

UNOFFICIAL - OPEN SESSION  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WORCESTER COUNTY  
6270 WORCESTER HIGHWAY  
NEWARK, MARYLAND 21841

April 15, 2008

The Board of Education of Worcester County met in **closed session** pursuant to Section 10-508 of the Annotated Code of Maryland at 11:26 a.m. at the Worcester Educational Center on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, with the following persons present: Mr. Robert G. Hulburd, Vice-President, Mr. J. Douglas Dryden, Mr. Robert A. Rothermel, Jr., Mr. Donnie L. Shockley, Mrs. Sara D. Thompson, Mr. Jim Almand, Board Attorney, Dr. Jon M. Andes, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mr. Ed Barber, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, and Mr. Vince Tolbert, Chief Financial Officer.

At this closed session, the Board discussed personnel matters. Certain legal issues were also discussed.

The Board of Education of Worcester County met in **open session** in the Board of Education Meeting Room at the Worcester Educational Center on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 12:36 p.m. with the following persons present: Mr. Robert G. Hulburd, Vice-President, Mr. J. Douglas Dryden, Mr. Robert A. Rothermel, Jr., Mr. Donnie L. Shockley, Mrs. Sara D. Thompson, Dr. Jon M. Andes, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ed Barber, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Richard Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Mr. Jim Almand, Board Attorney. Also present were: Ms. Brittany Cottman, Pocomoke High School Student Representative, Mr. Daniel Pilchard, Snow Hill High School Student Representative, and Ms. Emily Meadows, Stephen Decatur High School Student Representative.

These student representatives participated in the open session and voted on certain matters; however, all student comments and votes are unofficial and non-binding in accordance with Board policy.

The meeting was **called to order** by the Vice-President, Mr. Hulburd, and a **quorum** was declared. Reverend Kerry Hinton, Pastor of Lynnhaven Baptist Church, Pocomoke, Maryland, gave the **invocation** and was followed by the **pledge of allegiance**.

On the motion of Mr. Rothermel, seconded by Mr. Shockley, the **agenda** was approved. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

Student Representative Vote (Unofficial) - Voting for approval: Ms. Meadows, Ms. Cottman, and Mr. Pilchard.

On the motion of Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dryden, the **minutes** of the meeting held on March 18, 2008, were approved. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

Student Representative Vote (Unofficial) - Voting for approval: Ms. Meadows, Ms. Cottman, and Mr. Pilchard.

The Student Board Representatives gave a brief **update on events at their schools.**

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Terry Springle, **WCTA Representative**, was introduced. Several school representatives were also introduced.

The following students, staff and teams were recognized for various sports achievements during the **winter sports season**:

#### Stephen Decatur High School

<b>Pat Hooks</b>	Indoor Track - 300m Bayside Champion
<b>Lindsay Chetelat</b>	Indoor Track – 1600m & 3200m Bayside Champion
<b>Lindsay Chetelat Bradley Janson Lauren Cosgriff Katherine Janson</b>	Indoor Track – 3200m Relay Bayside Champions
<b>Danny Miller</b>	Wrestling – All State All Academic Selection; 189 Weight Class State Champion
<b>James Reid</b>	Wrestling – All State Selection
<b>Skylar Snead</b>	Wrestling – 135 Weight Class State Champion
<b>Devin Bataille Sean McGarry Skylar Snead Danny Miller</b>	Wrestling – Bayside All Conference
<b>Stephen Decatur High School</b>	Wrestling – Dual Meet State Champions
<b>Kevin Gilligan</b>	Wrestling – NWCA Maryland State Coach of the Year

Snow Hill High School

<b>Mickey Barkley David Nathans Tymiere Townsend Sam Grant</b>	Indoor Track – Bayside 4 X 200m Relay Champions
<b>Monica Jackson</b>	Girls Basketball – First Team Bayside
<b>Trevon Johnson</b>	Boys Basketball – Bayside Player of the Year
<b>Darryle Dennis Cedrick Johnson</b>	Boys Basketball – First Team Bayside
<b>Snow Hill High School</b>	Boys Basketball – Bayside Basketball Champions; 1A State Basketball Champions
<b>Allen Miller</b>	Boys Basketball – Bayside Basketball Coach of the Year

Pocomoke High School

<b>Sebastian Sturgis</b>	Boys Basketball – Bayside South First Team
<b>Ashley Bishop Deyonna Parker</b>	Girls Basketball – Bayside South First Team
<b>Pocomoke High School</b>	Girls Basketball – Mildred Murray Sportsmanship Award; Bayside Officials Board #157 Sportsmanship Award; Bayside Basketball Champions; 1A State Basketball Champions
<b>Gail Gladding</b>	Girls Basketball – Bayside South Coach of the Year

The following students were recognized for their outstanding performance and participation in the **2008 All Shore Band**:

Stephen Decatur Middle School**Natalie Cieri****Karlie Straight**Snow Hill Middle School**Brendan Dooley  
Kyle Lynch****Danielle Miller**Stephen Decatur High School**Newshawn Jubilee  
Evelynn Oberheitmann****Rachel Schiffer  
Tim Shuster**

Pocomoke High School**Anne Marie Henry**Snow Hill High School

**Ted Cooke  
 Matt Freeman  
 Matt Gravenor  
 Chad Green  
 Gavin Jernigan  
 Ryan Kief  
 Leah Klump**

**Olivia Magarelli  
 Joe Mattei  
 Stephen Rigoulot  
 Celina Scott  
 Emily Serman  
 Jessica Smythers  
 Taylor Waidnor**

The following students were recognized for outstanding performance and participation in the **2008 All Shore Chorus**:

Stephen Decatur Middle School

**Thomas Davis  
 Caylie Herrmann**

**Hailey Gibbs  
 Cecilia Wolf**

Snow Hill Middle School**Jolisa Jackson****Patrick Kane**Snow Hill High School**Devin Hudson****Robert Davis**Stephen Decatur High School

**Megan Burak  
 Jacob Deimler  
 Taylor Farley  
 Sean Fohner  
 Michael Franklin**

**Joshua Johnson  
 Sean Johnson  
 Dylan Jones  
 Shannon Martin  
 Anthony Royster**

**Ms. Katerina Burton**, Stephen Decatur Middle School student, was recognized for her outstanding performance and participation in the **2008 All State Junior Chorus**.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATTERS

Ms. Janet Simpson, Snow Hill Middle School Principal, and Ms. Debra Passalacqua, Arts Instructor, gave an overview of the **Arts Immersion Program**

at Snow Hill Middle School. Since the 2006-2007 school year, Snow Hill Middle School has been integrating the philosophy of Arts Immersion for students. A committee was created to ensure that through effective professional development, teachers were being educated on ways to effectively integrate the arts into instruction. This past fall, Ms. Passalacqua participated in a professional development opportunity related to the arts at The Walter's Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. As a result, she gained a wealth of knowledge on the topic of arts integration and developed a collaborative lesson on ancient Egypt with sixth grade teacher Ms. Joan Shumate. This lesson integrated hands-on ancient Egyptian art with the curriculum that Ms. Shumate typically teaches to her students. Ms. Passalacqua and sixth grade student, Miss Samantha Dykes, displayed examples of art work completed during this unit of study.

Ms. Marlyn Barrett, Coordinator of Instruction, reviewed the **Math/Science Partnership for the On-Line Biology Course**. In April 2007 a partnership among the Eastern Shore of Maryland counties, Salisbury University Biology Teachers and the Maryland State Department of Education was initiated. The goal of this on-line biology course is to provide a resource to support instruction for high school teachers and ELL teachers and special education teachers who work with biology students. The course is funded by a Math/science partnership grant.

Mr. Peter Mundrick, Teacher, gave an overview of the **Digital Video Class** which is being piloted this year at Stephen Decatur Middle School. A video, created by the students of the digital video class, was viewed by the Board and members of the audience. This video will be used as a promotional tool to recruit more students to the class.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dryden, the following **personnel actions** were approved:

<b>Amy M. Foltz</b>	Teacher, SHES	Resignation Effective: June 30, 2008
<b>Warren A. Heil, Jr.</b>	Teacher, SDHS	Resignation Effective: June 30, 2008
<b>Amanda M. Laick</b>	Teacher, SDHS	Resignation Effective: June 30, 2008
<b>Patricia Solomon</b>	Teacher, WTHS	Resignation Effective: June 30, 2008
<b>Julie A. Biscoe</b>	Teacher, OCES	Appointment Effective: August 25, 2008
<b>Mendy J. Fiori</b>	Teacher, OCES	Appointment Effective: August 25, 2008

<b>Jacqueline M. Small</b>	Teacher, OCES	Appointment Effective: August 25, 2008
<b>Shanan M. Hohl</b>	Teacher, SDHS	Appointment Effective: August 25, 2008

Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Dryden, seconded by Mr. Rothermel, the following **school bus purchases** were approved to meet the current Maryland and Worcester County Board of Education specifications:

<b>Rebecca Farley</b>	Purchase New Bus to be placed in service September 2008
<b>Robert Gray</b>	Purchase Replacement Bus to be placed in service September 2008
<b>Daniel Hudson</b>	Purchase Replacement Spare Bus to be placed in service January 2009
<b>Eugene MaGee</b>	Purchase New Bus and use his current regular run bus as a Spare Bus to be placed in service March 2009

Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

There were no **legal matters** to report this month.

Mr. Joe Price, Facilities Planner, Mr. Rick Martens, Jr., Assistant Construction Manager, and Mr. Joe Duncan, SPN, reported on the Pocomoke High School Renovation & Construction Project. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Dryden, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, requisition **#2** in the amount of \$267,375.00 was approved for payment of the renovation/construction costs related to the **Pocomoke High School Renovation & Construction Project**. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Shockley and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

**Mr. Shockley** left the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Mr. Joe Price, Facilities Planner, and Mr. Joe Duncan, SPN, gave an update on the Worcester Technical High School Construction Project. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rothermel, requisition **#18** in the amount of \$1,481,667.00 was approved for payment for construction costs related to the **Worcester Technical High School Construction Project**. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on the motion of Mr. Rothermel, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, the **Treasurer's Report** was approved in the amount of \$2,114,779.75 (excluding salaries) for the month ending March 31, 2008. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fine Arts Festival – Tuesday, April 22, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. – Stephen Decatur High School
- B. Budget Work Session with County Commissioners – Wednesday, April 23, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Worcester Government Center
- C. Worcester County Public Budget Hearing – Tuesday, May 6, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – Snow Hill High School
- D. Pocomoke High School Scholastic Achievement Banquet – Thursday, May 8, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – UMES
- E. Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, May 13, 2008
  - 10:00 a.m. – Closed Session
  - 12:30 p.m. – Open Session
- F. Stephen Decatur High School Scholastic Achievement Banquet – Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – Ocean City Convention Center
- G. Snow Hill High School Scholastic Achievement Banquet – Thursday, May 22, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – Clarion, OC

The motion to meet in **closed session** on May 13, 2008 to discuss personnel and legal matters was made by Mr. Rothermel, and seconded by Mr. Dryden. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

The motion to **adjourn** this meeting at 2:28 p.m. was made by Mrs. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Dryden. Voting for this motion were: Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hulburd, Mr. Rothermel, and Mrs. Thompson. Opposed: None.

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Jon M. Andes, Secretary