

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2004**

The Scott County School Board met in an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, in the School Board Office Conference Room with the following members present:

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

David T. Kindle

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

Joe D. Meade

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair

Glenn M. McMurray

**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; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Q. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Michael K. Brickey, Gate City High School Principal; Dominick Colobro, Gate City High School Head Football Coach; Tyler Kilgore and Isaiah Spivey, Gate City High School Football Team Members; Cathy Turner, Remedial Program; Bob Moorehouse and Alison Taylor, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Superintendent Scott, serving as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** No request was received to revise the agenda, therefore Mrs. Blair made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, Mr. Kindle seconded the motion, all members voting aye.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Superintendent Scott opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair. There being no other nominations for chairman, Mr. Kindle made a motion that nominations cease, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye. Mr. Sampson was elected by unanimous vote to serve as Chairman for the 2004 year. Mr. Sampson expressed thanks and took the chair to preside as chairman.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** Chairman Sampson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. McMurray nominated Mr. Lowell S. Campbell, motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. There being no other nominations for vice chairman, Mr. Kindle made a motion that nominations cease, motion was seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye. Mr. Campbell was elected by unanimous vote to serve as Vice Chairman for the 2004 year.

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the appointment of Mrs. Loretta Q. Page to serve as Clerk for the 2004 year.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the appointment of Mrs. Karen (K.C.) Q. Linkous to serve as Deputy Clerk for the 2004 year.

**APPROVAL OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 2003 DIVISION II, REGION D, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION RESOLUTION:** On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City High School Football Team 2003 Division II, Region D, Group A State Champion resolution submitted as follows:

***GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM***

***2003 DIVISION II, 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 Football Team of 2003 has achieved an outstanding football season by winning 14 games and losing 0 overall,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Football Team achieved Lonesome Pine District Champion with a record of 10 wins and 0 loses,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Football Team was Region D, Group A Champion,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Football Team won the State Championship,

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Football Team of 2003 for achieving the Lonesome Pine District Championship, Region D Championship, and the Group A, Division II State Championship,

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Football 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 Football 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 Football Team.

*Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman (Signature)*

*Joe D. Meade, Board Member (Signature)*

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

*Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member*

*David T. Kindle, Board Member (Signature)*  
*(Signature)*

*E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Board Member*

*Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)*  
*(Signature)*

*James B. Scott, Division Superintendent*

**PRESENTATION OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 2003 DIVISION II, REGION D, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION RESOLUTION:** On behalf of the school board and administrative staff, Mr. Lowell Campbell, school board member, presented copies of the Gate City High School Football Team 2003 Division II, Region D, Group A State Champion Resolution to Dominick Colobro, Head Coach, and Tyler Kilgore and Isaiah Spivey, Football Team Members. Mr. Campbell commended the team members for the well-played games and sportsmanship presented.

Other board members expressed pride for the team's success, thanks to the administrators, coaches and staff; an offer to provide assistance; and that the team members should take advantage of opportunities to further their education.

Superintendent Scott commended the football team for their success and gave credit to Coach Colobro for being a part of the football program's success.

Coach Colobro expressed pride in being a part of the football program and for having the opportunity to work for the school system during the past 21 years. He expressed that the school division has good structure, with a great staff and teachers, from preschool through high school. He stated that he has been very blessed to have the opportunity to work with these students and the many others through the years. He expressed thanks for the leeway provided to the school for their athletic program.

The football team members expressed appreciation to everyone for their support.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of December 9, 2003 Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices in the amount of \$589,771.73 and payroll in the amount of \$341,960.32 as shown by warrants #8061131-8061671 (#8061085, 8061213, 8061214 voided & #8061666, 8061667, 8061668 sent to print check order).

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices in the amount of \$71,376.26 and payroll totaling \$33,278.12 as shown by warrants #1005778-1005805 (#1005832 voided).

School Improvement/Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$12,335.56 as shown by warrants #1900321 & 1900322.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$54,030.40 and payroll totaling \$1,451.15 as shown by warrants #2801-2884.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES:** Board members discussed the list of proposed meeting dates and decided that since the regular monthly meeting for April would be during the Spring Break, the meeting should be scheduled on a different date. Superintendent Scott explained the need to schedule the meeting prior to April 7, Board of Supervisors meeting date, in order for the School Board to submit the Proposed 2004-05 School Budget to the Board of Supervisors in a timely manner. On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved Tuesday, March 30, as the date of the regular monthly meeting for April.

On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the school board meeting dates as presented and to be held at the same locations as last year. The meetings are as follows:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
February 3, 2004 (Tues.)	Career & Technical Center Auditorium	
p.m.	(Regular Meeting)	6:00
p.m.	(Public Hearing: 2004-05 School Budget)	6:30

p.m.	March 2, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
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(Regular Meeting & Budget Work Session To Follow)

	March 30, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	
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	(Final Budget Work Session & Approval of Proposed 2004-05 School Budget)	6:00
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p.m.	May 4, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
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p.m.	June 1, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
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p.m.	June 28, 2004 (Mon.)	School Board Office	6:00
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(2003-04 School Budget Close-Out Meeting)

p.m.	July 6, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
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p.m.	August 3, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
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p.m.	September 7, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
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p.m.	October 5, 2004 (Tues.)	Career & Technical Center	6:00
p.m.	November 2, 2004 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00
p.m.	December 7, 2004 (Tues.)	Career & Technical Center	6:00
p.m.	January 4, 2005 (Tues.)	School Board Office	6:00

Superintendent Scott informed board members that the Central Office Staff would like to recognize School Board Appreciation Month (February) by inviting the school board members to attend a dinner to be held at 5:00 p.m. prior to the school board meeting on February 3.

Superintendent Scott reported that this is the long session of the General Assembly and that it would be around March 20 before final revenue figures are received for the 2004-05 School Budget.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Duffield Primary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Society to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 30-May 2, 2004.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF PRE-LABOR DAY OPENING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2004-05 SCHOOL YEAR:** Superintendent Scott informed board members that the school division has not yet received the Department of Education (DOE) memo regarding the request for Waiver of Pre-Labor Day Opening Requirements for the 2004-05 school year. He reported that the waiver form is usually required by the DOE prior to January 31 and that by approving the waiver at tonight's meeting, it will not be necessary to have a meeting later this month to

approve the request. He explained that Scott County meets the DOE criteria set forth for the waiver because of the number of days missed in the past ten years due to inclement weather. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Waiver of Pre-Labor Day Opening Requirements for the 2004-05 school year.

**REPORT ON SCHOOL BUDGET:** Superintendent Scott reported that Governor Mark Warner presented the proposed governor's budget on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. He further reported that it seemed the proposed budget figures would be good for the school divisions. He stated that a timeframe of February 19 & 20 has been set aside for the Legislative Conference, in which superintendents, school board members, etc. can meet with members of the House of Delegates and the Senate. He encouraged all board members to attend the conference and stated that it is probably the most important conference during the year that provides an opportunity to discuss funding and budget matters with the legislators. Also, he stated that he felt it would be good to invite Mr. John Strutner, County Administrator, and the County Board of Supervisors to attend the Leadership Conference as has been in prior years. Board members did not express any disagreement with Superintendent Scott presenting an invitation to the County Administrator and County Board of Supervisors to attend the conference.

**RESIGNATION:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Judith H. Jackson, Scott County Head Start Teacher, effective December 2, 2003.

**EMPLOYMENT:** 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 Ms. Susan Evans as a guidance counselor pending release of contract from Lee County Public Schools.

Superintendent Scott recommended going ahead with advertisement for the upcoming two or three positions for math instructors that would need to be filled. No members expressed any disagreement with advertising for these positions.

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Board members welcomed Mr. Joe Meade, newly elected District 3 School Board Member. Mr. Meade expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with the other school board members.

Chairman Sampson expressed appreciation to everyone for attendance at the meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Blair made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting of the school board is to be held at the Scott County Career and Technical Center Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2004.

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E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

