

**OPEN REGULAR SESSION**

**TIME: 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center**

**PRESENT:** Board Members: Chairman Warner Sumpter, Vice Chairman Dan Kuebler, Ms. Penny Nicholson and Ms. Margo Green-Gale; Superintendent, Dr. John B. Gaddis; Board Attorney Mr. Fulton Jeffers; Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Tom Davis, and Ms. Melissa Tilghman, Recording Secretary. Board Member, Mr. Robert Wells was excused from the meeting to attend a family event.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On the amended motion of Board Member Green-Gale and a second by Board Member Penny Nicholson, the Board unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the agenda as amended.

- Addition of Item 13-C – William Johnson Announcement

**CLOSED MEETING:**

4:09 p.m. – Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, **General Provisions Act**, 3-305 (b), On the motion of Vice Chairman Kuebler and a second by Board Member Nicholson, the Board unanimously voted to enter into a Closed Session at 4:09 p.m. for the following reasons:

- To Review and Approve the Closed Minutes of May 19, 2015 and June 16, 2015.
- To Perform Administrative Functions - Section 3-103
- To Discuss Personnel Matters - Section 3-305(b)(1)
- To Consult with counsel to obtain legal advice - Section - 3-305(b)(7)

The Board reconvened in an Open Regular Session at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **Open Regular Session Minutes**

On the motion of Vice Chairman Kuebler and a second by Board Member Green-Gale, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 16, 2015 Open Regular Board Meeting minutes.

### **Announcement of Closed Meeting:**

Chairman Sumpter announced that the Somerset County Board of Education met in a Closed Session on July 21, 2015 pursuant to the General Provisions Act Section 3-305 (b) and Section 3-103 for the following reasons:

- To review and approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 and July 21, 2015 closed session meetings
- To perform administrative functions - Section 3-103
- To discuss personnel matters - Section 3-305(b)(1)
- To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice Section - 3-305(b)(7)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Capital Improvements**

##### **Educational Facilities Master Plan**

Ms. Daniele Haley, Supervisor of Facilities and Planning, presented the Board with the finalized draft of the FY2016 Educational Facilities Master Plan. Vice Chairman Kuebler commended Ms. Haley for the work she has done on the EFMP. At the June Board meeting the Board approved the working copy of the EFMP. She stated that the projects included in the plan would be ongoing. Ms. Haley stated that the EFMP has been sent to the State and she is awaiting final approval.

On the motion of Vice Chairman Kuebler and a second by Board Member Nicholson, the Board voted to approve the final copy of the EFMP with the Board's requested revisions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Monthly Finance Reports**

Ms. Linda Johnson, Chief Finance Officer, presented the monthly finance report.

### **Approval of \$3,464,888 Expenditures Report through June 30, 2015**

On the motion of Vice Chairman Kuebler and a second by Board Member Nicholson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditures report for the month of June 2015.

### **Food Services Report**

Ms. Linda Johnson presented the Food Service Report to the Board. She reported that the net loss for food service to date is \$34,124. This deficit is over \$34,000 less in comparison to the net loss for the last three years. Ms. Johnson stated that future receivables are expected to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 which will significantly decrease and possibly eliminate the already low food services budget deficit. The Board was pleased with the low deficit and delighted to hear the positive effect the Community Eligibility Provision Program has had on the Food Services Budget. Ms. Johnson reported that to date Somerset County Public Schools has served over 105,743 more meals compared to this time last year.

Dr. Gaddis added that addressing student hunger issues will assist in increasing student achievement and asked that staff and community members spread the word that the Community Eligibility Provision Program is working for Somerset County Public Schools' students.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Whitelock, Supervisor of Human Resources shared the personnel report with the Board.

On the motion of Vice Chairman Kuebler and a second by Board Member Green-Gale the Board voted unanimously to approve the Certificated staffing report.

### **Professional Separations (Certificated)**

Carter G. Woodson Elementary School
➤ Chelsea Korir – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
➤ Sherry Saulitis – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

Crisfield Academy & High School
➤ Jennifer Brittain – Social Studies Teacher
Greenwood Elementary School
➤ Laura Ennis – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center
➤ Darrell Monk – HVAC Instructor
Marion Somerset Promise Academy
➤ Kristi LaClair - School Psychologist
Princess Anne Elementary School
➤ Jamie Barker – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
Somerset Intermediate School
➤ Sarah Guinta – Math Teacher
Washington Academy & High Schools
➤ Aimee Kaniper – Media Specialist

**Professional New Hires (Certificated)**

Carter G. Woodson Elementary School
➤ Jennifer Carey – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
Greenwood Elementary School
➤ Samantha Curry – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher
J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center
➤ Keith O’Neal – Principal
Princess Anne Elementary School
➤ Raleigh Meddings – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
Somerset Intermediate School
➤ April Davis – General Music/Chorus Teacher
➤ LeighAnn Malcom – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
➤ Randi Merritt – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts/Reading Teacher
Washington Academy & High School
➤ Alicia Maddox – Mathematics Teacher
➤ Amanda Richards – Language Arts Teacher

### Professional Transfers

David Elebash	From J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center Principal	To Curriculum & Instruction Coordinator
Amy Heger	From WAHS Language Arts Teacher	To Promise Academy Language Arts Teacher
Christina Jones	From SPA Language Arts Teacher	To WAHS Language Arts Teacher
Darlene Kelly	From DIS Long-term Teacher	To WES 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math/Science Teacher
Eileen Kinnamon	From SPA/Elementary Teacher	To PAES Comprehensive Special Education Teacher
Tracy Kronewitter	From PAES (.5) Special Education Teacher and (.5) Pre K	To WES Special Education Resource Teacher

### Professional Promotions

Jonathan Berlin	From Central Office Network Administrator	To Information Technology Supervisor
Jeffrey Hale	From J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center Comprehensive Special Education Teacher	To CAHS Vice Principal
Jill Holland	From Central Office Coordinator of Technology	To Central Office Technology Instructional Supervisor
Keith O'Neal	From CAHS Learning Support Specialist	To J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center Principal
Chantal Russum	From CAHS Vice Principal	To CAHS Principal

### William Johnson Announcement

Board Member Green-Gale announced that the Somerset County Public Schools' Board of Education apologizes to Mr. William Johnson, Somerset Promise Academy's Principal, for the manner in which his transfer from Washington Academy & High School to the Somerset Promise Academy was handled.

On the motion of Board Member Green-Gale and a second by Vice Chairman Kuebler, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the announcement of the apology.

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- Board Member Green-Gale thanked Dr. Gaddis for the brief but informational meeting.
- Vice Chairman Kuebler commended the cafeteria staff for their efforts in making sure all students are provided breakfast and lunch at no cost.
- Chairman Sumpter thanked and commended the SCPS staff for their attendance and assistance and support of the Superintendent.
- Dr. Gaddis announced that he would be teaming up with Mr. Tom Davis, to participate in an “Amazing Race” around the county on July 22, 2015. The “Amazing Race” is being hosted by the Social Studies department. Dr. Gaddis stated that teachers’ participation in the “Amazing Race” was a great opportunity for teachers to explore the county. He also congratulated Mr. Keith O’Neal, Ms. Chantal Russum, and Mr. Jeff Hale and welcomed them to their leadership positions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Board will convene in an Open Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center at 4:00 p.m. to immediately consider voting to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(b) of the General Provisions of the Maryland Annotated Code. The Board will reconvene in the Open Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Additional information will be posted to the Somerset County Public Schools’ website.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Vice Chairman Kuebler and a second by Board Member Green-Gale, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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Dr. John B. Gaddis, Superintendent

Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman, Recording Secretary