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SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD &
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The Scott County School Board met in a joint meeting with the Scott County Board of Supervisors at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City, Virginia, with the following school board members present:

Kelly Spivey – (District 1)
Steve Sallee – (District 2)
Jeff Kegley – (District 3)
Bill Quillen – (District 4) Vice-Chairman
Gail McConnell – (District 5)
James Kay Jessee – (District 6) Chairman

Absent: None

Board of Supervisors present:

Chad Hood – Supervisor At Large
Darrel Jeter – (District 1)
Joe Horton – (District 2)
Landon Odle – (District 3)
Joe Herron – (District 4)
Danny Mann – (District 5) (Chairman)
Beryl Maness – (District 6) (Vice-Chairman)

Absent: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John I. Ferguson, Superintendent; Will Sturgill, School Board Attorney; Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel/Middle Schools; Brenda P. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education; Jennifer Frazier, Supervisor of Secondary Education & School Nutrition Program; Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Elementary Education & Testing; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk Of The Board/Administrative Assistant; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager; Ralph Quesinberry, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education; Stephen Taylor, Assistant Principal/CTE Instructor; Bill Dingus, County of Scott Director of Public Works; Kathie Noe, County Administrator; Tina Seay, County of Scott Administrative Assistant; Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators Representative; Carl Newman and Nancy Godsey, Citizens; Ramona Russell, Duffield Primary School Teaching Assistant; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Wes Bunch, Kingsport Times News; Billy Nash, Maintenance Employee; Patricia Qualls Nash, Duffield Primary School Secretary; and John H. Kilgore, County of Scott Director of Economic Development.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE/*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*: Mr. Beryl Maness presented the invocation and the audience observed a moment of silence followed by a citing of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS: Mr. James Kay Jessee, School Board Chairman, and Mr. Danny Mann welcomed everyone and presented opening comments.

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION BY SUPERINTENDENT FERGUSON: Superintendent Ferguson presented information on the following: Enrollment, Employee Census, Student to Teacher Ratio, Highly Qualified Teachers, Per Pupil Expenditures, School Allocations, Virginia Index of Performance Awards , Virginia Region 7 Comparison, Standards of Learning Pass Rate, College Credit Hours Earned Dual Enrollment, Graduation Rate, Students with Disabilities Currently Served, Students with Disabilities Graduated 2010-2011, Pre-Kindergarten Program & Special Needs Pre-school, Scott County Career & Technical Center, School Nutrition Program, School Bus Numbers by Model Year, Pupil Transportation, Technology Inventory, and Building Services Expenditures.

Superintendent Ferguson pointed out the higher costs for school bus repairs due to the age of the fleet and the increase in fuel costs. He also explained an additional expense for the technology department in that bandwidth must be increased. He provided an opportunity for questions and answered various questions in regard to school division items presented.

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PRESENTATION BY KATHIE NOE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Kathie Noe, County Administrator, presented Highlights of the Budgeting Process which included items as follows: Budgeting, What is a budget by definition?, Not Compartments of Money, Parts of a Budget: Revenue (Income) and Expenditures (Spending), Sources of Income, Categories of Expenditures, Two Types of Expenditures in Public Budgets, FY 2011-12 Budget Discretionary vs. Mandatory Spending, Major "Mandatory" Items, Expenditures vs. Revenue FY 2006-07 vs. FY 2010-11, Impacting Highlights for the 5-Year Period, Big Expenditures That Made an Impact, Bottom Line, "Bottom" Bottom Line, Action to Alleviate the Disparity (letter sent to Governor November 1, 2011), Progress?, Comparison FY07 – FY 11 – FY 12 Expenditures Budgets, Latest Unfunded Mandates Active and Proposed, Federal Government (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), Let the Games Begin – Budget Time. Ms. Noe pointed out expenditures that made a big impact as well as unfunded mandates. Ms. Noe provided an opportunity for questions and was asked to explain what items are included in mandatory and discretionary expenditures.

RECYCLING PRESENTATION BY BILL DINGUS, COUNTY OF SCOTT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Bill Dingus, County of Scott Director of Public Works, provided a hand out that included the number of dumpsters, visits/week, miles/week, hours/week and estimated pounds picked up at the school sites by the county. He explained that recycling at the schools would provide students with the opportunity of being taught recycling, eliminate tipping fees the county pays to Hawkins County and provide additional funding for the schools since they would receive a check for the refuse. He explained that with the amount of refuse poundage that is collected per week, the recycling would provide a significant check for the schools. He mentioned that there is a bin at the landfill that is in disrepair but could be refurbished at the Scott County Career & Technical Center and placed at a school. He suggested that a school could try recycling and felt it would be advantageous. It was discussed that there would be an initial cost for dumpsters to be placed at the schools and another option is that they could be leased. He explained that a policy could be implemented for recycling and this would save tipping fees paid by the county thereby making additional revenue available for the county.

It was discussed that this was an item presented at the last school board meeting and is being reviewed for presentation at a future meeting of the school board.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Mr. James K. Jessee, School Board Chairman, expressed thanks to Mrs. Kathie Noe, County Administrator, and he and Mr. Danny Mann, Board of Supervisors Chairman, presented closing comments.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: The public was provided the opportunity to speak on any areas of concern.

Mr. Bill Dingus commented on there being no agriculture classes in the schools and suggested the school division consider looking into alternative agriculture and disciplines that could be taught.

Mr. Billy Nash asked about whether the bin at the landfill was paid for and Ms. Noe informed him that the transfer station is paid for.

SCHOOL BOARD ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Quillen, all members voting aye, the Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

James Kay Jessee, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk