

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, in the School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City with the following members present:

Glenn M. McMurray, Chairman

ABSENT: None

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

Gloria A. "Beth" Blair

W. Mack Gilliam

David T. Kindle

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor; Robert Moorehouse and Alison Taylor, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents; and Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times News.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Glenn M. McMurray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATION: Superintendent Scott presented Virginia School Boards Association Academy Awards to school board members for 2001-02 as follows:

Lowell S. Campbell, Award of Achievement & Bronze Pin

David Tipton Kindle, Certificate of Recognition

Glenn M. McMurray, Award of Excellence & Silver Pin

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Award of Excellence & Silver Pin

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: No members of the audience came forth to speak during this period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of September 3, 2002, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the invoices and payrolls as follows:

School Fund invoices totaling \$494,220.48 and payroll totaling \$364,457.33 as shown by warrants

#8053701-8054222 (stop payment #8053734)

Cafeteria Fund invoices totaling \$80,576.67 and payroll totaling \$37,069.24 as shown by warrants

#1004160-1004277.

Capital Improvement/School Construction Fund invoices totaling \$25,810.50 as shown by warrants

#1900251-1900255.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$140,640.97 and payroll totaling \$1,751.17

as shown by warrants #1346-1442 (#1373 & #1397 voided).

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, presented a budget summary of proposed expenditures for the Title I, Title II, Title IV, and Title V, Part A grants. He reported that initial funding according to Phase I has been approved by the Virginia Department of Education and that Phase II is being submitted for approval. He reported that although the application is being submitted in a consolidated format, the basic intent of these grants is the same as in prior years. He reported that the consolidated application is being implemented to assist in improving student achievement under the provisions of the *No Child Left Behind Act, 2001*.

On the recommendation of Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Phase I and Phase II Local Consolidated Application under the provisions of Public Law 107-110, *No Child Left Behind Act, 2001*, as presented.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/504 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education/504 Advisory Committee as follows:

Pam Bellamy	Scott County Health Department
Lowell S. Campbell	School Board Member
Chad Robinette	Elementary Special Education Teacher
Phyllis Compton	Parent
Randy Compton	Parent
Sandra Craft	Parent/Elementary School Teacher
Eileen Deckard	Parent

Joseph Deckard	Parent
Judy Flanary	High School Special Education Teacher
Allison Kimbler	Elementary Special Education Teacher
Renee' Light	Elementary Special Education Teacher
Brenda Robinette	Supervisor of Special Education
Gilbert Smith	Middle School Assistant Principal
Sherry Repass	Parent
Kathie Noe	Frontier Health
Tracey Gray	Parent
David Gray	Parent

PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON COMMUNICATIONS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND SALARY, FRINGE BENEFIT AND SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEES: Superintendent Scott requested that the principal positions on the Communications/School Improvement and Salary, Fringe Benefit and School Calendar Committees be approved to include the principals that are to be selected at the next principals meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON COMMUNICATIONS/ SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Campbell made a motion that Mrs. Beth Blair continue to serve on the Communications/School Improvement Committee as the school board member representative for the 2002-03 school year, motion was seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Communications/School Improvement Committee as follows:

George Newman	Duffield Primary School
Donna Rudder	Dungannon Intermediate School
Melissa Pannell	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Margaret Coleman	Gate City High School
Cindy Dorton	Gate City Middle School
Zandra Long	Hilton Elementary School
Linda Laney	Nickelsville Elementary School
Susan Greear	Rye Cove High School
Sarah Adams	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Judy Hensley	Scott County Vocational Center
Amber Mullins	Shoemaker Elementary School
Sherry Quillen	Twin Springs High School
Teddi McMurray	Weber City Elementary School
Tina Lucas	Yuma Elementary School
(To Be Selected)	Principal
Beth Blair	School Board Member
James Scott	Central Office Representative
Jennifer Houseright	Support Staff
Johnny Trent	Scott County Education Association

APPROVAL OF SALARY, FRINGE BENEFIT AND SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Salary, Fringe Benefit and School Calendar Committee as follows:

Sue Arnold	Duffield Primary School
Angel Hughes	Dungannon Intermediate School
Heather Houseright	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Carolyn Hamilton	Gate City High School
Margaret Falin	Gate City Middle School
Susie Ervin	Hilton Elementary School
Lisa Dougherty	Nickelsville Elementary School
Jennifer Clark	Rye Cove High School
Dacey Ford	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Rex Carter	Scott County Vocational Center
Andrea Gardner	Shoemaker Elementary School
Joey Shipley	Twin Springs High School
Marie Barker	Weber City Elementary School
Amy Sallee	Yuma Elementary School
(To Be Selected)	Principal
Darryl Johnson	Central Office Representative
Annette Sawyer	Support Staff
Cindy Crane	Scott County Education Association

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request from Nickelsville 7th graders to the 4-H Center in Abingdon on November 21 & 22, 2002.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Weber City Elementary School 5th grade class to the 4-H Center in Abingdon and Appalachian Caverns on October 24 & 25, 2002. Mrs. Blair questioned whether enough chaperones were planning to attend the Weber City Elementary School overnight field trip. Central office staff will verify that an appropriate number of chaperones will attend the field trip.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, informed board members that earlier this month Mr. Duward Jessee came to his office requesting assistance in obtaining a deed to the Mountain School site in the Taylor Magisterial District of Scott County. County Attorney Foster explained that according to information received, Mr. and Mrs. Jessee have been living on the property for over thirty years and having been paying taxes on the property since 1986. He explained that a reassessment of property was conducted in 1985 and that the land card filled out for the assessment had a notation listing that the “old Cliff Mountain School property reverted to family.” He reported that no other public records for the property were found in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office. He explained that Mrs. Lucy Jessee is the granddaughter of the adjacent property owner. The school site property was conveyed to the school board by deed dated September 1, 1922.

County Attorney Foster reported that Mr. Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor, researched the school board meeting minute books and found that the school board decided Mountain School should be discontinued effective July 1, 1964, due to declining enrollment. He also reported that information included in the school board meeting minute books stated that Mountain School was closed July 1, 1965 and also that a Mountain School property was listed along with others as property to be advertised to be sold. He reported that apparently no further action was taken concerning the Mountain School property since no further records could be found in the school board meeting minute books or in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office.

County Attorney Foster explained that the school board has the options of taking no action and leaving the property as it is now; or the property could be declared surplus and no longer needed for school purposes, as was the original intent of the school board in 1967, hold a public hearing at which time the board could issue a quitclaim deed and then convey the property to the Jessee’s or whomever chosen; or declare the property surplus and convey to the County Board of Supervisors for disposal. He explained that the school board would need prior approval from the County Board of Supervisors to dispose of the surplus property and to keep any funds that might be generated from the sale of the property.

Superintendent Scott stated that he recommends the property be conveyed to the County Board of Supervisors, which is the same action that has taken place in the past during his tenure with regard to surplus property. He expressed that property matters could arise in the future concerning land of a much greater value and he felt the County Board of Supervisors should make this type of decision.

County Attorney Foster explained that according to the tax records, the assessed land value is \$4,000 and that the Jesse's have been paying taxes on the property since 1986. He explained that Mrs. Jessee, granddaughter of the adjacent landowner, received a portion of property (12.4 acres) adjoining the school site property from a land partition in 1993 or 1994. He stated that Mrs. Jessee informed him that when the school was in use in the past, her grandfather allowed the school to use this adjoining property as a playground for the students.

Mr. Duward Jessee reported that several years ago he came to the school board office and talked to someone about the property. He reported that, at that time, he was told to go ahead and pay taxes on the property. Board members expressed a desire to do what is fair and most beneficial with regard to Mrs. and Mrs. Jessee.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND REVERTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Kindle, the board hereby declares this two acres, more or less, on which Mountain School was once located in the Taylor District, as surplus property and to be reverted to the governing body. The board also hereby requests consideration be given to Mrs. and Mrs. Duward Jessee toward conveyance of said property.

Voting aye: Gloria A. "Beth" Blair, Lowell S. Campbell, W. Mack Gilliam,

David T. Kindle, Glenn M. McMurray, and E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

Voting nay: None.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET FOR JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2003: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved

the Head Start Budget in the amount of \$1,099,018.00 for January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003.

REPORT ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS AUDIT: Superintendent Scott reported that the School Activity Funds statement of cash receipts, disbursements, and balances for each school during the July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2002 school year have been reviewed by the auditor and that the results disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. He reported that although prior year audits listed several schools with no “findings and recommendations,” this year’s audit includes even more schools. He expressed that this audit is the best yet during his tenure. He reported on the general comments, findings and recommendations that were brought to his attention. He presented an opportunity for the school board members to ask questions concerning the audit. He ask if any member wanted the auditors to make a formal presentation at the November school board meeting, to which there were no requests made.

Board members questioned the amount of funds listed in some of the school’s activity fund accounts and whether those funds could be used to purchase supplies at the school. Also, how much funding a school could accumulate without being told they must spend some of the accumulated funds. Superintendent Scott reported that funds in various accounts could be used to buy supplies for the schools. He also reported that it may be necessary for the schools to spend more of their own funds during this school year, especially due to the expected reduced funding from the state. He reported that he has ask everyone to assist with “tightening up” and analyzing expenditures in order to make preparation for the funding shortfall. He further reported that he did not expect K-12 education to be exempt from state budget cuts and that he expects to receive word by December 20.

APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL REVISION FOR LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS: Superintendent Scott reported that due to the action of the Virginia State School Board, local school divisions are permitted to award local verified credits in science and history/social sciences, as needed, to students entering the ninth grade for the first time in school years 2000-01, 2001-02, or 2002-03. He stated that this would not happen very often but would allow a committee to review a particular situation and give credit in case a student needs the credit toward graduation. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Policy Manual Revision for Locally Awarded Verified Credit (IKFA) as presented.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH/SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the School Health/Safety Advisory Board as follows:

Jimmy Dishner	Central Office Representative
Debbie Keith	School Nurse Coordinator
Katrina Smith Toole	School Psychologist
Jerry Broadwater or Designee	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Gary Blankenbecler or Designee	Scott County Department of Social Services
Wayne McClelland or Designee	Scott County Juvenile Probation Officer
Marilyn Foster or Designee	Scott County Health Department
Dr. Todd Cassel	Medical Doctor/Parent
David Wininger	Hilton Elementary School Principal
Michael Brickey	Gate City High School Principal
Alma Bowen	Duffield Community Member/Retired Teacher
Jane Carter	Rye Cove High School Guidance Counselor
Jennifer Gardner	Gate City High School Guidance Counselor
Janet Hill	Gate City High School Health & P.E. Teacher
Debbie Belcher	Twin Springs High School Parent
Kathy Funkhouser	Weber City Elementary School Parent
Roza Grizzle	Dungannon Intermediate School Parent
Chase Roberts	Gate City High School Student
Bridgett Arwood	Rye Cove High School Student
Tyler Rhoton	Twin Springs High School Student

APPROVAL OF SELF-FUNDED SCHOOL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Scott explained the process for selecting members to serve on a one-year term on the Self-Funded School Health Insurance Committee. He reported that ten committee members are chosen as follows:

- ? Drawing held from names submitted from each elementary school, two elementary school teachers chosen as representatives due to number of positions
- ? Drawing from the names submitted by the three high schools, middle school, and vocational center is held to chose one secondary teacher representative
- ? Drawing from names submitted from all schools is used to chose the support staff, two are chosen due to the number of support staff positions represented
- ? Drawing is held from the list of principals and supervisors on the health insurance plan to chose one representative
- ? Head Start is selects a representative
- ? Scott County Education Association selects a representative
- ? School board members select a representative
- ? Superintendent Scott serves as the Central Office Representative

Mr. Kindle nominated Mr. Lowell Campbell to continue to serve as the school board member representative on the Self-Funded School Health Insurance Committee, motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Self-Funded School Health Insurance Committee Members for the 2002-03 school year as follows:

Lowell Campbell	School Board Member
James Scott	Central Office/Superintendent
Jennifer Meade	Principal/Supervisor
Susan Greear	Secondary Teacher
Teresa Ladd	Elementary Teacher
Amy Wettack	Elementary Teacher

Support Staff

Support Staff

Head Start

Scott County Education Association

APPROVAL OF GIFTED EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL

YEAR: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gifted Education Committee for the 2002-03 school year as follows: Freda Burke, Donna Gillenwater, Connie Adkins, Brenda Byrd, Jennifer Clark, Charlotte Cox, and Kim Dorton.

APPROVAL OF TITLE I DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Title I District Parent Advisory Committee as follows:

Shoemaker Elementary School

Peggy Price

Nickelsville Elementary School

Jenny Jordan

Hilton Elementary School

Fern C. Salyer

Sherry Hobbs

Duffield Primary School

Carol Calthon

Robin Peters

Fort Blackmore Primary School

Lucy Sluss

Paula Babb

Bonnie Sexton

Dungannon Intermediate School

Susan Elliott

Justina Boggs

Yuma Elementary School

Jodie McCloud

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION STATE BOARD: Superintendent Scott reported that Mr. David T. Kindle, School Board Member, has been selected by the governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to serve on the Vocational Education State Board. Mr. Kindle is one of the four individuals chosen to serve on the committee along with the thirteen delegates, making a total of seventeen members serving on the Vocational Education State Board.

REPORT ON SCHOOL BUDGET AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Scott reported that Governor Warner is expected to present proposed budget cuts to K-12 education after November and cuts to higher education by October 15. He reported that the governor must present a balanced budget by December 20 and that at that time he expects the school division to find out exactly what percent of funding cut will be received at that time. He stated that he expects to receive a five percent, or possibly more, cut for K-12 education. He also reported that the general assembly could make further changes to education funding. Superintendent Scott stated that he has talked to various officials and all feel that the funding cuts are coming. He said a big factor in the amount of the funding cut is whether the cut is to all funding items or just the Standards of Quality initiatives. He stated that either way the school division will receive a large decrease in revenue. He reported that he has informed personnel in the school division of the expected revenue loss. He stated that the increase in enrollment would assist the school division in receiving additional funding above budgeted amounts. He reported that school enrollment is still increasing and that the current enrollment is 3,706 students. He stated that the school division would not be able to pay early bills as in the past. He stated that even if the school division gets through the funding cuts this year, more state budget cuts may be made again next year.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr.

Cambell, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation of Mr. Thom Jones, Nickelsville Elementary School Custodian, effective September 20, 2002.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations/ Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Chris Wilson as Twin Springs High School Girls 8th grade Basketball Coach.

CLOSED MEETING: There was no motion to enter into a closed meeting.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Campbell asked Superintendent Scott if he would explain the decision of the school board on the Mountain School property to the County Board of Supervisors. Superintendent Scott stated that he would contact them and explain the situation.

Mrs. Blair asked Superintendent Scott about using the agriculture building at Rye Cove High School. Superintendent Scott reported that about three weeks ago he and Mr. Darryl Johnson met with school personnel and asked the school to inform him of the proposed use of the building in order for plans to be made, which are dependent upon the planned use of the building. He reported that at this time he has not received any information toward the planned use of the building.

Mr. Sampson asked about the identification cards that are to be issued to school personnel. Mr. Danny Dixon reported that that the project is well under way and should be completed soon.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kindle made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2002.

Glenn M. McMurray, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

