

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium with the following members present:

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman	David T. Kindle
Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman	Glenn M. McMurray
Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair	Joe D. Meade

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction; Darryl Johnson, Director of Personnel; Jimmy Dishner, Secondary Supervisor; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Q. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Willis Grimm, Yuma Community Member; and Jenny Peters and Susan Peters, Scott County Education Association Representatives.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sampson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mrs. Blair made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye.

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION: Superintendent Scott presented certificates to school board members from the Virginia School Boards Association in recognition of School

Board Appreciation Month ? February 2004. He thanked school board members for their service on behalf of the children in Scott County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Chairman Sampson expressed thanks to all personnel for the good job that they do which makes a school board member's job much easier.

Mrs. Blair expressed thanks to Mrs. Loretta Q. Page, Clerk, and Mrs. K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk, in recognition of School Board Clerk Appreciation during February. Other board members expressed thanks to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk as well. Mrs. Page and Mrs. Linkous expressed thanks to the school board members for their recognition of School Board Clerk Appreciation.

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. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of Tuesday, January 6, 2004 Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices in the amount of \$454,446.71 and payroll in the amount of \$385,051.37 as shown by warrants #8061672-8062209 (#8057761 & 8061138 stop payment and #8061784 voided).

School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$10,778.56 as shown by warrants #1900323 and 1900324.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices in the amount of \$54,358.05 and payroll totaling \$33,825.69 as shown by warrants #1005878-1005973.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$41,186.15 and payroll totaling \$4,101.00 as shown by warrants #2885-2993 (voided checks #2960-2964).

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, presented information to the board on an overnight field trip that the Gate City Middle School band students took to Pulaski, Virginia, on January 30 & 31, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Weber City Elementary School students to Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 28, 29 & 30, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Yuma Elementary School 6th grade class to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 21-23, 2004.

APPROVAL OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION REQUEST: Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, presented a religious exemption request that he stated has been reviewed, the curriculum information submitted, and that a check with the Virginia Department of Social Services revealed no known reasons to deny the request. On the recommendation of Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the religious exemption request of Case #2004-01.

REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SCOTT COUNTY 2003 GRADUATES: Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, presented the Scholarships Awarded to Scott County 2003 Graduates Report as follows: Twin Springs Graduates - \$219,000.00; Rye Cove Graduates - \$231,572.00; and Gate City Graduates - \$489,200.00. He reported that a total of \$939,772 was awarded to the 2003 graduates and that in some cases the numbers reflected the scholarships awarded rather than utilized.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2004 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE: Superintendent Scott reported that in prior years, the November school board meeting has been held on the Wednesday following Election Day, which would be November 3, 2004. He further reported that the date approved at the January meeting was Tuesday, November 2, which will be on Election Day; however, he recommended that the date of the November meeting be changed to Wednesday, November 3. On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all

members voting aye, the board approved the November board meeting date as Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

REPORT ON STATE FUNDING: Superintendent Scott presented information on the budget schedule. He explained that due to this being the long session of the General Assembly and the timeframe that final revenue figures would be received, it may be difficult to meet the timelines as in the prior year. He presented a report on state revenue funding figures for the 2003-04 school year based on the budgeted average daily membership (ADM) of 3,700 students; revenue figures based on the Governor's December 2003 Amendments; and the revenue figures based on the current ADM of 3,731 students. He stated that considering the current ADM and revenue allocations, the school system should receive additional revenue of approximately \$181,000.

Superintendent Scott presented information on the Governor's two Proposed Budgets for the 2004-06 Biennium. He reported that one proposal provides 1.2 million more in state funding and other proposal provides 1.3 million more with the second proposal. He explained, however, that other things surrounding these proposals must be considered. He further explained that much of the state revenue that is received has to be spent for specific expenditures and programs. He also reminded board members of the proposed Virginia Retirement System increase of between 11-13%. He reported that the proposed Governor's budgets provide additional state funding but less federal funding. He reported that with the proposed figures, federal funds are used to count toward Standards of Quality funding. He stated that it would be around February 22 before the House and Senate's proposed budgets would be available. He reported that according to verbal information he has received, the Senate's proposed budget would be best for the school divisions. He reported that the General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn by March 13; however, he stated that it has been mentioned that the General Assembly could possibly have to reconvene to complete the budget process.

Superintendent Scott reported that he would keep school board members updated and forward budget information as he receives it. He provided an opportunity for school board members to ask questions concerning school budget matters. He stated that the Composite Index has gone down and that this should help. He stated that he hopes to get a response from the County that would allow contracts for the 2004-05 school year to be sent out early and as has been in prior years. He explained the need to hire personnel needed as early as possible in order for those potential employees not to be hired elsewhere.

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

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Amy Christian, Scott County Head Start Employee, effective January 22, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Bair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Michelle Hall, school bus driver, effective January 26, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Mr. Travis Chapman, teacher, effective January 30, 2004.

DISCUSSION AND BOARD ACTION CONCERNING TEACHERS NEEDING TO COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE PRIOR TO ISSUING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2004-05 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, informed board members that Mr. Kevin Porter and Mrs. Candace Clay were notified on various occasions of their expiring Provisional Licensure and of the necessary requirements that they needed to complete in order to obtain the licensure. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board voted not to issue a contract for the 2004-05 school year to Mr. Kevin Porter until he had completed the requirements for a Special Education Licensure and Mrs. Candace Clay until she had met the requirements for Secondary English Licensure.

The board was notified that at the time Ms. Patsy Lewis and Mrs. Linda Laney were employed, no teaching positions were available except in the Special Education Department and that these teachers were employed with the understanding that as a condition of their employment, they must complete the necessary requirements to obtain a Special Education Licensure. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board voted not to issue Ms. Patsy Lewis and Mrs. Linda Laney a contract for the 2004-05 school year until they have completed the requirements for a Special Education Licensure.

The board was notified that Ms. Marcella Calhoun, Ms. Kelly Helms, and Mr. Travis Flanary, have not applied for a Virginia Teaching Certificate. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved notifications to be sent to Ms. Marcella Calhoun, Ms. Kelly Helms, and Mr. Travis Flanary, that they will not be issued a contract for the 2004-05 school year until they have received a Virginia Teaching Certificate.

Superintendent Scott reported that Scott County Public Schools has a very good percentage of certified teachers in comparison to other schools divisions. He reported that other school divisions have many more teachers that are not certified.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Blair expressed appreciation for the maintenance work that has been completed at Rye Cove High School. Board members expressed thanks for the hospitality shown and the meal served in recognition of School Board Appreciation.

MARCH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED: Mr. Kindle reported that he would be out of town on March 1 and 2 and requested that the board consider changing the March school board meeting to Wednesday, March 3. On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the March 2004 school board meeting date to be changed from Tuesday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 3.

ADJOURNED MEETING: There being no further business to address, the board adjourned to the public hearing on the 2004-05 Proposed School Budget at 6:30 p.m. held in the Scott County Career and Technical Center Auditorium.

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

