

Mrs. Beth Whitelock, Supervisor of Human Resources, presented the personnel report to the Board. She informed the Board that the report included two of the four teaching positions approved by the Board at the September 20, 2016 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Board Member Kuebler and a second by Board Member Wells, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following Certificated Staffing Report.

Professional New Hires:

Greenwood Elementary School
➤ Nicole Biser – 2 nd Grade Teacher
➤ Kelsey Hohman – Kindergarten Teacher
Washington Academy & High School
➤ Victoria McMahan – School Counselor

Professional Separations:

Crisfield Academy & High School ➤ Bonnie Crockett – Social Studies Teacher

Professional Promotions:

Chari Jones	From Washington Academy & High School Counselor	To Central Office Student Services Coordinator
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Classified Retirement:

Marion Sarah Peyton /Somerset Promise Academy ➤ Charmaine Collins – Head Custodian

Facilities and Capital Planning

The New J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center Schematic Design

Mrs. Daniele Haley, Supervisor of Facilities and Capital Planning, presented the schematic design of the new J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center for the Board’s approval. Board Member Wells and Board Member Kuebler commended Mrs. Haley for the outstanding job she had done in working with Becker Morgan Group to present a detailed graphical design of the New J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center. Mrs. Haley will email the Board Members a condensed version of the schematic design presentation. The Board thanked Mrs. Haley for her diligent and organized work.

Board Member Kuebler expressed concern regarding the increase of student enrollment at the elementary level and its impact on the overcapacity issues expected at Somerset Intermediate School. Mrs. Haley informed the Board that there is space at the intermediate school to accommodate additional classrooms.

Chairperson Sumpter recommended that the Board Members conduct an Open Work Session, one in December 2016 or January 2017 to further discuss the overcapacity concerns at the intermediate school.

On the motion of Board Member Kuebler and a second by Board Member Wells, the Board voted 3:0 to approve the New J.M. Tawes Career and Technology Center’s Schematic Design. Board Member Kuebler requested that Mrs. Haley begin a study, develop a plan and report back to the Board how the expected overcapacity issues at the intermediate school will be handled.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Board Member Wells and a second by Board Member Kuebler, the Board voted 3:0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Dr. John B. Gaddis, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman, Recording Secretary