

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2003

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, in the Scott County Vocational Center Auditorium 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

Genn 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; Jennifer Meade, Fort Blackmore Primary School Principal; James ?Bucky? Meade, Rye Cove Intermediate School Principal; Jennifer Gardner, Gate City High School Guidance Counselor; Susan Greene, Scott County Career and Technical Center Principal; 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: Superintendent Scott requested that a board member travel expense be added to the claims being presented for approval. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted and including the additional claim.

PRESENTATION OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ACADEMY AWARDS: Superintendent Scott stated that board members attend various workshops

throughout the year and that awards are being presented for the Virginia School Boards Association Academy. He presented awards as follows:

Gloria A. Blair Certificate of Recognition

David Tipton Kindle Certificate of Recognition

Lowell S. Campbell Award of Excellence & Silver Pin

Glenn M. McMurray Award of Excellence & Silver Pin

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of September 2, 2003 Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices in the amount of \$610,791.40 and payroll in the amount of \$365,219.07 as shown by warrants #8059492-8060066.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices in the amount of \$94,233.40 and payroll totaling \$36,149.96 as shown by warrants #1005370-1005556 (#1005403-1005479 voided).

School Construction Fund invoice in the amount of \$44,379.25 as shown by warrant #1900314 (#1900313 voided).

Scott County Public School Head Start payroll and invoices in the amount of \$39,090.21 as shown by warrants #2506-2598 (#2535 voided).

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: 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 overnight field trip request received from Weber City Elementary School students to the 4-H Center in Abingdon, Virginia on October 16 & 17, 2003 (Thursday & Friday).

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 overnight field trip requests received from the Gate City FCCLA and Rye Cove FCCLA to attend the national, Stop the Violence Program, peer training, to be held in Lynchburg, Virginia, on October 27 & 28, 2003.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD PLAQUES TO RYE COVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, FORT BLACKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR 100% COMPLIANCE WITH 2002-03 ADEQUATE YEARLY

PROGRESS: Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, reported that, once final results are received, he expects that all schools but one will have made AYP. He added that the school division made AYP in all categories except for the subcategory of students with disabilities, and that everyone is working hard to improve this area. He further reported that many school divisions in the state are working on some indicators and that only 18% of the school divisions met all indicators tested and that Virginia's standards are much higher than other states. He stated that he is very proud to recognize three of the schools that were 100% compliant with all the 2002-03 Adequate Yearly Progress targets. He presented an award plaque for Fort Blackmore Primary School to Mrs. Jennifer Meade, Fort Blackmore Primary School Principal. He presented an award plaque for Rye Cove Intermediate School to Mr. James "Bucky" Meade, Rye Cove Intermediate School Principal. He presented an award plaque for Gate City High School to Mrs. Jennifer Gardner, Gate City High School Guidance Counselor, for Mr. Michael K. Brickey, Gate City High School Principal, who was out of town.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS: Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, stated that he recently contacted the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to discuss board concerns with regard to the association's accreditation process, etc. He reported that he was invited to attend a workshop in Abingdon last week and was informed that changes have been made to the total accreditation process. He also reported that after learning of the changes, he felt the process would not be as laborious and time consuming as in the past and recommended reconsideration of membership. He also stated that it is not yet known what impact, if any, the high school SACS non-membership would have on graduating seniors applications to highly competitive higher education programs.

Superintendent Scott stated that membership in the association could be reviewed each year and should it be determined that there are difficulties in the state or federal accreditation process, continued membership could be discussed at that time.

No board members expressed any disagreement with reconsideration of the high schools' membership in the SACS.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/504 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: 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 Special Education/504 Advisory Committee Members as follows: Pam Bellamy Scott County Health Department

Lowell Campbell

School Board Member

Chad Robinette

Intermediate School 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 Teacher
Allison Kimbler	Elementary Special Education Teacher
Renee? Light	Elementary Teacher
Brenda Robinette	Supervisor of Special Education
Gilbert Smith	Middle School Principal
Sherry Repass	Parent
Kathie Noe	Frontier Health
Tracey Gray	Parent
David Gray	Parent

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH/SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the School Health/Safety Advisory Committee Members as follows: Jimmy Dishner
Central Office Representative

Debbie Keith	School Nurse Coordinator
Katrina Smith Toole	School Psychologist
Jerry Broadwater or Designee	Sheriff?s Office
Gary Blankenbecler or Designee	Department of Social Services
Wayne McClelland or Designee	Juvenile Probation Officer

Marilyn Foster or Designee	Health Department
Dr. Todd Cassel	Medical Doctor/Parent
David Wininger	Elementary School Principal
Michael Brickey	High School Principal
Alma Bowen	Community Member/Retired Teacher
Jane Carter	High School Guidance Counselor
Jenny Gardner	High School Guidance Counselor
Janet Hill	High School Health & P.E. Teacher
Debbie Belcher	High School Parent
Kathy Funkhouser	Elementary School Parent
Rosa Grizzle	Intermediate School Parent
Chase Roberts	High School Student
Brigett Arwood	High School Student
Tracy Casteel	High School Student

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 1 ? DECEMBER 31, 2004 HEAD START BUDGET: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the January 1 ? December 31, 2004 Head Start Budget as submitted in the amount of \$1,120,999.00.

REPORT ON SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND AUDIT: Superintendent Scott reported that the School Activity Funds financial statements of cash receipt, disbursement, and balances for each school during July 1, 2002 ? June 30, 2003 school year have been reviewed by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates and that the results of their tests disclosed that, with a few exceptions, the current audit report is the best report that the schools have had since they have been conducting audits for the schools. He also reported that the audit was discussed with him during a two-hour exit interview with the auditors. He reported that on page 20 in the audit, the auditors General Comments stated that the procurement policy applies to all schools and evidence of use should be documented by bids, quotes, or an indication that the vendor used is a sole source. Also, that the schools are paying teachers and other school personnel for additional time for activities and that according to IRS information, payments should be processed through

the school board's payroll system and should withhold taxes. He stated that this is something that the school division will have to find a way to work through. He reported that since fund balances are down he felt the schools are spending funds on the students as had been previously requested instead of the school building up funds. He stated that if after reviewing the audit report, board members should have any questions or concerns regarding the audit he, or the auditors at the next school board meeting, would be glad to address them.

UPDATE ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Scott reported that currently the enrollment is 31 to 38 students over the budgeted enrollment. He stated that a decrease in enrollment of 15-20 students usually takes place prior to the March 31 membership report. He stated, however, even with this amount of decrease in enrollment, the school division would still be in good shape with regards to the school budget. He reported that no classroom has more than 28 students. He reported on ratios for K-3 and 4-6 and that the K-3 September 30 enrollment report has been completed and does not know of any problems regarding the pupil/teacher ratios in the school division. He also presented updated student enrollment by school, which included the ten-day enrollment of 3,704 and a report on September 26 showing an increase in enrollment to 3,731 students.

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

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 request received from Ms. Lana Sue Carter to rescind her retirement request and the board approved her employment as a teacher for the 2003-04 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Donna Hood as a school bus driver, effective September 5, 2003.

RESIGNATION: 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 accepted the resignation request of Ms. Candace L. Clay from the position of Rye Cove High School Cheerleading Sponsor, effective April 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Karen Fisher, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective September 19, 2003.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Paula Gilliam, school bus driver, effective September 4, 2003.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Sampson reported that he and the American Legion have been approached with a request from local citizens to rename the Legion Field or Legion Stadium in honor of Mr. Harry Fry, former Gate City High School Coach. After discussion of

this request, it was decided that since the American Legion donated the property for the stadium and field, a decision concerning renaming either one should come from the American Legion.

Board members expressed appreciation to Mrs. Susan Greene, Scott County Career and Technical Center Principal, and Ms. Judy Hensley, Food Occupations Instructor, for the hospitality and the delicious meal.

CHANGE IN DATE FOR NOVEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: Mr. Kindle reported that the Educational Forum to be held at the University of Virginia's College at Wise will be on Wednesday, November 5. He stated that a speaker from the Virginia Department of Education is expected to be in attendance and asked the board to consider changing the next meeting date to Thursday, November 6. On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved changing the date of the November 5 regular school board meeting to Thursday, November 6.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2003 in the Scott County School Board Conference Room.

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

