

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 2004

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 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; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor/Director of Testing; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Q. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Sandy McMurray and Shawna Vermillion, Virginia Intermont College Students, Rhonda Hamm, Scott County Education Association Representative; Gerald Miller, Duffield Mayor, Eddie Richmond, Jim Stallard, John Barger, Scott Cleek, Bob Barker, Ford C. Quillen, James H. Addington, Dan Culbertson, Wayne McClelland, and Olinthus Quillen, Scott County Citizens.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Scott requested an addition to Items By Superintendent (M) Other: Remedial SOL Core Areas. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by

Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted and including the addition as requested by Superintendent Scott.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ? PRESENTATION FROM MR. JAMES H.

ADDINGTON: Mr. James H. Addington, Scott County Citizen, came before the board to provide an update on a project to honor former Gate City High School coach, Mr. Harry Fry. Mr. Addington reported that the Gate City Town Council unanimously approved changing the Beech Street road area by the Gate City Funeral Home to Harry Fry Drive. He also presented a picture of the road area and also a drawing and picture of a proposed sign that is to be erected near the Gate City High School property. He explained that the sign will be on the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way and that the site area and sign have been approved by the VDOT.

Mr. Meade stated that since the project was approved by the VDOT and is not located on school property, he sees no problem with erecting the sign at the proposed site. Chairman Sampson also agreed.

It was suggested that a football scholarship could be established to award to a deserving student. After discussion, it was agreed by Mr. Addington and school board members that a committee could be formed to establish a way to honor Mr. Fry and others. Chairman Sampson indicated to Mr. Addington that a member would contact him in the future concerning this matter.

Since the proposed sign to honor Mr. Harry L. Fry, former Gate City High School Coach, would not be placed on school property, the school board did not vote on this 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. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004, as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,670,488.29 as shown by warrants #8064997-8065549.

School Improvement/Construction Fund invoice in the amount of \$24,750.00 as shown by warrant #1900335.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$101,743.13 as shown by warrants #1006509.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$92,392.88 and payroll totaling \$3,084.12 as shown by warrants #3563-3651.

REPORT ON ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Scott presented a report on the 10-Day Enrollment for all elementary and secondary schools. He reported that the total 10-Day Enrollment was 3,628 students. He also reported on the yearly fluctuation of the Kindergarten students. He stated that the largest Kindergarten class in recent years is now in the 8th grade. He stated that he would keep board members apprised of enrollment. The elementary and secondary school 10-Day Enrollment is as follows:

308 Duffield Primary School	403 Shoemaker Elementary School
101 Dungannon Intermediate School	391 Weber City Elementary School
83 Fort Blackmore Primary School	169 Yuma Elementary School
180 Gate City Middle School 7 th Grade	401 Gate City High School 10-12 th Grades
169 Hilton Elementary School Grades	344 Gate City Middle School 8 th & 9 th
267 Nickelsville Elementary School	308 Rye Cove High School
183 Rye Cove Intermediate School	321 Twin Springs High School

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS SALE: Superintendent Scott requested that a surplus sale be held for items from certain shop areas at the Scott County Career & Technical Center. He reported that this area is needed by the school division and that several items have been stored in these particular areas for a number of years. He further reported that the school division has not found another use for these items in recent years. On the recommendation of Superintendent

Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved a surplus sale to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center.

APPROVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HEAD START FY 2004 ONE-TIME GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TRAINING FUNDS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the Scott County Public School Head Start FY 2004 One-Time Governance Structure Training Funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CHARACTER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Character Education Development Committee members for the 2004-05 School Year as follows:

Central Office Representative Programs	Jim Williams, Director of Federal
School Board Member	E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.
Principal	Greg Ervin, Nickelsville Elementary School
Community Member	Judy Calton
Parent	Dennis Fritz
Secondary School Student	Katie Dougherty
Middle School Student	Chynna Roberts
Community Member	Jim O'Carroll
Parent/Community Member	Angela White

The Character Education Committee will be composed of the following representatives: secondary school student, middle school student, two parents, two community members, and a School Board Office Employee. The committee will meet the first of each year with the meeting date to be determined by the committee.

APPROVAL OF PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Parent Advisory Committee Members for the 2004-05 School Year as follows:

Jim Williams	Director of Federal Programs
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
Amber Ketron	Yuma Elementary School

APPROVAL OF REMEDIATION PROGRAM STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Kindle nominated Mr. Glenn M. McMurray to serve as the school board member on the Remediation Program Standards Committee. Mrs. Blair made a motion that nominations cease, motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved Mr. McMurray and the other committee members for the 2004-05 School Year as follows:

Central Office Representative	Jimmy Dishner, Secondary Supervisor
Remediation Coordinator	Cathy Turner
Director of Federal Programs	Jim Williams
School Board Member	Glenn McMurray

Virginia Cooperative Extension	Patty Collier
Teacher	Joy Davidson
Teacher	Rhonda Dorton
Parent	Donna France
Parent	Cathy Webb

The Remediation Program Standards Committee is composed of the following representatives: two parents, two teachers, school board member, Jimmy Dishner, Jim Williams, and Patty Collier. One meeting will be held each semester with the meeting dates to be determined by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH/SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the School Health/Safety Advisory Board members for the 2004-05 School Year as follows:

Jimmy Dishner	Central Office Representative
Debbie Keith	School Nurse Coordinator
Katrina Smith Toole	School Psychologist
Jerry Broadwater or Designee	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Gary Blankenbecler or Designee	Scott County Department of Social Services
Wayne McClelland or Designee	Scott County Juvenile Probation Officer
Marilyn Foster or Designee	Scott County Health Department
Dr. Todd Cassel	Medical Doctor/Parent
David Wininger	Elementary School Principal
Michael Brickey	Gate City High School Principal
Alma Bowen	Duffield Community Member/Retired Teacher

Jane Carter	Rye Cove High School Guidance Counselor
Jennifer Gardner	Gate City High School Guidance Counselor
Janet Hill	Gate City High School Health & P.E. Teacher
Debbie Belcher	Twin Springs High School Parent
Kathy Funkhouser	Weber City Elementary School Parent
Sabrina Gray	Shoemaker Elementary School Parent
Lindsey Musick	Gate City High School Student
Savanah Salyers	Rye Cove High School Student
Tracy Casteel	Twin Springs High School Student

APPROVAL OF SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE: 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 Salary, Fringe Benefits, and School Calendar Committee for the 2004-05 school year as follows:

Sue Arnold	Duffield Primary School
Victoria Grimes	Dungannon Intermediate School
David Gwinn	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Lori Gilbert	Gate City High School
Scot Fleming	Gate City Middle School
Debbie Adams	Hilton Elementary School
Kim Johnson	Nickelsville Elementary School
Jennifer Clark (1 st Semester)	Rye Cove High School
Joy Davidson (2 nd Semester)	
Amy Good	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
Allison Falin	Yuma Elementary School
Darryl Johnson	Director of Operations/Central Office Representative
Johnny Trent	SCEA Representative
Kathy Musick	Principal Representative
Jennifer Houseright	Support Staff Representative

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

COMMITTEE: Board members agreed for Mrs. Beth Blair, school board member, to once again represent the school board on the Communications/School Improvement Committee. 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 Communications/School Improvement Committee for the 2004-05 school year as follows:

George "Dusty" Newman	Duffield Primary School
Justin Forrester	Dungannon Intermediate School
Amy Porter	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Sarah Adams	Gate City High School
Cindy Dorton	Gate City Middle School
Michelle Bush	Hilton Elementary School
Jennifer Collins	Nickelsville Elementary School
Mary Alice McClellan(1 st Semester)	Rye Cove High School
Reagan Mullins (2 nd Semester)	
Amy Giles	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Judy Hensley	Scott County Career & Technical Center

Amber Mullins	Shoemaker Elementary School
Jason McCarty	Twin Springs High School
Teddi McMurray	Weber City Elementary School
Amber Ketron	Yuma Elementary School
Jim Scott	Superintendent
Beth Blair	School Board Member
Sammy Parks	Principal Representative
Freda Burke	Support Staff Representative

APPROVAL OF SELF-FUNDED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE FUND COMMITTEE: Superintendent Scott informed board members that the guidelines for selecting the Self-Funded School Employees Health Insurance Fund have been reviewed and the member positions being presented are within these guidelines. He also stated that according to the guidelines for establishing the committee, the committee is for a two-year term. School Board members agreed that Mr. Campbell is to continue representing the school board. 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 Self-Funded School Employees Health Insurance Fund Committee members for a two-year term as follows:

Lowell Campbell	School Board Member
Jim Scott	Central Office Representative
John Ferguson	Principal/Supervisor
Rhonda Kilgore	Secondary Teacher
Zandra Long	Elementary Teacher
Ashley Mitchell	Elementary Teacher
Norma Casteel	Support Staff

COMMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS AUDIT: Superintendent Scott stated that he is pleased to report that the auditors informed him that the audits

continuously improve each year. He reported that bound copies of the audit would be available to school board members soon. He reported that only a few items were reviewed with him in the exist interview. He stated that if after school board members review the audit report they still have questions that they would like to ask Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates the auditors could address them at the next meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTED EDUCATION: Superintendent Scott presented the Annual Report of Gifted Education for the 2003-04 school year. The report showed that the number of students served by area of giftedness was 396 students in K-12. The report also showed a total of two full-time teachers and eighty-five part-time teachers.

REMEDIAL SOL CORE AREAS: Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, reported that he and Mrs. Cathy Turner, Remediation Coordinator, have been reviewing test scores for all schools. He explained that they are making sure any student that has had a problem or might have a problem with SOL's are enrolled in the remedial program. He reported that these changes are requiring the Gate City Middle School and Rye Cove and Twin Springs High Schools to alter schedules. He informed board members that, if they recall, the Algebra Readiness and Language Arts Remedial classes were added after scheduling had been completed.

Superintendent Scott reported that a problem with the Gate City Middle School 7th grade classes is that the class timeframes vary from 30, 45, 60, and 90 minutes. He further reported that the 8th and 9th grade classes are all 90 minutes and that the block scheduling needs to be looked at for the 7th grade classes.

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

RETIREMENT: 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 approved the retirement request of Ms. Maggie T. Osborne, Gate City High School Teacher, effective August 31, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the retirement request of Ms. Gwendolyn G. Jones, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation of Mr. Shannon Carter, Gate City High School Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Janet Hill, Gate City Cross Country Coach, effective August 23, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Mr. Adam Keith, Gate City Middle School 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Kimberly C. Knode, Twin Springs High School Band Director, effective August 4, 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 resignation request of Ms. Sue Carter, Twin Springs High School Academic Team Coach, effective August 12, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Mr. Andy Bledsoe, Rye Cove High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective immediately.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Amy Bledsoe, Rye Cove High School Varsity Softball Coach, effective immediately.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the leave-of-absence request of Ms. Theresa Cape, Homebound Instructor, effective for the 2004-05 school year.

EMPLOYMENT: 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 approved the employment of Mrs. Kim Henderson as Yuma Elementary School Secretary, effective August 2, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, the board approved the employment of Mr. Darren Reed as Gate City High School Assistant boys Basketball Coach, effective for the 2004-05 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Mark Thompson as Gate City Middle School 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Jeff Lawson as Gate City High School/Shoemaker Elementary School Custodian.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Grover Kegley, Jr. and Mr. Greg Marshall as school bus drivers for the 2004-05 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Jenny Jordan as a teaching assistant for the 2004-05 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. James Smallwood as Twin Springs High School Band Teacher, effective for the 2004-05 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Norma Calhoun as Scott County Career & Technical Center Nursing Instructor (part-time), effective for the 2004-05 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 approved the resignation request of Ms. Rhonda S. Phillips, school bus driver, effective August 17, 2004.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: No items were presented by the school board members.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Superintendent Scott provided an update on current maintenance projects. He reported that the next window projects are to be completed at Duffield Primary School and Shoemaker Elementary School. He requested approval from school board members to obtain a proposal for the installation of a kitchen at Rye Cove Intermediate School. He reported that, as board members know, food is hauled from Rye Cove High School to the Rye Cove Intermediate School students. He further reported that the space is already at the school for the kitchen and that the largest expense of the project would be the equipment for the kitchen. He stated; however, that this is a much needed project at the school. School board members expressed agreement and unanimously approved Superintendent Scott to proceed with the Rye Cove Intermediate School Kitchen Project.

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 6:40 p.m.; Mr. Meade seconded motion, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium.

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

