

# **SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at the School Board Office in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

David T. Kindle, Chairman

**ABSENT:** None

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

Gloria E. "Beth" Blair

Glenn M. McMurray

Joe D. Meade

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K. C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; and Travis Nickels, Gate City Middle School Teacher.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. David T. Kindle, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda with the following additions:

Item VII. (c) 1. Consolidated Grant Application

2. Maintenance Update

3. Blinds

4. Water at Rye Cove High/Intermediate Schools

5. Coal Bid

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

**PRESENTATION – HELEN HENDERSON, HEAD START DIRECTOR:** Helen Henderson, Scott County Public School Head Start Director, presented the Head Start Annual Report for the 2004-05 School Year, which included funding awarded and applied for to date. She informed board members of the National Head Start Initiatives as follows:

- ? Implemented National Reporting System (NRS) for assessing the skills of four-year-old children in emergent literacy and math. Scores compared nationally for assessment of school readiness skills.
- ? Achieved positive gains in all outcome measures – Individual Child Profile for every child, and NRS for all four-year-old children.
- ? Enhanced male involvement initiative through the “Big Wheel Assembly Project” with 94% participation from Fathers or Father Substitutes.

Ms. Henderson reported that funding was provided for an enrollment of 173 children and that the total number served was 196. She also reported that 10% of the total Head Start enrollment can be children that are over the income limit.

Ms. Henderson stated that a report will be received from the NRS that will compare state and national scores. She provided detailed information on the 2004-05 Child Outcomes Results for Head Start Legislatively Mandated Outcomes and Fall to Spring Gains in Percentage in the following areas: Language Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts, Social-Emotional Development, Approaches to Learning, Physical Health and Development, Skill Areas Letter Recognition, and Early Math Skills. She reported that Head Start is looking to implement the P-K Pals curriculum, if funding is available, and explained that this curriculum correlates to the Pals curriculum being used in Kindergarten. She further reported that this would provide the school board with a lot more data for comparison and for use as a baseline. She provided information to the board members on the following: *Placing the First-Year Findings of the National Head Start Impact Student in Context*. In response to a question received concerning the budget, Ms. Henderson provided a description of the budget line items.

Chairman Kindle thanked Ms. Henderson for her presentation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of June 7, 2005, Regular Meeting, and June 29, 2005, Budget Close-out Meeting, as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** On a motion by Mr. Meade, 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #8070685-\_\_\_\_\_. School Improvement/Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #1900381-\_\_\_\_\_. Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #1007588-\_\_\_\_\_. Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$\_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #4371-\_\_\_\_\_.

**APPROVAL OF VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITY TECHNOLOGY**

**RESOLUTION:** On the recommendation of Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Virginia Public School Authority Technology Resolution as follows:

***RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF SCOTT COUNTY  
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF  
ONE OR MORE GRANTS MADE BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR  
CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE AND/OR TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH  
CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS***

*WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board (the "Division") is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and*

*WHEREAS, the Division has paid, beginning no earlier than July 1, 2005, and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the capital project (the "Project"), as more fully described in Appendix A attached hereto; and*

*WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board of the Division (the "Board") has determined that the money (previously advanced no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof and) to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures are only available for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the Division for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more grants to be made by the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "Grants") from the proceeds of its tax exempt equipment notes (the "Notes").*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:***

*Section 1. The Board hereby declares the Division's intent to reimburse the Division with the proceeds of the Grants for the Expenditures with respect to the Project made on and after July 1, 2005, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The Division reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Grants.*

*Section 2. Each Expenditure was and will be of a type properly chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure).*

*Section 3. The maximum cost of the Project is expected to be \$414,000 (Scott 084) and \$26,000 (Renaissance 429 - Scott County).*

*Section 4. The Division will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the Division that evidences the Division's use of proceeds of the Grants to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The Division recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain *de minimis* amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.*

*Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.*

***PASSED AND ADOPTED this Fifth day of July, 2005.***

David T. Kindle, Chairman (Signature)  
(Signature)

Attested: Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS - GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM 2005 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT CHAMPION, REGION D CHAMPION, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION AND GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM 2005 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved resolutions as follows:

**RESOLUTION**  
**GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM**  
**2005 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT CHAMPION, REGION D CHAMPION,**  
**GROUP A STATE CHAMPION**

***BE IT RESOLVED***, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Softball Team has achieved an outstanding softball season by winning 26 games and losing 2 overall,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Softball Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 21 wins and 2 losses,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Softball Team won the Region D Championship with a record of 23 wins and 2 losses,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Softball Team won the Group A State Championship,

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Softball Team for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship, Region D Championship and the State Group A State Championship,

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

David T. Kindle, Chairman  
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Board Member  
Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman  
E. Virgil Sampson, Board Member  
Joe D. Meade, Board Member

*ATTEST:Loretta Q. Page, Clerk  
Superintendent*

*James B. Scott, Division*

**RESOLUTION  
GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM  
2005 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, 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 Tennis Team has achieved an outstanding tennis season by winning 22 games and losing 0 overall,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Tennis Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 14 wins and 0 losses,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Tennis Team won the Region D, Group A State Championship with a record of 20 wins and 0 losses.

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Tennis Team for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship, Region D, and Group A State Championship,

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

*David T. Kindle, Chairman  
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Board Member  
Member  
Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member  
Member*

*Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman  
E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Board  
Joe D. Meade, Board*

*ATTEST:Loretta Q. Page, Clerk  
Superintendent*

*James B. Scott, Division*

**APPROVAL OF SURPLUS SALE LIST:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved a list of items to be sold, with the understanding that the 24 new metal stools listed for Twin Springs High School be removed from the list if needed elsewhere. The Surplus Sale is to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2005, at the School Bus Garage. (Appendix \_\_)

**APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION:** On the recommendation of Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Application (Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs; Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality; Title II, Part D, Technology; Title III, Part A, Limited English Proficient; Title IV, Part A, Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Title V, Part A, Innovative Programs) in the amount of \$1,064,656.00 and with the understanding that revisions will be done based on an increase or decrease in funding once final allocations are received.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE:** Superintendent Scott presented a report of estimated expenditures for maintenance projects as follows: Completion of concession stand at Twin Springs High School, Rye Cove Intermediate School kitchen, and Weber City Elementary School classrooms \$30,000+; Completion of window replacement for Gate City High School \$175,598.25; Window replacement for school board office \$42,475.00; Re-roofing Scott County Career & Technical Center \$191,446.00; Window replacement for Rye Cove High & Fort Blackmore Primary School \$440,000+; and blinds for certain classrooms in the schools.

Superintendent Scott reported on projects as follows: the re-roofing project at the Scott County Career & Technical Center has begun earlier than expected and the contractor is three weeks into the project already. He stated that the contractor is starting on the windows at Gate City High School and the school board office windows will be completed afterwards. He also reported that the windows at Rye Cove High School will be done along the first of October and is expected to take approximately four weeks to finish. In response to a question regarding classroom interruption, Superintendent Scott reported that during the window installation students switch classrooms and therefore have no interruption of classes. He informed board members that due to expenditure costs for purchasing blinds for all classrooms at the schools, only those classrooms that having the greatest need will have blinds installed. He explained that some classrooms at schools have shade trees, etc. that allow for more shade than other. He further reported that another computer lab, or possibly two or three smaller labs, at the middle school will be completed and that the cost is not expected to be great.

**RYE COVE HIGH/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS WATER:** Superintendent Scott informed board members of the letter received from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water, informing the school division of the new, lower drinking water standard for arsenic that goes into effect in 2006. He explained that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set a new standard for arsenic in drinking water that significantly lowers the level from the current 0.050 mg/l to 10 ppb. He reported that the state has conducted three waterworks tests at Rye Cove High/Intermediate Schools in the past four or five years and that these tests showed that the water was not even close to the arsenic standard set. He further reported that each of these tests was better than the previous test conducted. He also reported that although the Rye Cove High/Intermediate Schools waterworks has not exceeded the current standard for arsenic, the school division has been urged to notify customers of the possibility that the waterworks will not meet the new standard.

Superintendent Scott reported that the Office of Drinking Water has offered to conduct sampling waterworks tests and assist the school division in preparation should the drinking water prove to need treatment to remove arsenic, or other infrastructure changes to be made to meet the

new arsenic PMCL. He informed board members that the Office of Drinking Water has offered to provide funding options should such assistance be necessary and has also offered to discuss appropriate ways to interact with consumers and to help at-risk waterworks comply with the standards set by the new Arsenic Rule before the new PMCL goes into effect. He further informed board members that Dr. E. S. Cantrell, Scott County Health Department, has also stated that she would be glad to speak to any consumers with questions regarding the waterworks at Rye Cove.

**COAL FOR 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR:** Superintendent Scott informed board members of the coal price increase received for the next school year. He stated that he was asked to conduct an inquiry of area school divisions concerning the cost of coal provided to the schools. He presented a report on prices obtained from area school divisions and recommended that since this school division does have a good price in comparison, the school division should continue purchasing coal from the Red River Coal Company and with Rickey Begley for hauling coal as needed. In response to an inquiry about an increase in hauling coal, Superintendent Scott reported that he has not received a request at this time to increase the amount paid for hauling coal. No opposition was stated concerning the recommendation to continue purchasing coal from Red River Coal Company and with Rickey Begley for hauling coal as needed for the 2005-06 school year.

**TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS AND CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF TRANSFERS:** Superintendent Scott notified school board members that transfers will take place with regard to teachers, principals, and central office staff according to the authority provided to him previously to make transfers as he deems necessary.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Mr. Campbell made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 6:42 p.m., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board entered into closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.1-3711(A) 1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss superintendent, principals, and central office staff.

**RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING:** All members returned from closed meeting at 7:05 p.m. and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

**ABSENT DURING VOTE:** None      **ABSENT DURING MEETING:** None

**SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:** On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, the board, with the superintendent's concurrence, voted to terminate the superintendent's contract or appointment ending June 30, 2007 and appoint him as superintendent with the contract for a term of four years beginning July 5, 2005 and ending June 30, 2009.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, David Kindle, Glenn McMurray, Joe Meade, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

Chairman Kindle expressed congratulations to Superintendent Scott.

**EMPLOYMENT- TEACHERS FOR 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Nathan Kilgore, Luke Osborne, and Cornelius F. Wright, VII, as teachers for the 2005-06 school year.

**EMPLOYMENT – MAINTENANCE DEPARMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, the board approved the employment of Henry Helton as a maintenance employee.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, David Kindle, Joe Meade, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

Abstain: Glenn McMurray

**EMPLOYMENT – SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Clifford Bledsoe, Frankie Lee Tipton, and Connie Ann Truesdale, as substitute school bus drivers.

**EMPLOYMENT – RYE COVE HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Rye Cove High School coaches as follows:

Autumn Gillenwater, JV Volleyball Coach



Kay Jessee, Head Softball Coach  
Alicia McLain, Girls JV Softball Coach  
Robin Hood, Boys Track Coach  
Donna Hood, Girls Track Coach  
Ashley Hood, Girls JV Basketball Coach

**EMPLOYMENT – TWIN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL COACH:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Luke Osborne as Twin Springs High School Junior Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

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David T. Kindle, Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

