



OPEN SPECIAL SESSION

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

Location: J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairperson Warner Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Margo Green-Gale, and Mr. Robert Wells; 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 was also present. Recording Secretary, Ms. Melissa Tilghman, was excused from the meeting.

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

ABSENT

Board Member Penny Nicholson and Board Member Troy Brittingham were excused from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Board Member Wells and a second by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, the Board voted 3:0 to approve the adoption of the agenda.

Voting for the motion were Chairperson Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, and Board Member Wells

Voting Against the motion: None

NEW BUSINESS

Facilities and Capital Planning

J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center Replacement Project Approval Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$38,118,630.00. The J.M. Tawes Project was made possible through the State's Capital Improvement Program which funded \$35,381,000 and the Somerset County Commissioner's contributed \$2,737,630.

On the motion of Board Member Wells and a second by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, the Board voted 3:0 to approve the J.M. Tawes Technology and Career Center's Replacement Project's Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Voting for the motion were Chairperson Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and Board Member Wells.

Voting Against the motion: None

MONTHLY FOOD SERVICES REPORTS

Approval of the October 2017 Budget Expenditures Report

Mrs. Linda Johnson, Chief Finance Officer, presented the October 2017 Budget Expenditures Report. She stated that the budget is currently 33% spent. Mrs. Johnson informed the Board that due to several position changes, she would be requesting inter-category transfer requests.

On the motion of Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and a second by Board Member Wells, the Board voted 3:0 to approve the October 2017 Expenditures Report totaling \$3,881,053.

Voting for the motion were Chairperson Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and Board Member Wells.

Voting Against the motion: None

Food and Nutrition Services Report

Mrs. Linda Johnson presented the Food and Nutrition Services Report. She reported that due to the post Labor Day start of school, the number of meals served was lower than this time last year, but to date a total of 82,276 breakfasts and lunches have been served to Somerset County Public School students. Mrs. Johnson reported that the current Food and Nutrition Services Budget has a deficit of \$180,000, but will be decreased once State reimbursements are received.

Inter-Category Transfer Approval Request

On the motion of Board Member Wells and a second by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, the Board voted 3:0 to approve Mrs. Johnson's Inter-Category budget transfer request.

Voting for the motion were Chairperson Sumpter, Vice Chairperson Green-Gale and Board Member Wells.

Voting against the motion: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairperson Sumpter announced that the Somerset County Board of Education will convene in an Open Regular meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 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 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. 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.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Vice Chairperson Green-Gale commended Mrs. Haley on the outstanding job she has done with the J.M. Tawes Construction Project. She stated that positive comments can be heard throughout the community from staff and community members.
- Board Member Wells commended Mrs. Haley for the work that has been done on the new J.M. Tawes Project and commented on the detailed and thorough organization of her presentation.
- Dr. Gaddis thanked Mrs. Haley and staff.
- Chairperson Sumpter reported the following:
 - a. November 7, 2017 was a great day to hold the Groundbreaking of the new J.M. Tawes Career and Technology Center.
 - b. He continues to serve on the 21st Century School Construction Legislative Commission. Chairperson Sumpter stated that the commission is working to streamline construction projects and processes and thanked Mrs. Haley for her assistance.
 - c. Somerset County Public Schools facilities will be closed during the Christmas Break.

- d. Chairperson Sumpter commended Mr. Tom Davis, for his presentations on Early Childhood Development, United Way Foundation and Community Foundation. He also thanked Mr. Davis for his work on Policy #200-18, Student Transportation and the Early Childhood Program.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Board Member Wells and a second by Vice Chairperson Green-Gale, the Board voted 3:0 to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Voting for the motion were: Chairperson Sumpter, Chairperson Green-Gale, and Board Member Wells

Voting against the motion: None