

## **SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2004**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium with the following members present:

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair

David T. Kindle

Glenn M. McMurray

Joe D. Meade

**ABSENT:** Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

**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; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Frank Taylor, Nickelsville Community; Deborah Taylor, School Bus Driver, Lonnie and Alison Lucas, Dungannon Community; and Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted.

**PRESENTATION OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

**ACADEMY AWARDS:** Mr. James Scott, Division Superintendent, stated that school board members attend various Virginia School Boards Association Academy workshops throughout the year and that awards are as follows: Certificate of Recognition ? Gloria A. ?Beth? Blair

Lowell S. Campbell

David Tipton Kindle

Joe Darrell Meade

Award of Excellence & Silver Pin ? Glenn M. McMurray

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mrs. Deborah Taylor, school bus driver, appeared before the board stating that she felt her contracted salary was incorrect based on her years of experience and in comparison to another school bus driver?s experience and contracted salary. She reported that she previously discussed the matter with Mrs. K.C. Linkous, Payroll Clerk; Mr. Danny Meade, Transportation Supervisor; and Mr. James Scott, Division Superintendent.

Chairman Sampson informed Mrs. Taylor that the matter would be referred to Superintendent Scott to follow policy, procedure, and to do what is correct in the situation. It was agreed that Chairman Sampson, Superintendent Scott, and Mrs. Taylor would meet next week regarding the matter.

Chairman Sampson provided an opportunity for other members of the audience to speak; however, no others came forth to speak during this period.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$670,419.19 as shown by warrants #8065549-8066086 (#8065514, 8065730, 8065731, & 8065732 voided).

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$116,061.48 as shown by warrants #1006606-1006711 (#1006600-1006005 voided).

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$50,833.92 and payroll totaling \$865.54 as shown by warrants #3652-3746.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/504 ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** 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 Special Education/504 Advisory Committee for the 2004-05 school year as follows:

David Gray, Parent (Chairman)

Pam Bellamy, Scott County Health Department

Phyllis Compton, Parent

Randy Compton, Parent

Sandra Craft, Parent./Teacher

Eileen Deckard, Parent

Joseph Deckard, Parent

Sherry Repass, Parent

Kristen Tipton, Parent

Brenda Robinette, Director of Special Education

Lowell S. Campbell, School Board Member

Chad Robinette, Special Education Teacher

Judy Flanary, Special Education Teacher

Allison Kimbler, Teacher

Renee? Light, Teacher

Gilbert Smith, Assistant Principal

Brenda Spears, Parent

Anthony Robbins, Parent

**APPROVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HEAD START FY 2005 REFUNDING APPLICATION AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Scott County Public School Head Start FY 2005 Refunding Application and Training and Technical Assistance total amount of \$1,156,312.00 as submitted.

**UPDATE ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT:** Superintendent Scott presented the following student enrollment figures:

Ten-Day Enrollment ? 3,628

September 15, 2004 ? 3,638

September 27, 2004 ? 3,646

October 5, 2004 ? 3,658

Superintendent Scott stated that the increase in student enrollment is very positive. He reported that the increase in enrollment will make for a higher average daily membership that will be calculated as of March 31, 2005 and for which funding for the 2004-05 school year will be received.

**WEBER CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005-06 AND 2006-07:** Superintendent Scott discussed current and projected K-6 projected enrollment figures for the next three school years for Weber City Elementary School. He reported on the number of projected teachers that will be needed for each grade per year and informed board members of the need for extra classroom space. He presented a draft drawing that adds two classrooms to the existing school building at a projected cost of approximately \$150,000 to \$160,000. He

informed board members that the maintenance department could complete part of the project and the remaining work could be sub-contracted.

Superintendent Scott stated that projected student enrollment figures, projected teacher numbers, and projected classroom needs are being presented for board members to review the situation and decide what they wish to be done. He pointed out that with state construction funds available for this project, it would not be necessary for the county to borrow funds for this project. After discussion, board members expressed that Superintendent Scott needed to proceed with the project.

**APPROVAL OF WEBER CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM ADDITION PROJECT:** On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board authorized Superintendent Scott to proceed with the Weber City Elementary School Classroom Addition Project as presented.

**UPDATE ON RYE COVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL KITCHEN PROJECT:** Superintendent Scott reported that the Rye Cove Intermediate School Kitchen Project would not be too costly and that the largest expense would be the kitchen equipment. He reported that with the construction funds available this year and based on the projected cost for both the Weber City Elementary School Classroom Addition Project and Rye Cove Intermediate School Kitchen Project, the amount of funding available would be close to being what is needed for both projects. He also reported that additional construction funds would be available beginning July 2005. He stated that the maintenance department could do a portion of the project and that a bid request could be sent out for sub-contracting the remaining work and for the equipment needed. After discussion, board members agreed that this is a much needed project that needs to be completed as soon as possible.

**APPROVAL OF RYE COVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL KITCHEN PROJECT:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board authorized Superintendent Scott to proceed with the Rye Cove Intermediate School Kitchen Project as presented.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING SURPLUS SALE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6:** Superintendent Scott reported that he would have a list of surplus sale items to present to school board members at the next meeting (November 3). He reported that old surplus equipment is stored in three shop areas at the Career & Technical Center and that two of these

shops cannot be used at this time. He reported that plans are being made to add classes for the 2005-06 school year and without adding extra personnel.

He reported that Grayson County Schools is interested in some of the equipment and that school board is authorized to donate the requested surplus items to them. He stated; however, that an interest in some of these items has been expressed from citizens within the county. He suggested that Grayson County Schools and local citizens could both have the opportunity to bid on the surplus items, if the board chose not to donate the items to Grayson County. He informed board members that this is their decision.

He also reported that some of the equipment is so heavy and weighs so many tons that he does not know if the school division will be able to move some of the equipment out of the building to be sold. He reported that a local citizen that works at a machine shop in Kingsport has offered to assist with moving the equipment if necessary at a reasonable cost.

Superintendent Scott was asked if the equipment would bring more being sold as scrap metal. Superintendent Scott reported that it is hard to determine a value of the pieces of equipment since they are so old. He also stated that a set bid price could be set for certain pieces of the equipment; however, he expressed that the equipment is so old he doesn't know if there will be buyers for all of it.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE NEED TO RE-ADVERTISE AND APPROVE THE 2004-05 SCHOOL BUDGET:** Superintendent Scott reminded school board members that when the 2004-05 School Budget was approved, the General Assembly had not yet approved a budget; therefore, changes could be made in projected state revenue figures that would necessitate revisions. He explained that superintendents were told to use the Governor's lowest proposed funding projections and that with the changes that have resulted in additional revenue, the school budget would need to be re-advertised and approved by both the school board and board of supervisors. He asked Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, to explain.

County Attorney Foster explained that if the budget is changed by \$500,000 or at least 1% above the total expenditures in the current adopted budget, whichever is lesser, the amended budget must be advertised and approved by the school board and board of supervisors.

Superintendent Scott explained that the school system can legally continue to operate as long as the expenditures are not more than the revenue appropriated. He informed board members that right now he is waiting as long as he can to make budget changes, maybe November or December, since the state revenue received for the 2004-05 school year will be based on the average daily membership as of March 31, 2005. He stated that he wishes to alleviate confusion by getting the amended budget approved before the 2005-06 budget year process begins.

Superintendent Scott reported that most of the additional revenue to be received will be used for school facility projects throughout the school division.

**SCHOOL SYSTEM EMPLOYEES TO KEEP ?REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES PAYMENT? RECEIVED AS CIRCUIT COURT JUROR:** Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, reported that due to a change in state law, employees serving as jurors on the circuit court in the State of Virginia can keep their per day payment since it is to be a ?reimbursement for expenses? and not ?compensation.?

On the recommendation of Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the policy change for school employees to receive their circuit court juror reimbursement for expenses since it is no longer considered compensation.

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

**EMPLOYMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Janet Hill as Gate City High School Cross Country Coach for the 2004-05 school year.

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 employment of Mr. Kay Jessee as the Rye Cove High School Varsity Softball Coach for the 2004-05 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Greg Adams as the Rye Cove High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 2004-05 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Jason McCarty as the Twin Springs High School Academic Coach for the 2004-05 school year.

**VIRGINIA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ? SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**IN TOP 22%:** Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, reported that the Virginia School Report Card is now available on the Virginia Department of Education web site. He expressed pride that Scott County Public Schools is in the top 22% in the state (1 of only 29 out of 132 school divisions meeting divisional AYP targets). He explained that the No Child Left Behind Act requires that states set annual measurable objectives of proficiency in reading and mathematics, participation in testing, graduation rates, attendance, etc. (a total of 32 items are assessed). He reported that parents, students, teachers, principals, administrators, etc. are to be commended for this outstanding achievement.

Chairman Sampson stated that the school system has a dedicated staff and that this achievement speaks volumes.

The school board members, superintendent, and others gave a round of applause for the achievement of the school division.

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Board members expressed appreciation for the hospitality and delicious meal served by Mrs. Judy Hensley, Career & Technical Center Culinary Arts Instructor, and the Culinary Arts students.



Chairman Sampson asked Mrs. Deborah Taylor, school bus driver, if she would remain after the meeting to set up a time next week that she could meet with him and Superintendent Scott.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Sampson thanked everyone in attendance and welcomed them to attend future meetings. There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Sampson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kindle made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m. , Mr. McMurray seconded the motion, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6: 00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 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

