

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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

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; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times News; Alison Taylor and Bob Moorehouse, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents, and Kenneth Flanary, Rye Cove High School.

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. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted.

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. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of August 5, 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 \$687,965.39 and payroll in the amount of \$371,471.12 as shown by warrants #8058981-8059491(#8058633 voided).

School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$129,050.00 as shown by warrant #1900312 (#1900311 voided).

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices in the amount of \$39,159.92 and payroll totaling \$34,609.63 as shown by warrants #1005290-1005369.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices in the amount of \$37,189.79 as shown by warrants #2429-2505 (#2427 & 2428 voided).

REPORT ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Scott reported that as of today the enrollment has increased a few students from the 3,694 sent out last week. He stated that the number of students included in the 2003-04 School Budget is 3,700 and that the school division will probably gain a few more students during the school year. He expressed that he was pleased with the increase in enrollment at both Hilton and Yuma Elementary Schools. He stated that these enrollments are more than these schools have had in the past few years. He reported that in comparison to last year, the student enrollment was approximately 3,710 and that enrollment increased during the school year. He also reported that Weber City Elementary School had more of a decline in enrollment when compared to other schools. He reported that the largest elementary school class is 27 students. He reported that it is hard to make changes once school has already been in session for a week or so.

APPROVAL OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL: 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 Career and Technical Education Advisory Council as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Appointment Expires</u>
Doretha Ross	Trade & Industry	2005-06
Reggie St. Clair	Community College	2005-06
Mark Blanton	Distribute Education	*2002-03
Bill Franklin	Agriculture	*2002-03
Jack Berry	Trade & Industry	2003-04

Helen Smith	Home Economics	2003-04
Susan Greene	Special Needs Representative	2005-06
Steve Carriger	Special Needs Representative	2005-06
Henry ?Bucky? Clabaugh	Trade & Industry	2005-06
VICA Club President	Student Representative	

*The re-appointments of Mr. Mark Blanton and Mr. Bill Franklin will expire 2007-08.

APPROVAL OF NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the Nursing Advisory Committee for 2003-04 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Postion</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jane Carter	Guidance Counselor	Rye Cove High School
Elaine Scott	Guidance Counselor	Twin Springs High School
Jennifer Gardner	Guidance Counselor	Gate City High School
Debbie Keith	Nurse Supervisor	Scott County Public Schools
Alana Hembree	Director of Nursing	Brian Center Nursing Home
Sue Brown	Director of Nursing	Beverly Healthcare
Deborah Smith	Director of Nursing	Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital
Kimberly Vivaldi	Instructor	Scott Co. Career & Tech. Center
Bridgette Casteel	Director of Practical	Mountain Empire Community College

Nursing

APPROVAL OF CHARACTER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Kindle made a motion to nominate Mr. Sampson as the school board member to serve on the Character Education Development Committee, Mr. McMurray seconded motion, all members

voting aye, the board approved the Character Education Development Committee as recommended by Superintendent Scott as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jim Williams	Director of Federal Programs	Central Office Representative
Greg Ervin	Principal	Nickelsville Elementary School
Judy Calton	Community Member	Duffield
Dennis Fritz	Parent	Gate City
Katie Dougherty School	Secondary School Student	Gate City High
Chinna Roberts	Middle School Student	Gate City Middle School
Jim O'Carroll	Community Member	Gate City
Angela White	Parent/Community Member	Nickelsville

APPROVAL OF REMEDIATION PROGRAM STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Kindle made a motion to nominate Mr. Gilliam to continue serving as the school board member on the Remediation Program Standards Committee, motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Remediation Program Standards Committee as recommended by Superintendent Scott as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jimmy Dishner	Secondary Supervisor/Central Office Representative
Cathy Turner	Remediation Coordinator
Jim Williams	Director of Federal Programs
Patty Collier	Virginia Cooperative Extension
Joy Davidson	Teacher
Rhonda Dorton	Teacher
Donna France	Parent

Cathy Webb

Parent

APPROVAL OF PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the Parent Advisory Committee as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Jim Williams	Director of Federal Programs/Central Office
Sharon Rhoton	Duffield Primary School
Linda Brickey	Dungannon Intermediate School
Melissa Gillenwater	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Kim Jenkins	Gate City High School
Jason Honaker	Gate City Middle School
Sherry Hobbs	Hilton Elementary School
Sherry Strouth	Nickelsville Elementary School
Sherry Rhoton	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Kathy Pierson	Shoemaker Elementary School
Tammy Farmer	Twin Springs High School
Charnita Castle	Weber City Elementary School
Bill Vermillion	Yuma Elementary School

APPROVAL OF SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Salary, Fringe Benefits, and School Calendar Committee as follows and including the personnel to be selected at a later date to represent the principal and support staff positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Representing</u>
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Sue Arnold	Duffield Primary School
Vickie Grimes	Dungannon Intermediate School
Tracy Stallard	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Carolyn Hamilton	Gate City High School
Scot Fleming	Gate City Middle School
Renee Light	Hilton Elementary School
Lisa Dougherty	Nickelsville Elementary School
Joy Davidson	Rye Cove High School
Chad Robinette	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Rhonda Kilgore	Scott County Career & Technical Center
Andrea Gardner	Shoemaker Elementary School
Joey Shipley	Twin Springs High School
Marie Barker	Weber City Elementary School
Amy Sallee	Yuma Elementary School
(to be selected)	Principal Representative
Darryl Johnson	Central Office Representative
(to be selected)	Support Staff Representative
Margaret Falin	SCEA Representative

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Kindle made a motion to nominate Mrs. Blair to continue serving as the school board member on the Communications/School Improvement Committee, motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, and on the recommendation of Superintendent Scott, the board approved the Communications/School Improvement Committee as follows and including the personnel to be selected at a later date to represent the principal and support staff positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Representing</u>
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George "Dusty" Newman	Duffield Primary School
Jason McCarty	Dungannon Intermediate School
Heather Houseright	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Margaret Coleman	Gate City High School
Cindy Dorton	Gate City Middle School
Michelle Bush	Hilton Elementary School
Johnny Trent	Nickelsville Elementary School/SCEA
Deborah Hammond (1 st Semester)	Rye Cove High School
Susan Addington (2 nd Semester)	
Marcella Calhoun	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Judy Hensley	Scott County Career & Technical Center
Amber Mullins	Shoemaker Elementary School
Kevin Porter	Twin Springs High School
Teddie McMurray	Weber City Elementary School
Tina Lucas	Yuma Elementary School
(to be selected)	Principal Representative
Jim Scott	Central Office Representative
(to be selected)	Support Staff Representative

APPROVAL OF SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Kindle made a motion to nominate Mr. Campbell to continue serving on the Self-funded Health Insurance Committee, motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, and on the recommendation of Superintendent Scott the board approved the Self-funded Health Insurance Committee as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
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Jim Scott	Superintendent
Judy Calton	Head Start Representative
Susan Green	Principal/Supervisor
Nyoka Tate	SCEA Representative
Deborah J. Adams	Elementary Teacher
Cindy Crane	Elementary Teacher
Rhonda Kilgore	Secondary Teacher
Norma Casteel	Support Staff
Rebecca Statzer	Support Staff

APPROVAL OF HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL MEMBER: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved Ms. Sheila Petrunak as a Head Start Policy Member.

CLOSED MEETING: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board entered into closed meeting at 6:16 p.m. pursuant the Virginia Code Section 2.23711A (1), as amended, to discuss all personnel and the Superintendent Employment Agreement of Mr. James B. Scott and, this board hereby agrees by signature to the following *Waiver of Notice*:

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-60, we, being all members of the Scott County School Board,

hereby waive (30) days advance notice of a vote on September 2, 2003, on the Employment Agreement

of the Scott County Schools Superintendent.

Signed this 2nd day of September, 2003.

Gloria A. ?Beth Blair, Chairman (Signature)

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice-Chairman (Signature)

Glenn M. McMurray, Member (Signature)

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Member (Signature)

David T. Kindle, Member (Signature)

W. Mack Gilliam, Member (Signature)

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 6:52 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Kindle, the board returned to regular session 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 2.2-3711A 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, W. Mack Gilliam, David T. Kindle,

Glenn McMurray, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

RENEWAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT: On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board unanimously approved a renewal of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement of Mr. James B. Scott to be effective September 2, 2003 and ending on June 30, 2007.

EMPLOYMENT: 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. Billy G. McClellan and Mr. Theron McCullogh as school bus drivers 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. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Jeffrey P. Thacker as a substitute school bus driver.

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 retirement request of Mr. Clarence Cassell, Maintenance Employee, effective December 4, 2003.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board accepted the retirement request of Mrs. Evelyn Sampson, Hilton Elementary School Cafeteria Employee, effective July 1, 2003.

RESIGNATION: 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 accepted the resignation request of Ms. Lisa Russell as a school bus driver for the Rye Cove High School Vocational Run, effective August 11, 2003.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Sharon Keller, Teaching Assistant, effective September 2, 2003.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Kindle stated that the band class at Rye Cove High School was moved from the school building to the former agriculture building and that there is equipment being stored there that is felt to be hazardous to the safety of the students. He reported that a band parent is in attendance at the meeting and felt the board should hear his concerns.

Mr. Kenneth Flanary, Rye Cove High School band parent, expressed concern regarding the safety of the band students in a building where hazardous equipment is stored.

Superintendent Scott reported that the matter was brought to his attention this morning and he explained what is currently being worked out with the principal at the school and with the maintenance supervisor concerning the equipment. He also reported that an architect was consulted some time ago concerning installing a drop ceiling. He stated that he was informed that this would not be an easy project and would be costly. He reported that the school division

spent in excess of \$200,000 this past summer on a concession stand, ticket booth, paving, etc. at Rye Cove High School. He also reported that funding received from the state for lottery is limited and that the school construction funds have decreased to half the funding received in prior years.

Superintendent Scott stated that although the materials are already at the school to build an outdoor building, there are more urgent needs throughout the school division and the maintenance department cannot begin any new projects at this time. He stated that they could take a look at the project as soon as they have time.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. McMurray made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 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, October 7, 2003 in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium.

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

