

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2002**

**The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in the Scott County Vocational Center Auditorium 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: Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor; Thomas Haynes, Scott County Vocational Center Director/Principal; Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times News; Bob Moorehouse and Alison Taylor, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents.**

**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 Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda as presented.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of August 5, 2002, as submitted.

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

School Fund invoices totaling \$615,669.99 and payroll totaling \$358,309.67 as shown by warrants

#8053184-8053349 (#8053139 & 8053684 voided).

Cafeteria Fund invoices totaling \$46,163.68 and payroll totaling \$35,933.83 as shown by warrants

#1004067-1004159.

Capital Improvement/School Construction Fund invoices totaling \$47,443.00 as shown by warrants

#1900249-1900520.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$32,195.74 and payroll totaling \$481.55

as shown by warrants #1265-1345 (check #1323 & 1340 voided).

**REPORT ON DIVISION TEST SCORES:** Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, stated that he wanted to emphasize that the information being presented on test data and school accreditation was “preliminary” and that the official results are not yet available.

**Mr. Dixon presented a graph depicting the attendance and dropout information for the previous and prior years. He stated that the attendance percentage for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 school years were the same. He reported that The Honorable Judge Greg Baker, the principals, teachers, guidance personnel, support staff, and everyone are to be commended for their assistance toward the attendance record of 95.5%. He also reported that the dropout rate is the lowest on record for the school division. He further reported that only 16 students were dropouts during last school year compared to a higher number in prior years. Mr. Dixon stated that the reduced number of dropouts is credited partly to the alternative education program, which has been very successful in preparing students for a regular diploma or GED.**

**Mr. Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor, reported that as the attendance has improved so has the test scores. Mr. Dishner provided Standards of Learning grade 3 test result comparisons for the years of 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 for the division and for Duffield, Fort Blackmore, Hilton, Nickelsville, Shoemaker, Weber City, and Yuma Schools. These test results were for the core areas of English, Math, History, and Science. He reported that improvement was shown in all areas for 2002 and that division averages were all above the 70% proficient standard.**

**Mr. Dishner provided divisional Standards of Learning grade 5 test result comparisons for the years of 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 school specific data for Dungannon, Hilton, Nickelsville, Rye Cove Intermediate, Shoemaker, Weber City, Yuma Schools. These test results were for the core areas of English, Writing, Math, History, Science, and Computer Technology. Also, these test result comparisons included the years of 2001 and 2002 for Duffield Primary School in the core area of History. He reported that all areas were above the 70% proficiency level, which schools must meet in order to receive accreditation.**

**Mr. Dishner provided Standards of Learning grade 8 test result Averages by Semester for Gate City Middle, Rye Cove High and Twin Springs High. These test results were for the core areas of English, Writing, Math, Science, History, and Computer Technology. He reported that all areas were above the 70 percent proficient level.**

**Mr. Dishner then provided End of Course by Semester test results for Gate City Middle/High Schools, Rye Cove High School, and Twin Springs High School. He reported that some of the core areas showed test scores over 90%. Mr. Dishner reported on some changes that have been made in specific core areas and that significant gains have been shown.**

**Mr. Dishner reported on overall grade 3 & 5 averages and grade 8 scores for the 2001-02 school year. He reported that for Grade 3 all core areas were above the 80 % proficiency level, with Math being above 90%. Also, that in Grade 5 and 8, all areas were above the 70% proficiency level, with Science and Computer Technology being above 90%.**

**Mr. Dishner reported that division averages for 2001-2002 in all core areas of middle/high school test scores were above the 70% proficiency level, with two areas being in the 80% proficiency level and six above the 90% proficiency level. Also, that this included a division average of 99% for Chemistry.**

**Mr. Dishner reported that Scott County has made many significant proficiency gains. He explained that changes have been made with regard to personnel, curriculum, and course realignment, which have improved test scores. He stated that the significant gains show that the students and teachers have done well.**

**Mr. Dixon reported that credit for the improved test scores is to be given to the teachers, principals, parents, and students. He stated that he is very gratified on how the schools have responded to the challenges presented to them.**

**Mr. Dixon provided a Preliminary School Accreditation Summary for the 2001-2002 year as follows:**

<b>Duffield Primary</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Dungannon Intermediate</b>	<b>Provisionally Accredited</b>
<b>Fort Blackmore Primary</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Gate City Middle</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Hilton Elementary</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Nickelsville Elementary</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Rye Cove Intermediate</b>	<b>Provisionally Accredited</b>

<b>Shoemaker Elementary</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Weber City Elementary</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Yuma Elementary</b>	<b>Provisionally Accredited</b>
<b>Gate City High</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Rye Cove High</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>
<b>Twin Springs High School</b>	<b>Fully Accredited</b>

Mr. Dixon stated that these results are “preliminary” and not yet official. He explained that official results would be received at a later date. He reported that for the schools listed as “provisionally accredited” he did not know if these schools would be listed as “provisional accredited meeting state standards” or “provisionally accredited needing improvement.” He reminded the board that Scott County Schools ranked 27 out of 136 school divisions in the state for the 2000-2001 year and that he isn’t sure how the 2001-2002 year will compare but that he felt it has to be good.

Mr. Dixon reported that Scott County Schools have been asked to assist other school divisions in working toward meeting the Standards of Learning accreditation standards. He reported that a team of teachers from Scott County is working with the Governor Pass Program to provide this assistance to other school divisions who may request it.

**REPORT ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT:** Superintendent Scott stated that he was pleased to report that the enrollment has increased from 3,681 students, which is the number included in the information sent out to school board members last week, to 3,697 students as of today. He provided a comparison update by school of the enrollment changes. He reported that the number of students currently in attendance is more than the school division has had in the past five years or longer. He explained that the increased enrollment is good news for the school division since funds originally budgeted for this school year will increase due to the higher enrollment. He reported that the increase in funds for enrollment would assist the school division in preparing for the expected cut of at least 5% in state funds.

**APPROVAL OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr.

Kindle, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Susan Greene	Special Needs Representative		2005-06
Steve Carriger	Special Needs Representative		2005-06
Doretha Ross	Trade and Industry		2005-06
Henry “Bucky” Clabaugh	Trade and Industry		2005-06
Reggie St. Clair	Business Education		2005-06
Mark Blanton	Distributive Education		2002-03
Bill Franklin	Agriculture		2002-03
Jack Berry	Trade and Industry		2003-04
Helen Smith	Home Economics		2003-04
VICA Club President	Student Representative		

**APPROVAL OF NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** 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 Nursing Advisory Committee for the 2002-03 school year as follows:

Jane Carter	Guidance Counselor, Rye Cove High School
Elaine Scott	Guidance Counselor, Twin Springs High School
Jenny Gardner	Guidance Counselor, Gate City High School
Debbie Keith	Scott County School Nurse Supervisor
Alana Hembree	Director of Nursing, Brian Center Nursing Home
Sue Brown	Director of Nursing, Beverly Healthcare

<b>Deborah Smith</b>	<b>Director of Nursing, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital</b>
<b>Kimberly Vivaldi</b>	<b>Instructor, Scott County Vocational Center</b>
<b>Doug Fabrick</b>	<b>Director of Instruction, Indian Path Hospital</b>
<b>Bridgette Casteel</b> <b>Community College</b>	<b>Director of Practical Nursing, Mountain Empire</b>

**APPROVAL OF CHARACTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the Character Education Committee for the 2002-03 school year as follows:

<b>Jim Williams</b>	<b>Central Office Representative, Director of Federal Programs</b>
<b>Susan Greene</b>	<b>Principal, Nickelsville Elementary School</b>
<b>Judy Calton</b>	<b>Parent/Community Member</b>
<b>Dennis Fritz</b>	<b>Parent/Community Member</b>
<b>Cara Hamilton</b>	<b>Secondary School Student</b>
<b>Meredith McCue</b>	<b>Middle School Student</b>
<b>Kathie Noe</b>	<b>Parent/Community Member</b>
<b>Angela White</b>	<b>Parent/Community Member</b>

**APPROVAL OF REMEDIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Remedial Program Standards Committee for the 2002-03 year as follows:

<b>Danny Dixon</b>	<b>Central Office Representative, Director of Instruction</b>
<b>Jimmy Dishner</b>	<b>Central Office Representative, Secondary Supervisor</b>
<b>Cathy Turner</b>	<b>Principal, Yuma Elementary School</b>
<b>Mack Gilliam</b>	<b>School Board Member</b>

<b>Patty Collier</b>	<b>Virginia Cooperative Extension</b>
<b>Joy Davidson</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>Rhonda Dorton</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>Donna France</b>	<b>Parent</b>
<b>Cathy Webb</b>	<b>Parent</b>

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

**RETIREMENT:** 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 retirement request of Mr. Larry A. Catron, Scott County Vocational Center Teacher, effective December 31, 2002.

**EMPLOYMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Shannon Pillion, Mrs. Milly Leighton and Mr. Jason McCarty, as teachers for the 2002-03 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Beverly Stidham as a teaching assistant for the 2002-03 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl 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 employment of Ms. Angie Vermillion as a medicaid secretary for the 2002-03 school year.



**On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved Mr. Tommy Green and Mr. Tim Edwards as school bus drivers for the 2002-03 school year.**

**On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved Mr. Charles Fugate as a substitute school bus driver.**

**On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl 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 revised list of coaches for Rye Cove High School as follows:**

**Reagan Mullins, Athletic Director**

**Thomas Callaway, Football Head Coach**

**Barry Wolfe, Football Assistant**

**Aaron Hillman, Football Assistant**

**Robin Hood, Football Assistant**

**James Cobb, Football Assistant**

**Reagan Mullins, Boys Basketball Head Coach**

**Gale McConnell, Boys Basketball Assistant Coach**

**“One more to be named”, Boys Basketball Assistant Coach**

**Reagan Mullins, Boys Track**

**Forest Giles, Golf**

**Terry Fields, Boys Baseball Head Coach**

**Barry Wolfe, Boys Baseball Assistant Coach**

**Amber Rowland Mullins, Cheerleading**

**Candace Blackwell, Cheerleading**

**Donnie Qualls, Girls Basketball Head Coach**

**Terry Fields, Girls Basketball Head Coach**

**Donnie Qualls, Girls Volleyball Head Coach**

**Greg Gilliam, Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach**

**Greg Gilliam, Girls Softball Head Coach**

**Kay Jessee, Girls Softball Assistant Coach**

**Robin Hood, Girls Track**

**Janette Taylor, Forensics**

**Jane Carter, Academic Team**

**Janette Taylor, Academic Team**

**Joy Davidson, Annual Sponsor**

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Mrs. Blair expressed thanks for the refreshments served at the meeting.

**Mr. Kindle expressed thanks to the teachers, administrators, and central office staff for their work on the Standards of Learning.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 in the School Board Office Conference Room.

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**Glenn M. McMurray, Chairman**

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## Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

