

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, in the Scott County School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

ABSENT: None

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair

Lowell S. Campbell

David T. Kindle

Glenn M. McMurray

Joe D. Meade

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; Karen C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; and Gerald Miller, Duffield Mayor.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. James B. Scott, Division Superintendent, serving as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Blair nominated Mr. David T. Kindle to serve as Chairman. Mr. Campbell made a motion that nominations cease. There being no other nominations for Chairman, Mr. David T. Kindle was elected by acclamation to serve as Chairman.

VOTE

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

Nays: None

Abstain: David T. Kindle

Superintendent Scott and fellow board members expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Sampson for the job he did during his tenure serving as Chairman for the past year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Blair nominated Mr. Lowell S. Campbell to serve as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Meade made a motion that nominations cease, motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye. There being no other nominations for Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lowell S. Campbell was elected by acclamation to serve as Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK: Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, Mrs. Loretta Q. Page was appointed to serve as Clerk of the Board.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK: Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, Mrs. Karen C. Linkous was appointed to serve as Deputy Clerk of the Board.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO PAST CHAIRMAN: Thanks and appreciation was again expressed to Mr. E. Virgil Sampson, Jr. for how well he handled the groups at the meetings and the job he performed as Chairman for the past year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Gerald Miller, Duffield Mayor, requested a list of the school board meetings to be scheduled for the coming year. No other members of the audience came forth to speak during the Public Comments period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 30, 2004.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,190,889.30 as shown by warrants #8067480-8068023 (#8067673-8067690 voided).

School Improvement/School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$35,321.04 as shown by warrants #1900344-1900352.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$106,722.45 as shown by warrants #1006916-1007016.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$88,898.54 as shown by warrants #3943-4048.

PROPOSED APRIL 5, 2005 MEETING CHANGED TO MARCH 29, 2005: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved changing the proposed Tuesday, April 5, 2005 school board meeting to Tuesday, March 29, 2005, due to the spring break scheduled for the first week of April.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: 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 overnight field trip request received from Duffield Primary School 4th grade honor society students to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 29-May 1, 2005.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Yuma Elementary School 6th grade class to Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 19-21, 2005.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BOARD MEETINGS: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the following list of school board meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
February 1, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	Scott County Career & Technical Center	5:45
	(Public Hearing: 2005-06 School Budget)	
	(Regular Meeting)	6:00
		p.m.
March 1, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00

(Regular Meeting & Budget Work Session To Follow)

March 29, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office (Final Budget Work Session &	6:00
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Approval of Proposed 2005-06 School Budget)

May 3, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	Scott County Career & Technical Center	6:00
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June 7, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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June 29, 2005 (Wed.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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(2004-05 School Budget Close-Out Meeting)

July 5, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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August 2, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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September 6, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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October 4, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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November 2, 2005 (Wed.) p.m.	Scott County Career & Technical Center	6:00
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December 6, 2005 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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January 3, 2006 (Tues.) p.m.	School Board Office	6:00
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APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF PRE-LABOR DAY OPENING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Scott explained that Scott County meets the Virginia Department Of Education's criteria set forth for the waiver of Pre-Labor Day opening requirements because of the number of days missed in the past ten years due to inclement weather. The following information was presented to school board members (no school days missed during the 2004-05 school year as of this date): School

<u>Year</u>	<u>Days Missed</u>
2003-2004	6
2002-2003	14
2001-2002	8
2000-2001	7
1999-2000	11
1998-1999	5
1997-1998	7
1996-1997	5
1995-1996	21
1994-1995	8

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Waiver of Pre-Labor Day Opening Requirements for the 2005-06 school year. Superintendent Scott also informed board members that the school calendar for the 2005-06 school year is to be presented at the March school board meeting.

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 Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the disability retirement request of Mrs. Beverly Brickey, Teaching Assistant, effective November 29, 2004.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the leave-of-absence request of Mr. David Mason, Gate City Middle School Teacher, effective for the second semester of the 2004-05 school year.

EMPLOYMENT: 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 employment of Mr. Chad Tipton and Mr. Hershell Mitchell, Jr. as substitute school bus drivers.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Sampson reminded members present that the names of Mrs. Lisa W. McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star, and Mr. Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times-News, were submitted to the Virginia School Boards Association Media Honor Roll 2004 for recognition of fair and balanced reporting and providing valuable information in the community about public schools. Mr. Sampson presented a Virginia School Boards Association Media Honor Roll 2004 Certificate to Mrs. Lisa W. McCarty in recognition of her placement on the statewide Media Honor Roll. Members present expressed thanks and appreciation to Mrs. McCarty and gave her a round of applause.

Mr. Meade stated that he would like to meet with central office staff regarding the billings and reimbursement requests. He stated that he has some questions that he would like to inquire of central office staff. Chairman Kindle stated that Superintendent Scott and central office staff could meet with him concerning his questions. Superintendent Scott stated that he would be glad to meet with Mr. Meade to address any questions he might have.

Chairman Kindle reminded board members of the Virginia School Boards Association Legislative Conference to be held in February, the travel plans, and requested that members notify Mrs. Page prior to January 20 if planning to attend in order for registrations to be completed.

Mr. Meade inquired about the cafeteria project at Rye Cove Intermediate School. Superintendent Scott reported that the Rye Cove Intermediate School Cafeteria Project is still under construction; however, he explained that the Weber City Elementary School Classroom Project has been able to progress better.

Superintendent Scott reported that 3,650 was the enrollment figure used for this year's budget but that the current enrollment is 3,686. He stated that this figure would change some due to the enrollment averages but he still expects that the enrollment will be well above the budgeted figure of 3,650.

Chairman Kindle expressed thanks to fellow members for his appointment to serve as Chairman for the coming year.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. McMurray made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye. The Public Hearing for the 2005-06 Proposed School Budget is to be held at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium. The next regular school board meeting will held at 6 p.m. on the same date and following the public hearing.

David T. Kindle, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

