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SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at Fort Blackmore Primary School in Fort Blackmore, Virginia, with the following members present:

James Kay Jessee, Chairman
Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair
Katherine J. "Kathy" McClelland
Joe D. Meade
Dennis C. Templeton

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John I. Ferguson, Interim/Acting Superintendent; Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel/Middle Schools; Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Elementary Education/Testing; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk Of The Board/Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs and Operations; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk Of The Board/Human Resources Manager; Pat Carroll, Citizen/DAR Representative; Kelvin Kimbler, School Resource Officer; Justin Forrester, Scott County Education Association Representative; Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators; Billy Nash and Tim Edwards, Maintenance Employees; David Hartley, Heritage TV; Wes Bunch, Kingsport Times News; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Tracy Ferguson, Duffield Primary School Secretary; Travis Nickels, Duffield Primary School Principal; Ramona Russell, Duffield Primary School Teaching Assistant; Gail McConnell, Steve Sallee, Kelly Spivey, Carol Culbertson and Bill Quillen, Candidates for School Board; Dr. Kellie Johnson, Fort Blackmore Primary School Principal; Fort Blackmore Primary School faculty and staff; and, citizens.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for their attendance and interest in the school system.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PATRIOT DAY 2011: Chairman Jessee recognized Kathy McClelland, board member, prior to the moment of silence. Mrs. McClelland stated that this is the week that we are remembering the events of September 11, 2001 that had a profound effect on the United States and continues to be found to this day. She also stated that these events touched not only the lives of Americans but 92 other nations. She further stated that on September 11 over 3,000 of our own citizens were killed by terrorist attacks. Mrs. McClelland asked that, this week as we remember September 11, let us honor the lives that were destroyed, the sacrifices that were made and the bravery that was shown. She invited everyone to the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 4 p.m. in Scott County for remembrance of 9/11.

Patriot Day 2011

Whereas, on this 10th observance of Patriot Day we remember and honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and from that tragedy we celebrate the emergence of a stronger Nation that has come together to defend America and advance freedom; and

Whereas, on that day and in its aftermath, we witnessed incredible acts of heroism from firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and everyday citizens, many of whom sacrificed their own lives in their efforts to save others; and

Whereas, in the months and years that have followed since the tragic events of September 11, our country's resilient recovery can be attributed to the outpouring of compassion, assistance and contributions from all around the world to not only help the victims and their families but to strengthen the unity and spirit of the American people; and

Whereas, we are grateful to our brave men and women in uniform who have made daily sacrifices both on U.S. soil and tours around the globe to defend our liberty and combat terrorism; and

Whereas, through a resolution approved by Congress and enacted into law we observe September 11 of each year as Patriot Day and as ordered by the President of the United States will display all U.S. flags at half-staff from sunrise to sunset; and

Now, therefore, we, the School Board of Scott County, Virginia, do hereby recognize, September 11, 2011, as Patriot Day and call upon the students and staff of Scott County Schools to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor the memory of the innocent lives lost, to reaffirm our commitment as a Democratic Nation, and to remain vigilant in our opposition to terrorism across the globe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-five.

James K. Jessee, Chairman

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Board Member

Katherine "Kathy" J. McClelland, Board Member

Joe D. Meade, Board Member

Dennis C. Templeton, Board Member

ATTEST:

John I. Ferguson, Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Jessee recognized Ms. Pat Carroll, DAR Representative, who led the audience in citing the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

CONSTITUTION WEEK SEPTEMBER 17-23: Mrs. McClelland, board member, stated that tonight the Board is going to sign a proclamation to celebrate the U.S. Constitution. She also stated that September 17, 2011 begins the national celebration of Constitution Week, which is a week-long commemoration of America's most important document-- the one our country probably knows the least about but stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain the liberty, freedoms and to ensure that those inalienable rights are there for every American. She further stated that the United States serves as a republic under the constitution, which is the oldest document still active that outlines the self government of the people. She commented that we must remember that those who wrote the constitution believed that no government can create freedom, but that government must guard freedom rather than encroach upon the freedom of its people. She asked the audience to remember on September 17 to fly their flag all week and to be proud that they are a part of a country that has a constitution that has survived this many years. She further commented that even though there is turmoil in this country we are still functioning and it's a good place to live and be proud of.

CARTER'S FORT CHAPTER NSDAR

WHEREAS: September 17, 2011 marks the two hundred twenty-fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitution Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificient document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebration which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through September 23 Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **James K. Jessee** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of **Scott County School Board** do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed this **6th** day of **September** of the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

Signed

ITEMS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Mr. Meade stated he has an item to be addressed. Chairman Jessee stated the item is to be covered later in the meeting.

ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Jessee asked that an item be added to the Items By Superintendent (F) Textbooks and Program Update. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda with addition submitted by Chairman Jessee.

APPROVAL OF JULY 5, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, July 5, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 23, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, August 23, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 31, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Wednesday, August 31, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved payroll and claims as follows: School Operating Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of $ as shown by warrants # and electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of $ & electronic payroll tax deposit $. Cafeteria Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of as shown by warrants # and electronic payroll tax deposit $ Scott County Head Start invoices & payroll in the amount of $ as shown by warrants #

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION OF "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS: Interim Superintendent Ferguson stated that staff are being recognized at each meeting this year with the "Making a Difference" Faculty & Staff Awards. He presented awards as follows: Debbie Gillenwater, Secretary & Amy Porter, Jennifer Oaks, Kim Burke, Tina Cole, Bonnie Henry, Autumn Gillenwater McConnell, Justin Seaver, Sandra McMurray, Kim Wilson and Patricia Currier, faculty members. Interim Superintendent Ferguson commented that he has had the privilege of working with some of the school staff in the past and expressed appreciation for all they do for the school system and Fort Blackmore Primary School.

DR. KELLIE JOHNSON, FORT BLACKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Dr. Kellie Johnson, Fort Blackmore Primary School Principal, spoke of family connections to the community and expressed that employees should know that their jobs are respected, valued and appreciated. Some of the school's students did a presentation and teachers read a poem to the students. Chairs in the meeting room had a picture of each of the school's students along with a description of what the student wanted to learn.

REPORT ON SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND AUDIT: Interim Superintendent Ferguson reported that the auditors, Hicock, Fern, Brown & Garcia, reported that overall the audits have been better each year and that most of the auditors recommendations have been acted upon. He informed the Board that should they have further questions or concerns, the accountants would be glad to address them.

REPORT ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO: Interim Superintendent Ferguson reported that the ten-day enrollment, as of August 26, 2011, was 3,666 students.

Duffield	272
Dungannon	69
Fort Blackmore	81
Gate City Middle	176
Hilton	154
Nickelsville	254
Rye Cove Intermediate	188
Shoemaker	504

Weber City	334
Yuma	201
Gate City High	532
Gate City Middle	330
Rye Cove High	277
Twin Springs High	294
TOTAL	3,666

Interim Superintendent Ferguson reported on the overall student to teacher ratio as follows:

Duffield Primary School	17:1
Dungannon Intermediate School	17.25:1
Fort Blackmore Primary School	13.5:1
Hilton Elementary School	15.4:1
Nickelsville Elementary School	15.88:1
Rye Cove Intermediate School	20.89:1
Shoemaker Elementary School	18.67:1
Weber City Elementary School	18.56:1
Yuma Elementary School	18.27:1

APPROVAL OF SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS AND SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: On the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Salary, Fringe Benefits and School Calendar Committee for 2011-2012 school year as follows:

Charlene Isenberg	Duffield Primary School
Karen Hartsock	Dungannon Intermediate School
Autumn McConnell	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Debbie Kilgore	Gate City High School
Justin Forrester	Gate City Middle School
Tracy Stallard	Hilton Elementary School
David Gwinn	Nickelsville Elementary School
Christy Head	Rye Cove High School
Patricia Currier	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Stephen Taylor	Scott County Career & Technical Center
Lisa McLain	Shoemaker Elementary School
Anthony Shipley	Twin Springs High School
Kim Wilson	Weber City Elementary School
Shauna Lawson	Yuma Elementary School
John Ferguson	Central Office Representative
(to be selected)	Principal Representative
(to be selected)	Support Staff Representative

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Campbell made a motion to appoint Beth Blair to serve, once again, on the Communications/School Improvement Committee; motion was seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye. On the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Communications/School Improvement Committee as follows:

Sharon Rhoton	Duffield Primary School
Betty Rose	Dungannon Intermediate School
Kim Burke	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Eric Baker	Gate City High School
Cara Hamilton-Noe	Gate City Middle School

Misty Edwards	Hilton Elementary School
Kelli Blackwell	Nickelsville Elementary School
Todd Baker/Jeremy Francis	Rye Cove High School
Whitney Parker	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Tony Anderson	Scott County Career & Technical Center
Deborah Stock	Shoemaker Elementary School
Crystal Meadows	Twin Springs High School
Nancy Parker	Weber City Elementary School
Brenda Byrd	Yuma Elementary School
John Ferguson	Superintendent
Beth Blair	School Board Member
(to be selected)	Principal Representative
(to be selected)	Support Staff Representative
Justin Forrester/Designee	SCEA Representative

APPROVAL OF CHARACTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Character Education Committee as follows:

Central Office Representative	Jennifer Frazier
School Board Member	Joe Meade
Principal	Jennifer Meade
Community Member	Judy Calton
Parent	Dennis Fritz
Student	Dare Bond
Student	Tori Montgomery
Community Member	Otis Rhoton
Parent/Community Member	Christy Miller

APPROVAL OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS: On the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Parent Advisory Council for Federal Programs as follows:

Tammy Quillen	Central Office Representative
Sherry Kilgore	Duffield Primary School
Renee Adams	Dungannon Intermediate School
Sandra McMurray	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Bridgett Rose-Barnette	Hilton Elementary School
Janet Davidson	Nickelsville Elementary School
Lisa Rhoton	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Joanna Spicer	Shoemaker Elementary School
Amy Lucas	Weber City Elementary School
Trois Carter	Yuma Elementary School

APPROVAL OF REMEDIATION PROGRAM STANDARDS COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Remediation Program Standards Committee as follows:

Central Office Representative	Jason Smith
Remediation Coordinator	Tammy Quillen
Central Office Supervisor	Jennifer Frazier
School Board Member	Kathy McClelland
Virginia Cooperative Extension	Patty Steffey
Teacher	Stacy Wood

Teacher	Amy Wettack
Parent	Kelli Peak
Parent	Lori Lawson

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH/SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD: Interim Superintendent Ferguson reported that Dr. Paul C. Black needs to be added to the list for approval to serve on the School Health/Safety Advisory Board. On the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the School Health/Safety Advisory Board as follows:

Mrs. Kathy J. McClelland	School Board Member
Mrs. Amber Goode	School Nurse Coordinator
Angie Vermilllion	Central Office Representative
Mrs. Katrina Smith Toole	School Psychologist
Mr. Andy Jones	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Mrs. Amy Lawson	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Mr. Kelvin Kimbler	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Ms. Lana Mullins	Scott County Dept of Social Services
Mr. Jason Dishner	Scott County Juvenile Probation Officer
Cindy Vaughn, RN	Scott County health Department/Parent
Dr. Todd Cassel	Medical Doctor/Parent
Mr. Jason Smith	Gate City Middle School Principal
Ms. Theresa Newton	Head Start Representative/Parent
Mrs. Jane Carter	Rye Cove High School Guidance Counselor
Ms. Rebecca Baker	Gate City High School Guidance Counselor
Ms. Brenda Byrd	Yuma Elementary School P.E. Teacher
Mrs. Kathy Funkhouser	Gate City Middle School Parent
Mr. Jeff Casteel	Duffield Elementary School Librarian
Christel Starnes	Rye Cove High School Student
Joshua Wilson	Gate City High School Student
Holli Criswell	Twin Springs High School Student
Dr. Paul C. Black	Medical Doctor

***IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF SCOTT COUNTY* DONATION REQUEST TABLED:** Interim Superintendent Ferguson reported that the *Imagination Library of Scott County* is requesting a donation from Scott County Public Schools for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of $5,000.

It was discussed that the Appalachian Community Action has been the fiscal agent for the *Imagination Library of Scott County* for the past 8 months to a year and that maybe the item should be tabled until checking further with the agency. Further discussion was it was thought that at the time the last donation was made the Board was not under any obligation due to the difficulty of the Board's finances. Mrs. McClelland suggested that maybe the RTI (Response To Intervention Program) that is being put in may be a better use of $5,000 in funds since it is spread out among all students and pointed out that the only children benefiting from the *Imagination Library* are those that their parents take the initiative to sign them up.

Interim Superintendent Ferguson was questioned about the availability of funds in regard to the request and he reported that it is going to be very close in all funding. He suggested that this item be tabled at the present time and see where we are at the conclusion of the school year.

Mr. Templeton made a motion to table the donation request from the *Imagination Library of Scott County* until a later date; motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye.

BUILDING SERVICES WORK ORDERS – ROBERT SALLEE, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SERVICES: Robert Sallee, Director of Building Services, provided Board members a copy of all open work orders at the present time and a copy of the closed work orders completed during the time that Mr. Sallee has been director since September 1. He provided a report on different aspects of the work orders in regard to the employees going out to the jobs each day doing as many orders as they can, the varied timeframes for completion of jobs, etc. Also, in response to a Board member question, he provided an update of repairs necessary to the bleachers at Gate City High School Stadium.

BUILDING SERVICES WORK SCHEDULE UPDATE: Interim Superintendent Ferguson provided Board members a Building Services Work Schedule Update.

REPORT ON TEXTBOOK PROGRAMS: Interim Superintendent Ferguson reported on textbook programs: Handwriting Without Tears, Literacy Wings and Primary Reading Books. He reported that the idea originated at the 2011 preservice after the reading specialists hosted a workshop with the materials.

REPORT ON 2010-2011 FINAL SOL TEST RESULTS/2011 ACCREDIATION STATUS & 2011 NCLB AYP: Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Elementary Education/Testing, provided the following Yearly Comparison for the past 5 school years:

Scott County Schools YEARLY COMPARISON	**2010-2011** preliminary	**2009 - 2010**	**2008 - 2009**	**2007 - 2008**	**2006-2007**
Gr 3 History	94	99	98	97	97
Gr 3 Mathematics	97	97	98	98	97
Gr 3 Reading	90	94	95	94	85
Gr 3 Science	98	98	98	97	96
Gr 4 Mathematics	91	97	93	93	90
Gr 4 Reading	91	96	92	94	93
Virginia Studies	91	96	96	90	89
Gr 5 Mathematics	97	97	96	95	96
Gr 5 Reading	95	95	95	96	88
Gr 5 Science	94	96	97	96	93
US History to 1877	88	87	86	84	77
Gr 6 Mathematics	97	81	87	79	75
Gr 6 Reading	92	97	97	89	91
US History 1877 to Present	88	98	99	97	91
Gr 7 Mathematics	79	87	85	79	79
Gr 7 Reading	91	96	92	90	88

Civics	87	94	91	90	89
Gr 8 Mathematics	97	93	89	91	83
Gr 8 Reading	93	87	93	83	85
Gr 8 Science	97	95	94	92	93
Virginia & US History	84	97	95	99	98
World Geography	78	85	79	86	93
Algebra I	97	96	92	93	92
Algebra II	87	92	88	87	89
Biology	93	92	92	91	96
Chemistry	92	99	99	97	96
Earth Science	86	90	91	79	89
English: Reading	87	95	90	89	98
Geometry	88	88	92	95	95
World History I	64	95	90	86	93

She also provided data and information on SOL division scores for 2010-2011, Virginia Region 7 Comparison, State Accreditation, AYP, The Future of NCLB, Diplomas: Advance vs. Standard and On Time Graduation Rates for Region 7 Divisions Spring 2010 as follows:

2010 – 2011 SOL Division Scores

ENGLISH:	93%	- 1%
MATH:	93%	- 1%
WRITING:	92%	- 1%
*HISTORY:	90%	- 6%
SCIENCE:	96%	- 1%

* New SOLs were implemented, along with new questioning methods

VIRGINIA REGION 7 COMPARISON

2010-2011 Standards of Learning Pass Rate Percentages

ENGLISH		MATH		WRITING		HISTORY		SCIENCE	
Scott	**93**	**Scott**	**93**	**Scott**	**92**	**Scott**	**90**	**Scott**	**96**
Russell	92	Norton City	91	**Washington**	**92**	Washington	88	**Norton City**	**96**
Norton City	90	Wise	90	Carroll	90	Wise	87	Washington	95
Tazewell	90	Radford City	88	State of VA	89	Bland	86	Radford City	92
Washington	90	State of VA	87	Bristol City	88	Dickenson	85	Russell	92
Wise	90	Giles	87	Grayson	87	Lee	85	Wise	92
Radford City	89	Lee	87	Radford City	87	Radford City	85	Tazewell	91
State of VA	88	Russell	87	Tazewell	86	State of VA	84	Wythe	91
Carroll	88	Washington	87	Wise	86	Bristol City	84	State of VA	90
Lee	88	Bland	86	Lee	84	Wythe	83	Bland	90
Bland	87	Grayson	86	Russell	84	Galax City	82	Bristol City	90
Dickenson	87	Tazewell	86	Dickenson	83	Norton City	82	Dickenson	90
Pulaski	87	Bristol City	85	Wythe	83	Russell	82	Giles	90
Wythe	87	Dickenson	85	Buchanon	82	Tazewell	82	Lee	90
Bristol City	86	Carroll	84	Galax City	82	Giles	81	Pulaski	90
Buchanon	86	Pulaski	84	Norton City	82	Smyth	80	Buchanon	89
Galax City	86	Smyth	84	Pulaski	82	Carroll	79	Carroll	89
Giles	86	Buchanon	83	Giles	81	Grayson	79	Galax City	89
Grayson	86	Wythe	83	Smyth	81	Buchanon	75	Smyth	89
Smyth	86	Galax City	81	Bland	80	Pulaski	74	Grayson	87

State Accreditation

<u>All</u> Scott County Schools receive FULL ACCREDITATION

- *98% of all VA schools received Accreditation*

A school's state accreditation rating reflects overall achievement in English, history, mathematics and science.

- In August, the DOE awarded waivers from annual accreditation to 54 high-performing schools. The schools qualified for the flexibility by achieving pass rates of 95 percent or higher in all four tested Standards of Learning content areas for two consecutive years. Each school receiving a waiver will remain fully accredited for three years.

Based upon data from <u>2009-2010</u> and <u>2010-2011</u>, the following schools qualified:

- *Fort Blackmore Primary School*
- *Yuma Elementary School*

AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress

- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires states to set annual measurable objectives of proficiency in reading and mathematics, participation in testing, and graduation and attendance.

- Schools and school divisions that meet the annual objectives required by the federal education law are considered to have made adequately yearly progress (AYP).

AYP & Virginia Schools

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

- 701 Schools out of 1,838 in Virginia made AYP
  - All SCPS except Gate City Middle School made AYP
- 1,124 Virginia Schools Did Not Make AYP

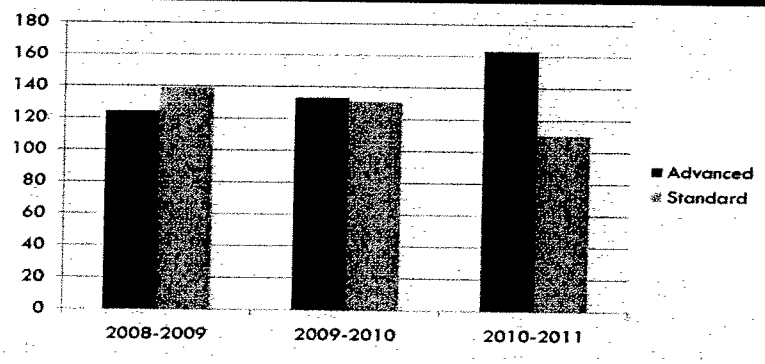
DIVISIONS

- Only 4 Divisions in Virginia made AYP
- 128 Did NOT make AYP
- Scott County Public Schools DID NOT make AYP

The Future of NCLB

- Secretary of Education announced that he will unilaterally override the centerpiece requirement school accountability law, that 100 percent of students be proficient in math and reading by 2014.
- Duncan announced he will provide a process for states to seek relief from key provisions of the law, with the specifics to be announced next month (October.)
- The Reauthorization of NCLB is expected to center on career and college readiness.

Diplomas: Advance vs. Standard



On Time
Graduation Rates
for Region 7 Divisions
Spring 2010

Bland	94
Scott	**92**
Radford City	90
Buchanon	88
Carroll	88
Galax City	88
Grayson	88
Smyth	88
Dickenson	87
Washington	87
Pulaski	86
Wise	85
Giles	84
Russell	84
Norton City	83
Bristol City	81
Wythe	81
Tazewell	75
Lee	73

2011 REMEDIAL SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT: Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Elementary Education/Testing, reported on summer school programs as follows:

Elementary Participants (K-7): 366
Secondary Participants (8-12): 53
TOTAL: 419

2011 Program	Number of Participants
Science in the Summer	60
English EOC	7
21st Century Duffield	98
21st Century Shoemaker	199
EOC SOL Remediation/Testing	46
Remediation WCES	9

REPORT ON SACS DISTRICT ACCREDITATION & APPROVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS FROM STEERING COMMITTEE: Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Elementary Education/Testing, reported that Jennifer Frazier (Supervisor of Secondary Education/Food Services), works with the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Accreditation, but was unable to attend the meeting tonight and also explained that the SACS and the Vision and Mission Statements go hand in hand. Ms. Quillen reported that in November the school system will undergo a SACS accreditation review and that teachers, administrators, students, board members and school board office staff will be interviewed. She further explained that Ms. Frazier will be in touch with school board members prior to that timeframe.

The Strategic Planning Committee (Steering Committee) was asked to stand and be recognized for their work.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Templeton, the Board approved the Scott County Public Schools Vision & Mission Statements as follows:

VISION

Inspiring Excellence and Empowering Potential

MISSION

Scott County Public Schools enables, inspires and empowers students to achieve high academic standards, lead ethical lives and become responsible citizens. Through a sustained commitment to education, SCPS aspires to establish a community of respectful, cooperative and compassionate learners.

APPROVAL OF FY2012 HEAD START ONGOING REFUNDING BUDGET AND TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Elementary Education/Testing, presented the Scott County Public School Head Start FY2012 Budget for approval. On a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Scott County Public School Head Start FY2012 Budget as follows:

REVENUE	
FY2012 Head Start On-Going	$1,212,543.00
Training and Technical Assistance	20,399.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$1,232,942.00
EXPENSES	
Personnel	$786,207.00
Fringe	240,075.00
Travel	5,812.00
Equipment	.00
Supplies	31,000.00
Other	149,449.00
	$ 1,212,543.00
T& TA	$ 20,399.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	$1,232,942.00
NON-FEDERAL IN-KIND	$ 308,236.00
TOTAL FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL	$1,541,178.00

CLOSED MEETING: Mrs. McClelland made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 6:55 p.m. to discuss central office staff as provided in Section 2.2-3711A (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended; motion was seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 7:31 p.m. and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board returned to regular session and Mrs. McClelland cited the following certification of the closed meeting:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this Scott County School Board that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scott County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Scott County School Board in the closed meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Kay Jessee, Kathy McClelland, Joe Meade, Dennis Templeton
Nays: None
ABSENT DURING VOTE: None ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN I. FERGUSON, SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Meade made a motion to appoint John Ferguson as superintendent of Scott County Schools effective September 7, 2011 to June 30, 2015; motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell.

VOTE
Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Kay Jessee, Kathy McClelland, Joe Meade, Dennis Templeton
Nays: None

Chairman Jessee stated that if Mr. Ferguson chooses to take this appointment he will work under the present contract and get with his attorney and the Board's attorney to work out a contract for that period for submission to this Board. He expressed congratulations to Superintendent Ferguson.

RUBY ROGERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR MCDONNELL TO SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel/Middle Schools, recognized Ruby Rogers (Gifted Program Teacher) and reported that she has been appointed by Governor McDonnell to serve on the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees.

MARY ALICE MCCLELLAN – RECOGNITION OF 7TH & 8TH GRADE MATHLETES RECOGNITION – EASTMAN SCHOLAR MATHLETES PROGRAM: Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel/Middle Schools recognized Mary Alice McClellan (teacher) as a member of the 7th & 8th Grade Mathletes – Eastman Scholar Mathletes Program, a collaborative partnership between Eastman Chemical and East Tennessee State University's Center for Excellence in Math and Science Education.

TAMMY HENSLEY, CRYSTAL MEADOWS, MARY ALICE MCCLELLAN & BARRY WOLFE - CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION: Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel/Middle Schools, recognized the hard work of Tammy Hensley (GCHS), Crystal Meadows (TSHS), Mary Alice McClellan (GCMS) and Barry Wolfe (RCHS) since this group of math teachers spent most of the spring and summer developing the curriculum for Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis. Mr. Smith reported that the end product is excellent and commended this group for their dedication to the students of Scott County.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT GRANTS SOL FLEXIBILITY FOR 54 SCHOOLS HIGH PERFORMANCE EARNS FULL ACCREDITATION FOR THREE YEARS: Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, expressed congratulations to Fort Blackmore Primary and Yuma Elementary Schools for their incredible academic performance for the past two years earning them full accreditation for three years.

COACHING SUPPLEMENTS: Mr. Templeton made a motion to amend the coach's supplement approved at the July 5, 2011 meeting, and change the Athletic Director supplement to $1,610 for Gate City Middle School, Rye Cove High School, Twin Springs High School and $2,410 for Gate City High School; motion was seconded by Mr. Meade.

VOTE
Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Kay Jessee, Joe Meade, Dennis Templeton
Nay: Kathy McClelland

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board accepted the resignation request of Brenda Castle, Twin Springs High School Teacher, effective August 11, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the Board accepted the voluntary resignation request of Jacob McMurray, Twin Springs High School Teacher, effective September 1, 2011, but declined all other terms outlined in his letter.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the resignation request of Andy Jones, Rye Cove High School Resource Officer, effective September 1, 2011.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. MClelland, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the Board approved the leave-of-absence request of Wayne Templeton, maintenance employee, for a thirty (30) day period, effective September 1-30, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the leave-of-absence request of Lori "Beth" Collins, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 6, 2011.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Michelle Smith, school nurse, effective September 1, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Josh Castle, teacher, effective September 1, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ralph Lyons, school bus driver, effective August 15, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Deborah Taylor, school bus driver, effective August 15, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Billy H. Addington, Jr. as substitute school bus driver, effective September 6, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Amanda Rhoton, teacher, September 6, 2011.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Jordyn Coates, teaching assistant, effective September 6, 2011.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland , seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the termination of contract of Nikki Compton, cafeteria employee, effective August 17, 2011.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Meade expressed appreciation for the attendance of everyone at the meeting.

Mrs. McClelland expressed congratulations to Fort Blackmore Primary School for their outstanding achievement and encouraged teachers to experiment with different modes of teaching.

Chairman Jessee thanked everyone, once again, for their attendance and interest in the school system.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be discussed, Mrs. McClelland made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye.

James Kay Jessee, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk