

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004**

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in the Scott County School Board Office Conference Room 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 E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Brenda P. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Q. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association Representative; Mr. Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times-News; Charles Spears, Weber City Elementary School Parent; and Traci Kerns, Danny Kerns, Carlene Cross, Christie Hamm, Dwight Dingus, Ruth Osborne, Regina Dunlap, Duffield Community Delegation.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There being no changes to the agenda, Mrs. Blair made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, motion was seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A delegation of citizens from the Duffield community appeared before the board in support of leaving the current physical education teacher at Duffield Primary School for the 2004-05 school year.

Chairman Sampson expressed thanks to the Duffield community delegation and stated that no action would be taken at tonight's meeting concerning the physical education teacher at Duffield Primary School. He informed the delegation that consideration is given to what is best for everyone involved and that the school board has to do what is best for the school board, community, and school system.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 30, 2004, 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 \$858,284.19 and payroll in the amount of \$393,652.38 as shown by warrants #8063200-8063723 (#8063280, 8063281 & 8063328 voided).

School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$60,965.99 as shown by warrants #1900327-1900330.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices in the amount of \$73,167.24 and payroll totaling \$45,172.40 as shown by warrants #1006181-1006273 (#1006181 voided).

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$52,453.81 and payroll totaling \$5,479.14 as shown by warrants #3224-3332.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:** 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 overnight field trip request received from the Gate City High School band students to Washington, D.C. on May 6-9, 2004. On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from the Twin Springs High School band students to Chattanooga & Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, on June 3-4, 2004.

**REPORT FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Sandra Craft, Special Education Advisory Committee Representative, expressed thanks to Superintendent Scott for the computers and printers that the special education program received for the 2003-04 school year. She expressed appreciation for the much-needed employment of Ms. Karen Odle in January 2004 to provide counseling, behavior assessments, and intervention plans for students with behavior and/or emotional disorders. Mrs. Craft reported that the committee requests the employment of a transition coordinator to be a liaison to work with various agencies; to assist students in learning various skills, such as job shadowing, life skills, etc.; and to assist with student placement in vocational trades and employment. She also reported that the current speech therapists are meeting the needs of the school system and head start students; however, the committee requests an additional licensed speech therapist or assistant that would assist the current speech therapists in providing these services. Mrs. Craft expressed appreciation to the school board and Superintendent Scott for everything that has been provided for the special education program and consideration of their requests.

Chairman Sampson expressed thanks to Mrs. Craft for her presentation on behalf of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Special Education Supervisor, informed board members that Mrs. Eileen Deckard, Special Education Advisory Committee member also scheduled to speak on behalf of the committee, was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

**APPROVAL OF 2004-05 EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION (GRANT A-July 1, 2004-Sept. 30, 2005):** Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Special Education Supervisor, informed board members that there are two classes, with nine students in each class and a total of 18 students in the preschool program. She reported that this would leave two slots available before additional personnel would need to be added.

Superintendent Scott informed board members that the figures being presented for approval are proposed revenue figures and that the federal government has not yet finalized figures for allocations. He reported that budget revisions could be necessary for the actual funding allocation received.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the 2004-05 Early Childhood Special Education Grant Application (Grant A) as presented in the amount of \$32,665 and to include any revisions necessary according to the actual revenue allocation received.

**APPROVAL OF 2004-05 EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION (GRANT B-July 1, 2004-Sept. 30, 2006):** Mrs. Robinette informed board members that the \$32,700 preschool allocation is a one-time grant that will not be available again in the future since it is being allocated to adjust for future preschool grants, which will be allocated on a two-year basis.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the 2004-05 Early Childhood Special Education Grant Application (Grant B) in the amount of \$32,700 and to include any revisions necessary according to the actual revenue allocation received.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FEDERAL PROGRAM PROPOSED GRANT BUDGET PART B, SECTION 611 FLOW THROUGH FUNDS (JULY 1, 2004-SEPTEMBER 30, 2006):** Mrs. Robinette presented proposed budget amounts and reported on the expenditure account allocations for personal services, employee benefits, purchased services, and materials/supplies for the Part B, Flow Through Funds. She informed board members that a certain amount of funds must be set aside to be available for home schooled students eligible for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and/or speech services. She reported that the set-aside amount is based on the number of eligible home-schooled students. She further reported that currently two students are eligible and at this time have chosen not to request these services. Mrs. Robinette stated that, if the set-aside funds are not used by the end of year, a budget amendment could be requested to transfer these funds to another expenditure account.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education Federal Program Proposed Grant Budget Part B, Section 611, Flow Through Funds (July 1, 2004-September 30, 2006) in the amount of \$617,971 and to include any revisions necessary according to the actual revenue allocation received.

**APPROVAL OF QUITCLAIM TO THE EASEMENT AND WATER RIGHTS OF DUNGANNON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TO THE SPRING ON J.M.**

**RHOTON/JOHN COX LAND:** Superintendent Scott reported that a number of years ago, the Town of Dungannon and Dungannon School received water from a waterline installed across the river to a spring located on the J.M. Rhoton/John Cox land. He reported that a few years ago the state disallowed the water and the waterline was removed. He reported that the Town of Dungannon has their own water source that includes delivery to Dungannon Intermediate School. Therefore, he explained that the easement and water rights were no longer needed. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, the board approved a quitclaim to the easement and water rights of Dungannon Intermediate School to the spring on the J.M. Rhoton/John Cox land.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, David Kindle, Glenn McMurray, and E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

Abstain: Joe Meade

**APPROVAL OF APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES AT DUNGANNON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:**

Superintendent Scott reported that Appalachia Service Project (ASP) requested the use of facilities at Dungannon Intermediate School for the period of June 5 to August 10. He informed board members that he checked with the principal at the school and the principal does not have a problem with ASP using the facility. Superintendent Scott further reported that most of the school could be closed off and the ASP could have access to only the portion needed per their request. He stated that the ASP has used this facility in the past and it worked out well. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, the board approved the Appalachia Service Project request for use of facilities at Dungannon Intermediate School.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Glenn McMurray, Joe Meade and E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

Nay: David Kindle

**SCHOOL BUDGET UPDATE:** Superintendent Scott reported that approval of the state budget could take place soon since a joint session of the senators and delegates will be meeting this Thursday in an attempt to iron out issues. He stated that based on information received, K-12 education might get more than the ? of ? cent tax increase that is being projected. He explained to board members that another issue to be decided by the state is the funding formula. He further explained that one formula being discussed is to allocate the funding by composite

index, which Superintendent Scott reported would be best for Scott County. He further explained that another formula being discussed is allocating the revenue based on ? composite index and ? by the number of students. He reported that he did not think that sale funding proposal was going to be approved. He reported that the revenue allocations for the 2004-05 school budget could be as much as 1.5 million in additional funding or at least \$500-550,000. Superintendent Scott stated that it is a big difference pending which formula is approved. He stated that either way the school board is on safe ground with the approved 2004-05 School Budget. Superintendent Scott provided an opportunity for board members to ask questions concerning budget matters.

**CLOSED MEETING:** On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board entered into closed meeting to discuss personnel as provided in Section 2.1-3711A (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

**RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING:** All members returned from closed meeting at 6:59 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, 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 2.2-3712 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, David Kindle, Glenn McMurray, Joe Meade, E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

**APPROVAL OF ESCROW ACCOUNT ? EMPLOYEE 2003-04/01:** On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, this board hereby approves an escrow account to be set up at a local bank for employee number 2003-04/01.

**RETIREMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the retirement requests effective at the end of the 2003-04 school year for Ms. Fern Dockery, Shoemaker Elementary School Teaching Assistant; Ms. Jean L. Perry, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher; and Mrs. Nancy K. Ward, Gate City Middle School Teacher.

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 approved the Early Retirement Incentive Program retirement request (ERIP 2004-05 school year) of personnel as follows:

Betty C. Addington, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, effective July 1, 2004

Carol B. Alley, Yuma Elementary School Teacher, effective end of 2003-04 year

Helen Bowen, Rye Cove High School Teacher, effective end of 2003-04 year

Steve P. Carriger, Career & Technical Center Teacher, effective July 1, 2004

Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, effective September 2004

Dacey M. Ford, Rye Cove Intermediate School Teacher, effective end of 2003-04 year

Suzanne Goins, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher, effective end of 2003-04 year

Marshall Smith, SCCTC Manufacturing Technology Teacher, effective July 1, 2004

Nyoka Tate, Weber City Elementary School Teacher, effective end of 2003-04 year

Donna Williams, Hilton Elementary School Teacher, effective end of 2003-04 year

David Wininger, Hilton Elementary School Principal, effective end of 2003-04 year

**LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE:** 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 approved the leave-of-absence request of Ms. Rejeanna Quillen, Scott County Career & Technical Center Nursing Instructor, effective April 5, 2004 for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

**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. Kim Vilvaldi, Scott County Career & Technical Center Nursing Instructor, effective April 30, 2004.

**EMPLOYMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, the board approved the employment of new teachers for the 2004-05 school year as follows: Garry L. Bogan, Lori Elizabeth Collins, Ashley S. Culbertson, Lori L. Dingus, Travis W. Powell, Mary Beth Vaughn, and Melissa A. Williams.

#### **VOTE**

Ayes: Lowell Campbell, David Kindle, Glenn McMurray, Joe Meade, and E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

Abstain: Beth Blair

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Mr. Campbell asked about the request received asking that the Legion Field or Legion Stadium be renamed in honor of Mr. Harry Fry, former Gate City High School coach.

Superintendent Scott reported that according to information he has received, there is not a consensus among the American Legion concerning the name change at Legion Field/Legion Stadium. He stated that he has been informed that a lot of volunteer work went into the project from various citizens, including the National Guard. He recommended that the school board not make a hasty decision that might have to be re-considered. He also asked that the board study the situation and obtain input from citizens. He informed board members that, if they wished to do so, a letter could be written to the American Legion notifying them of the board's view at this time. School board members voiced the opinion that guidelines need to be established, especially since the school board has been approached with these requests in the past and will be in the future. Also, that pending a decision with this request, they anticipate receiving two more requests of this type right away. Board members and Superintendent Scott discussed the fact



that several people should be recognized for their contribution to the project. It was suggested by one board member that a plaque could be installed that recognizes various people. Superintendent Scott reported that it has been policy in prior years not to rename any buildings or facilities in honor or recognition of an individual. It was decided that due to a concern about controversy in naming/renaming buildings, a guideline be established. School board members asked Superintendent Scott to establish these guidelines.

Mr. Kindle stated that he would like to congratulate the Career & Technical VICA students that traveled to state competitions. He reported that these students represented Scott County well and that seven students placed in the competitions and one student won the state competition and will be attending the national competition in Kansas City. Board members decided they would like for these VICA students to attend the next school board meeting to be recognized.

Mr. Meade reported that he had attended the graduation ceremony of the Nursing Program student and was pleased to report that the eight students would be placed after graduation. He felt that this class needed more people involved and that this is an area that needed some assistance. Mr. Meade also reported that he attended the Boy Scouts of America Troup 166 Count Of Honor Event and asked board members to attend these meetings at their leisure. He reported that the students were very disciplined and showed much character.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to address, Mr. Kindle made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. Chairman Sampson stated that the next regular meeting is to be held at 6: 00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 in the School Board Office Conference Room.

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E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

