

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2003

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, in the School Board

Office Conference Room in Gate City with the following members present:

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

ABSENT: None

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

W. Mack Gilliam

David T. Kindle

Glenn M. McMurray

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Alison Taylor and Bob Moorehouse, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

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

PRESENTATION FROM HEAD START DIRECTOR: Mrs. Helen Henderson, Head Start Director, presented the Head Start Program Information Report for the 2001-02 Program Year. The report listed the enrollment as 181 in the full day and 24 in the home-based program. The report included detailed information on enrollment and program options, program staff and qualification, and child and family services. Mrs. Henderson also presented the Child Outcomes Data for the 2002-03 school year, which included various elements and indicators. This presentation included gain scores in various categories of the testing during Fall ? Time 1, Winter - Time 2, and Spring ? Time 3. These scores depicted gains in many areas. Mrs. Henderson also presented a handout entitled *What children Know and Can Do At the end of Head Start and What It tells Us About The Program*. Mrs. Henderson stated that an assessment of a national sample of Head Start children in the fall and spring of the program year showed that by the end of the year Head Start children possess academic knowledge and social skills that indicate a readiness to learn when the children reach kindergarten and first grade. She reported that the study also showed that these Head Start ?graduates? made substantial gains in word knowledge, letter recognition, writing skills, and phonemic awareness during the course of kindergarten. Mrs. Henderson stated that the PALS program is being used and stated that Head Start uses the suggestions of the FACES child assessments for strengthening the Head Start program. She reported that among these suggestions is that Head Start children and families might benefit from more classroom activities aimed at nurturing early literacy skills and more counseling for parents on the importance of reading to children and other literacy activities at the home. She stated that programs should also focus more on services for children with behavior problems.

Mrs. Blair asked Mrs. Henderson about the involvement and participation of fathers in the Head Start Program. Mrs. Henderson reported that the number of children whose fathers participated in the Head Start Program activities was 145.

Superintendent Scott and board members thanked Mrs. Henderson for the presentation on the Head Start Program.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of June 3, 2003 Regular Meeting as submitted, including the correction of the name listed in the draft of the June 3, 2003 meeting from Walter Grimm to Willis Grimm.

On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of June 26, 2003 Close-out Meeting as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved payroll and claims as follows:

School Operating Fund invoices in the amount of \$589,107.55 and payroll in the amount of \$330,417.19 as shown by warrants #8058321-8058625 (stop payment #8057895).

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund payroll and invoices in the amount of \$42,062.48 as shown by warrants #1005189-1005237.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices in the amount of \$37,055.83 and payroll in the amount of \$8,491.32 as shown by warrants #2266-2366 (#2339, 2340 & 2341 voided).

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF SCOTT COUNTY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE GRANTS MADE BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE AND/OR TO BE MADE IN CONNCECTION WITH CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Superintendent Scott reported that the amount of \$442,650 for the VPSA Technology Resolution that is being requested for approval reflects the carryover from the previous year and the current year's allocation. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the Virginia Public School Authority Technology Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF SCOTT COUNTY

DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS
OF ONE

OR MORE GRANTS MADE BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR
CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE AND/OR TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION
WITH CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board (the ?Division?) is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Division has paid, beginning no earlier than July 1, 2003, and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the capital project (the "Project"), as more fully described in Appendix A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board of the Division (the "Board") has determined that the money (previously advanced no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof and) to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures are only available for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the Division for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more grants to be made by the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "Grants") from the proceeds of its tax exempt equipment notes (the "Notes").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby declares the Division's intent to reimburse the Division with the proceeds of the Grants for the Expenditures with respect to the Project made on and after July 1, 2003, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The Division reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Grants.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was and will be of a type properly chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure).

Section 3. The maximum cost of the Project is expected to be \$442,650.

Section 4. The Division will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the Division that evidences the Division's use of proceeds of the Grants to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The Division recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this First day of July, 2003

Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Chairman (Signature)

Attested: Clerk (Signature)

APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR SURPLUS SALE: Superintendent Scott stated that an additional item, which is a table saw, needs to be added to the list of surplus sale items for

approval. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved a list of surplus sale items for the public auction to be held at the School Bus Garage/Shoemaker Elementary School Playground Area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2003. **Appendix J**

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES IN ABSENCE OF SUPERINTENDENT: 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 following persons to sign all Virginia Department of Education reports, documents, requisitions, and other official correspondence in the absence of the Division Superintendent for a period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004: Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; and Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board.

APPROVAL OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM 2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A CHAMPION: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City High School Baseball Team 2003 Lonesome Pine District, Region D, Group A Champion resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A CHAMPION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Baseball Team of 2002-2003 has achieved an outstanding baseball season by winning 22 games and losing 4 overall,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Baseball Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 14 wins and 0 losses,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Baseball Team was Region D Champion,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Baseball Team played in the State Quarter-final Game,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Baseball Team of 2002-2003 for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Baseball Team and is proud of the fine manner in which the team has represented Scott County,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes continued success for the Gate City High School Baseball Team and coaches,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Scott County School Board wishes a copy of this resolution to be presented to each player and the coaches of the Gate City High School Baseball Team.

Gloria A. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman (Signature)
(Signature)

W. Mack Gilliam, Board Member

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman (Signature)
(Signature)

David T. Kindle, Board Member

Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member (Signature)
(Signature)

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Board Member

ATTEST: Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)
Superintendent (Signature)

James B. Scott, Division

APPROVAL OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM 2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A CHAMPION: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City High School Softball 2003 Lonesome Pine District, Region D, Group A Champion resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A CHAMPION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Softball Team of 2002-2003 has achieved an outstanding softball season by winning 22 games and losing 5 overall,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Softball Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 13 wins and 1 loss,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Softball Team was Region D Champion,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Softball Team won the State Quarter-final Game,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Softball Team of 2002-2003 for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Softball Team and is proud of the fine manner in which the team has represented Scott County,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes continued success for the Gate City High School Softball Team and coaches,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Scott County School Board wishes a copy of this resolution to be presented to each player and the coaches of the Gate City High School Softball Team.

Gloria A. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman (Signature)
(Signature)

W. Mack Gilliam, Board Member

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman (Signature)
(Signature)

David T. Kindle, Board Member

Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member (Signature)
(Signature)

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Board Member

ATTEST: Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)
Superintendent (Signature)

James B. Scott, Division

APPROVAL OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM 2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City High School Tennis Team 2003 Lonesome Pine District, Region D, Group A State Champion resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM

2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Tennis Team of 2002-2003 has achieved an outstanding tennis season by winning 15 games and losing 1 overall,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Tennis Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 7 wins and 0 losses,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Tennis Team was Region D, Group A State Champion,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Tennis Team of 2002-2003 for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship, Region D, Group A State Championship,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Tennis Team and is proud of the fine manner in which the team has represented Scott County,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes continued success for the Gate City High School Tennis Team and coaches,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Scott County School Board wishes a copy of this resolution to be presented to each player and the coaches of the Gate City High School Tennis Team.

Gloria A. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman (Signature)
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W. Mack Gilliam, Board Member

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman (Signature)
(Signature)

David T. Kindle, Board Member

Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member (Signature)
(Signature)

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Board Member

ATTEST: Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)
Superintendent (Signature)

James B. Scott, Division

Mr. Kindle requested that the Gate City High School Tennis Team be invited to attend a school board meeting in recognition of their success. Superintendent Scott and the other school board members agreed that the team should be invited to attend the next school board meeting.

Superintendent Scott stated that an invitation to attend the August 5 school board meeting would be extended to the team members and their coach, Mrs. Jennifer Gardner.

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT GIFTED EDUCATION 2002-03:

Superintendent Scott presented the Annual Report Gifted Education 2002-03 for board member information.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM MARK CHRISTIE, VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT: Superintendent Scott presented board members a copy of the letter received from Mark C. Christie, Virginia Board of Education President. In the letter, Mr. Christie thanked Superintendent Scott and staff members for the hospitality shown and he stated that he really enjoyed his time in Scott County. Mr. Christie asked Superintendent Scott to convey to the staff his appreciation for the great work that he and the educators are doing for the students in Scott County. He stated that the efforts in Scott County show that the Standards of Learning are helping students learn more and to be better prepared for success in school and in life after they graduate.

Superintendent Scott reported that Mr. Christie's tenure on the Virginia Board of Education ended on June 30, 2003.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Jordan Mullins as Twin Springs High School Assistant Baseball Coach.

RETIREMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Mr. Gary F. Addington, Gate City Middle School Teacher, effective July 1, 2003.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: Superintendent Scott reported that revisions to the Policy Manual are currently being worked on and that he will provide board members with the revised copies as soon as possible for them to review. He stated that a request for approval of the revisions is to be presented at the August 5 school board meeting.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Blair asked that the resolution in recognition of retired teachers be presented honoring Scott County retired teacher, Thelma Freeman. Superintendent Scott asked board members to assist with notification of the deaths of retired teachers. He stated the importance of trying to make certain that no teachers are left out and that all receive recognition.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kindle made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

