

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2003

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 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; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. (Karen) Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Lisa Brown, Scott County Education Association Representative; Sandra Craft, Special Education Advisory Committee Chairman; Eileen Deckard, Special Education Advisory Committee Member; Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times-News; Greg Adams, Rye Cove Community Member; and Walter Grimm, Yuma Community Member.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Scott requested an addition and deletion to the agenda as follows: Items by Superintendent (IX.) Discussion Concerning Virginia High School

League Football Classification Change from Division I to Division II for Rye Cove High School and delete item (C.) Approval of Head Start Policy Council Member. Superintendent Scott explained that there are no applications to be presented for approval at this time. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda with additions as presented by Superintendent Scott.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Greg Adams, Rye Cove Little League Member, requested permission from the school board to place five poles of lights on the little league field at Duffield Primary School and for assistance in paying the electric bills for the lights. He reported that the Bristol Motor Speedway donated the five metal pole lights and Kingsport Armatur has agreed to install the lights.

Superintendent Scott requested clarification regarding which field at the Duffield Primary School property since one field is school property and the other belongs to the County of Scott. He stated that he would like for a proposed plan to be drawn up showing the place and number of light poles to be installed. He also stated that the principal at Duffield Primary School has no concern with the installation of the light poles as long as the installation would not disturb the play area or the view of the school. Superintendent Scott reported that the power supply at the school site would need to be checked to see if it is sufficient to handle the proposed installation of light poles.

Mr. Adams reported that Powell Valley Electric would check on the proposed pole placement. He recommended that the lights have a separate line than that of the power line to the tennis courts.

Mr. Kindle stated that Powell Valley Electric should review the installation of light poles for certain.

Superintendent Scott reported that a possible issue with regard to installation of lights on both the school and county properties is that the school system is already having problems with lights being left on at one of the tennis courts in the school division. He stated that this causes the school division to be "stuck" with the bill. Superintendent Scott recommended that separate meters be installed at each field site, being one on the school site and one on the county property site. He stated that it might be possible that the school division pay the electric bill for the school site and the county pay the one for the county property.

Mr. Gilliam agreed with Superintendent Scott concerning the installation of separate meters for the fields.

Mr. Adams stated that he would draw up a proposal on the installation of the light poles and present it at the next school board meeting to be held on June 3.

Superintendent Scott requested that Mr. Adams include all proposed expense obligations of the school board and also to address the installation in the proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of April 8, 2003 Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices in the amount of \$631,132.95 and payroll in the amount of \$370,039.04 as shown by warrants #80572205-8057402 (#8057402 voided).

School Cafeteria Fund invoices in the amount of \$61,041.70 and payroll in the amount of \$35,330.18 as shown by warrants #1004949-1005056 (#1004943-1004948 voided).

School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$24,025.89 as shown by warrants #1900282-1900299.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices in the amount of \$49,893.75 and payroll in the amount of \$2,019.86 as shown by warrants #2056-2173 (#2128 and 2140 voided).

REPORT FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Eileen Deckard, Special Education Advisory Committee Member, thanked Superintendent Scott and school board members for their support of the special education program. Mrs. Deckard expressed thanks to Superintendent Scott and Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, for the

laptop computers purchased for the special education program that have been especially useful for assisting in writing Individual Education Plans, etc. She also expressed thanks for the computers purchased this year for the special education program at Gate City Middle School and for the approved request for additional computers for the elementary special education program for next school year. She asked that consideration be given to hiring a Behavior Specialist to provide counseling, etc. to students needing these services. She stated that approximately 14 students were in need of these services during the 2002-03 school year. She stated a possibility that the Behavior Specialist could be a guidance counselor already employed in the school system.

Mrs. Deckard asked Superintendent Scott to explain the federal law requiring seat belts on school buses for Head Start students that has been brought to the attention of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Superintendent Scott reported that federal law requires that school buses purchased with Head Start funding have seat belts installed on them. He reported that the school division has 58 school buses with 8 of them being purchased by the Head Start Program. He stated that approximately one-half of the school buses transport head start students.

Superintendent Scott reported that Scott County Public Schools is one of two school divisions in this area that provide transportation for Head Start students. He reported that in Wise County and other surrounding school divisions, the Head Start Program provides their own transportation system. He also reported that by the year 2006, each seat behind a seat equipped with seat belts must be empty and that each of these school buses would only then be able to transport 25 or 30 students or approximately one-half the normal load. He stated that another issue facing the Head Start Program is that a school bus monitor is a requirement by the year 2005-06. He stated that that he met with Head Start and discussed the possibility that maybe a high school senior student could provide this service for the Head Start Program. He reported that the seat belt law was more of an issue for the Head Start Program since it is a requirement for Head Start students.

Mrs. Deckard expressed thanks once again to the Superintendent and School Board for their support.

Chairman Blair thanked Mrs. Deckard for her presentation.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION VI-B GRANT: Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, presented the Special Education VI-B Grant for approval.

Superintendent Scott asked Mr. Johnson to clarify Item No. 6 in the Proposal Overview 2003-04. It was agreed that the statement should be changed to read as follows: "We are requesting funding for salary plus fringe to replace a special education teacher at Rye Cove Intermediate." Mr. Johnson explained that a teacher would be replacing the teacher that retired and not the employment of a "new teacher".

Superintendent Scott stated that, with regard to Item No. 5 in the Proposal Overview 2003-04 requesting finding for two paraprofessional positions, he prefers to pay for an additional teacher because of the requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. He explained that it would be more feasible to include a teacher position, which would amount to approximately the same amount of funds as two paraprofessional positions and the school division would not have to be concerned about the NCLB training requirements and timelines for paraprofessional positions. He stated that local funds could be used to pay for the paraprofessional positions. It was decided that the Proposal Overview Item No. 5 would be changed to "Paraprofessionals (2 positions) or Teacher (one)".

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 Special Education VI-B Grant in the amount of \$617,971.00 and with changes as listed above. **(Appendix G)**

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT: Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, presented the Special Education Preschool Grant for approval. On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education Preschool Grant in the amount of \$34,265.00 as presented. **(Appendix H)**

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS SALE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved a surplus sale to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2003 at the Shoemaker Elementary School playground/School Bus Garage parking lot area. Superintendent Scott explained that the

surplus sale lists would be collected from the schools and then the schools would be given the opportunity to remove any needed items for their particular school. He further explained that a final list would then be presented for approval at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF CAFETERIA FOOD BID: Superintendent Scott reported that the Southern Appalachian Co-op voted to renew the food bid with IJ Foodservice Distributors for the 2003-04 school year since the company has provided satisfactory service and since the current bid conditions state that upon agreement of both parties the bid can be renewed. He reported that the dairy and bakery bid would be addressed at the June 3 school board meeting.

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 renewal of the cafeteria food bid with IJ Foodservice Distributors for the 2003-04 school year.

RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA: Superintendent Scott explained that the Virginia Department of Education sent correspondence to the school division encouraging school divisions to approve a resolution in support of the military troops serving in Iraq and the Persian Gulf and their families. Superintendent Scott presented a proposed Resolution of the Scott County School Board Supporting Our Troops and Their Families in Virginia. Chairman Blair read the following resolution being presented for approval:

RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Supporting Our Troops and Their Families in Virginia

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of military families live in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with many children of military families enrolled in Scott County Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, many fathers and mothers in these Scott County military families are now serving in Iraq and the Persian Gulf, where they face danger and hardships as they perform the duties they have been asked to undertake,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scott County School Board expresses our strong support and deep gratitude both to the men and women of our armed forces for their courage, service and sacrifice and to the many Scott County-based loved ones of our military, including especially the children of military parents enrolled in Scott County Public Schools, for their courage, service and sacrifice during this time.

Adopted unanimously this 6th day of May 2003.

Gloria A. ?Beth? Blair

Chairman

(Signature)

On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the resolution of the Scott County School Board Supporting Our Troops and Their Families in Virginia as presented.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE THAT RYE COVE HIGH SCHOOL KEEP ITS STANDING AS A DIVISION I SCHOOL IN GROUP A, REGION D FOOTBALL: Superintendent Scott reported that the Virginia High School League is changing Rye Cove High School to a Division II school in Group A, Region D football. He explained how the change would affect the Rye Cove High School football program and presented a resolution for the board to consider approving. He stated that he did not know if sending them something from the Board would make a difference but he felt it in the best interest of the school division to do so. He reported that someone from Rye Cove High School would be going to the Virginia High School League tomorrow to appeal the classification.

On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, this board hereby approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board recommends to the Virginia High School League that Rye Cove High School keep its standing as a Division I school in Group A, Region D football, and

WHEREAS, the enrollment at Rye Cove High School currently stands at 194 students in grades nine through eleven, and

WHEREAS, the current placement makes Rye Cove High School the smallest school in the state of Virginia competing in the Group A Division II football program, and

WHEREAS, the closest competitor in Regional D has sixty more students than Rye Cove and yet the largest competitor has four hundred twelve more students than Rye Cove, and

WHEREAS, physically, financially and psychologically, the Rye Cove High School football team cannot compete, and

WHEREAS, the Rye Cove High School football program has low participation due to enrollment, yet has high aspirations of competing at the regional and state levels, and

WHEREAS, the moving of Rye Cove to Division II status would diminish the hopes and dreams of the football team.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia High School League recommending that Rye Cove High School remain as a Division I school in Group A, Region D football.

Voting aye: Gloria A. ?Beth? Blair, Lowell S. Campbell, David T. Kindle, W. Mack Gilliam,

Glenn M. McMurray, E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

Voting nay: None

CLOSED MEETING: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board entered into a closed meeting at 6:37 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia, as amended, Section 2.2-3711A(1) of the Code of Virginia as amended to discuss coaches, teachers, and principals.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All board members returned from the closed meeting at 7:55 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the board returned to regular meeting and considered the following certification of the closed meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this Scott County School Board that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scott County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Scott County School Board in the closed meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Mack Gilliam, David Kindle, Glenn McMurray, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Mrs. Debbie Cassell, Nickelsville Elementary School Teacher, effective at the end of the 2002-03 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Mr. Tommy Joe McAmis, Jr., Twin Springs High School Teacher/Coach, coaching duties effective April 30, 2003 and teaching duties effective at the end of the 2002-03 school year.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Adam Keith, Mr. Travis Flanary, Ms. Miranda Oakes and Ms. Marcella Calhoun, as teachers for the 2003-04 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of

Mr. Steven D. Bishop and Mr. James R. Nash, Ms. Donna Hood, and Mr. Arthur Steffy, as substitute school bus drivers.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Greg Ervin, Mr. Mike Lane and Mr. Sammy Parks as principals for the 2003-04 school year.

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 approved the employment of Mrs. Kathy Musick as an assistant principal for the 2003-04 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City coaches lists as presented:

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	Nick Colobro
GIRLS BASKETBALL	Hugh Godsey - Varsity
	Stan Rogers - Junior Varsity
BOYS BASKETBALL	Scottie Vermillion - Varsity
	Shannon Carter ? Assistant Varsity
	*Terry Byrd ? Junior Varsity
SOFTBALL	Hugh Godsey ? Varsity
	Valerie Rhoton ? Junior Varsity
FOOTBALL	Nick Colobro
	Darren Reed
	Barry Jones
	Steve Shockley
	Tony Martin

CHEERLEADING	Patty Sampson ? Varsity
VOLLEYBALL	Amy Reed ? Varsity
	Alison Carter ? Junior Varsity
TENNIS	Steve Shockley ? Boys
	Jenny Gardner ? Girls
BASEBALL	Shannon Carter ? Varsity
	Stan Rogers ? Assistant Varsity
	Robbie Perry ? Junior Varsity
TRACK	Amy Reed ? Girls
	Brent Roberts ? Boys
	Janet Hill ? Girls Junior Varsity (pending number count)
	Barry Jones ? Boys Junior Varsity (pending number count)
CROSS COUNTRY	Janet Hill
GOLF	Roger Wolfe ? Varsity
FORENSICS	Christina Musick
THEATER FESTIVAL	Jamie Duncan
	Jennifer Mullins
ACADEMIC TEAM	Jenny Gardner
	Mary Alice McClellan
GIRLS BASKETBALL	Randy Johnson ? Middle School
BOYS BASKETBALL	Shannon Boy ? Middle School
FOOTBALL	Bill Quillen ? Middle School

Brent Roberts ? Middle School

CHEERLEADING

*Jan Taylor - Middle School Junior Varsity

*Tentative ? after discussion with Director of Operations

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of the Rye Cove High School coaches list as presented:

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Reagan Mullins

FOOTBALL

Thomas Calloway, Head Coach

Barry Wolfe, Assistant

Aaron Hillman, Assistant

*Robin Hood, Assistant

*James Cobb, Assistant

Harold Sturgill, Volunteer

BOYS BASKETBALL

Reagan Mullins, Head Coach

Gale McConnell, Junior Varsity

hired) (One more to be named-Assistant Coach Matt Bays, if

BOYS TRACK

Robin Hood

GOLF

Forest Giles

BOYS BASEBALL

Terry Fields, Head Coach

Barry Wolfe, Assistant Coach

CHEERLEADING

Amber Rowland Mullins

	Candace Blackwell Clay
GIRLS BASKETBALL	Donnie Qualls, Head Coach
	Terry Fields, Assistant Coach
	(To be named at a later date - Junior Varsity)
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Donnie Qualls, Head Coach
	Greg Gilliam, Assistant Coach
GIRLS SOFTBALL	Greg Gilliam, Head Coach
	Kay Jessee, Assistant Coach
GIRLS TRACK	(To be named at a later date)
FORENSICS	Jeanette Taylor
ACADEMIC TEAM	Jane Carter
	Jeanette Taylor
ANNUAL SPONSOR	Joy Davidson

*To be approved if no school employee is interested in coaching position

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of the Twin Springs High School coaches list as presented:

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	(Not filled)
FOOTBALL	Frank ?Sarge? Reed, Head Coach
	Jody Wolfe, First Assistant
	Eric Phillips, Assistant

	(Not filled) Assistant
	(Not filled) Assistant
VOLLEYBALL	(Not filled) Head
	(Not filled) Assistant
GIRLS BASKETBALL	Jordan Mullins, Head Coach
	(Not filled) First Assistant
	(Not filled) Assistant
BOYS BASKETBALL	(Not filled) Head
	Jerry Fields, First Assistant
	Jody Wolfe, Assistant
GOLF	Joey Shipley
BASEBALL	Jerry Fields, Head
SOFTBALL	Terry Roberts, Head
	Kevin Porter, Assistant
BOYS TRACK	(Not filled)
GIRLS TRACK	(Not filled)
CHEERLEADING	Judy Flanary
FORENSICS	Gena Kiser
ACADEMICS	Sue Carter
	Sherry Quillen

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Sampson stated that at a previous meeting he made a motion that a resolution be given to the Scott County Retired Teachers Association in recognition of retired teachers upon their death. He stated that he would also like for the next of kin to receive a copy of the resolution recognizing the retiree.

Mrs. Blair expressed condolence to Mr. Kindle in recognition of the death last week of his grandmother. Other board members expressed sympathy to Mr. Kindle upon hearing of his grandmother's death.

VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT, MARK CHRISTIE, TO VISIT SCOTT COUNTY AND AREA SCHOOL DIVISION: Superintendent Scott reported that Mr. Mark Christie, Virginia Board of Education President, is planning to visit schools in Scott County and another local school division. Superintendent Scott reported that Mr. Christie would be in Scott County on Monday, June 2. He reported that a cookout in which board members would be invited to attend might be held during Mr. Christie's visit in Scott County. He reported that he would be back in touch with board members concerning this matter.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kindle made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 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 Tuesday, June 3, 2003, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

