

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

The Scott County School Board met for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2003-04 School Budget on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at the Scott County Career and Technical Center in Gate City with the following members present:

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

**ABSENT:** Glenn M. McMurray

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

W. Mack Gilliam

David T. Kindle

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. (Karen) Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Kathy C. Musick and Tammy Montgomery, Weber City Elementary School Teachers; Bob Moorehouse and Alison Taylor, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman, called the Public Hearing to order at meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and presided.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2003-2004 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET:** Superintendent Scott stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing on the 2003-04 Proposed School Budget is to obtain input from the public, personnel, etc. with regard to the budget being proposed. He stated that in some years past, public hearings were held in March; however, he stated that a public hearing should be held earlier than March since the budget would be near completion in March. He provided an opportunity for the audience to ask questions or comment on the 2003-04 Proposed School Budget.

No members of the audience had any questions or comments on the proposed school budget.

Superintendent Scott stated that this is the short session of the General Assembly, which is scheduled to adjourn on February 22. He reported that the school division should receive helpful budget information from the state by February unless the Governor chooses to call another session in April, which he felt was unlikely. He reported that both the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee could make some changes or rearrange some items of the proposed budget as long as a balanced budget is presented.

Superintendent Scott reported that an important issue being discussed nationwide is the increased cost of health insurance premiums. He reported that the school board has various committees that make recommendations and assist the school board with various decisions on issues and that the Self-Funded Health Insurance Committee is among these committees.

Chairman Blair stated that since no members of the public are present to speak it must be an indication that Superintendent Scott and others are doing a good job.

**COMMENTS FROM SCOTT COUNTY EDUCATION CO-PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Alison Taylor, Scott County Education Association Co-President, expressed appreciation to the School Board for the many wonderful things that they have done for Scott County Schools. She reported that during her travel across the Commonwealth of Virginia she has heard many horror stories in other school divisions.

**BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS COMMENDING**

**TEACHERS:** Mr. Gilliam stated that having the "best" teachers, such as Scott County Schools has, makes the school board member's job easier.

Superintendent Scott that Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, has been contacted once again by another school division to determine what Scott County has done and is doing to be where they are statewide. He stated that all over the Commonwealth of Virginia very positive comments are being made about Scott County. Superintendent Scott stated that the teachers should receive the credit for the outstanding job that they do.

Chairman Blair expressed that Scott County has very dedicated teachers.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

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