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SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

The Scott County School Board met for a regular meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

James Kay Jessee, Chairman
William "Bill" R. Quillen, Jr., Vice Chairman
Jeffrey "Jeff" A. Kegley
Gail L. McConnell
L. Stephen "Steve" Sallee, Jr.
Herman "Kelly" Spivey, Jr.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John I. Ferguson, Superintendent; Will Sturgill, School Board Attorney; Brad Stallard, PennStuart; Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel & Student Services; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk Of The Board/Budget Specialist/Head Start Payroll & Invoice Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk of the Board; Tammy Quillen, Early Childhood Education Supervisor/Testing Director/Head Start Liaison; Justin Forrester, Scott County Education Association President; Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators Regional Director; Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services; Jordan Dowdy, Boy Scouts of America; Ramona Russell, Duffield Primary School Teaching Assistant; Tom and Thelma Fleenor, Citizens/ Grandparents; Hope Lewis, Citizen/Parent; Lisa Taylor, Citizen/Parent; Ralph Quesinberry, Career & Technical Center Director/Principal; Stephen Taylor, Career & Technical Center Instructor/ Assistant Principal; Oakley Hartsock, Career & Technical Center Custodian, School Resource Officer; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Wes Bunch, Kingsport Times News; and Amanda Clark, Heritage TV.

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*: Chairman Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Jessee welcomed everyone and expressed thanks for their interest in the school system. The audience observed a moment of silence and Mr. Kegley led in citing the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda including the addition as requested.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Quillen, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, October 1, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

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

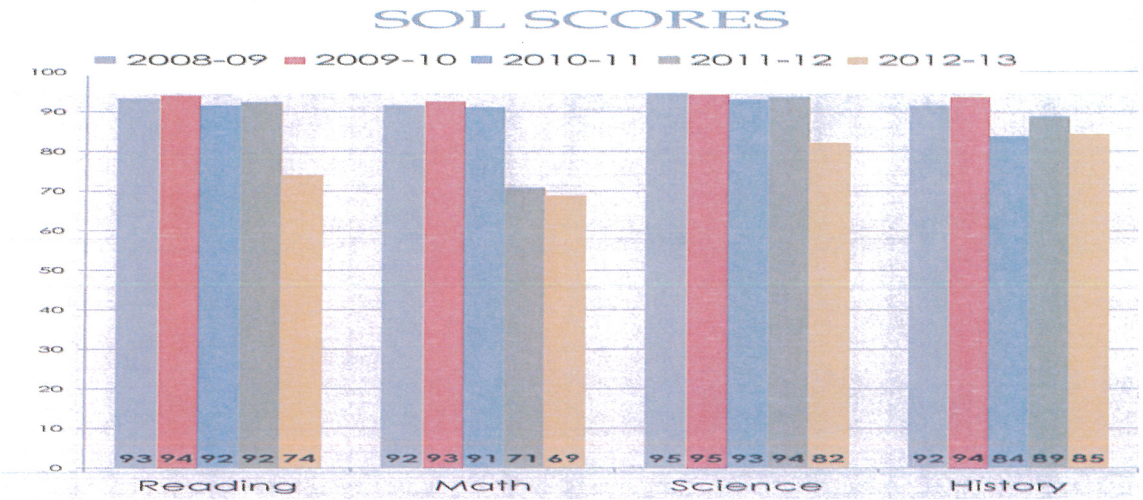
REPORT ON 2012-2013 FINAL SOL TEST RESULTS/2013 ACCREDITATION STATUS & 2013 FEDERAL AMO STATUS: Ms. Tammy Quillen, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education/Testing Director, reported that there are many changes taking place with testing. She explained that the state is moving away from the Standards of Learning tests to CAT tests (Computerized Adaptive Testing), which, she explained, will still be through the Pearson Company. Ms. Quillen reported that due to a decrease in test scores for certain core areas; and, with facing school improvement at a couple of the schools, Superintendent Ferguson appointed various supervisors to work with different grade levels. She explained that there are many factors that make a difference with test scores. Ms. Quillen explained that Duffield and Dungannon are undergoing an academic review with the schools being critiqued at both school division and school levels. She also explained that Fort Blackmore qualified for a waiver which kept

this school from undergoing an academic review as well. She explained that the chart included in the packet did not include *Writing* scores but she included that item in her pesentation to the Board. She also explained that the SOL test scores were affected by new assessments and have been reviewed with changes being put into place and stated that it is anticipated scores will go up this year. Ms. Quillen presented the ***2012-2013 Assessment Overview for Scott County Public Schools*** as follows:

STANDARDS OF LEARNING TESTS

Regular Assessments	AND Alternative Assessment
*English	*VGLA
*Math	*VAAP
*History	*VMAST
*Science	

6 Administrations Yearly 2 in Fall, 2 in Spring, and 2 in Summer Grades 3-12



VIRGINIA ACCREDITATION

- A school's state accreditation rating reflects overall achievement in English, history, mathematics and science.
- A school receives an Accredited with Warning rating if its adjusted pass rates for the four core subjects are below the achievement levels required for full accreditation.
- Schools that receive this rating undergo academic reviews and are required to adopt and implement school improvement plans. Schools that are warned in English and/or mathematics are also required to adopt instructional programs proven by research to be effective in raising achievement in these subjects.
- A school may hold this rating for no more than three consecutive years.

2013-14 ACCREDITATION RATINGS

	Overall Rating	English	Math
Duffield Primary	Accredited with Warning	**85** Meets Benchmark	**57** Warned
Dungannon Intermediate	Accredited with Warning	**79** Meets Benchmark	**53** Warned
Fort Blackmore Primary	Fully Accredited*	**38** Warned*	**27** Warned*
Gate City High	Fully Accredited	**89** Meets Benchmark	**73** Meets Benchmark
Gate City Middle	Fully Accredited	**81** Meets Benchmark	**81** Meets Benchmark
Hilton Elementary	Fully Accredited	**87** Meets Benchmark	**79** Meets Benchmark
Nickelsville Elementary	Fully Accredited	**84** Meets Benchmark	**78** Meets Benchmark
Rye Cove High	Fully Accredited	**76** Meets Benchmark	**82** Meets Benchmark
Rye Cove Intermediate	Fully Accredited	**82** Meets Benchmark	**78** Meets Benchmark
Shoemaker Elementary	Fully Accredited	**85** Meets Benchmark	**76** Meets Benchmark
Twin Springs High	Fully Accredited	**77** Meets Benchmark	**79** Meets Benchmark
Weber City Elementary	Fully Accredited	**82** Meets Benchmark	**90** Meets Benchmark
Yuma Elementary	Fully Accredited	**86** Meets Benchmark	**88** Meets Benchmark