

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

David T. Kindle, Chairman

ABSENT: Glenn M. McMurray

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair

Joe D. Meade

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor; Brenda P. Robinette, Special Education Supervisor; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; Karen C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Travis Nickels and Valerie Rhoton, Shoemaker Elementary School Teachers, and Amber McGee and Jason Smith, Yuma Elementary School Teachers; and Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. David T. Kindle, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of March 29, 2005, Regular Meeting, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, 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 #8069555-_____. School Improvement/Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$____,____. as shown by warrants # _____-_____. Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$____,____. as shown by warrants #1007372-_____. Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$____,____. as shown by warrants #4230-_____.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ? MR. DAVID GRAY, PRESIDENT AND MR. JOEY DECKARD, VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. David Gray, Scott County Special Education Advisory Committee President, thanked the board for their assistance and meeting the needs of the special education population. Mr. Gray expressed thanks for providing a Transition Coordinator, Therapeutic Consultant, Psychologist, completion of the handicap seating project, providing six special education teachers, providing Occupational and Physical Therapists and Assistant, and for providing computers and printers for the special education program.

Mr. Joey Deckard, Scott County Special Education Advisory Committee Vice President, expressed that Scott County Schools is the finest school division in the Commonwealth and thanked Superintendent Scott, school board members, and teachers. He reported that Scott County Schools has received much recognition. He stated the need to continue looking to the future. He reported that more space is needed at the schools for various personnel employed in the special education program, that there is a need to be considered for a roped off area designated for the handicapped at Rye Cove High School similar to Gate City High School, but not necessarily the same, and that a metal bar is needed at Twin Springs High School to protect wheelchairs to remain in a stationary position. He also reported that the K-3 Life Skills Class at Shoemaker Elementary School has some students that are fragile and others that have behavior disorders. He further reported that parents have a concern regarding placement of both fragile and behavior disorder students together in a classroom and that the two groups be separated.

Superintendent Scott and board members thanked the Special Education Advisory Committee Representatives for their presentation.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FEDERAL PROGRAM (ANNUAL PLAN) PART B, SECTION 611 FLOW THROUGH FUNDS GRANT: Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education, presented the proposed grant budget for the Special Education Federal Program (Annual Plan) Part B, Section 611 Flow Through Funds. Mrs. Robinette explained the process concerning the Set-Aside Calculation & the option for Participation of Private School Children. She reported that there are currently two students in private school that would be eligible to receive services should their parents make this request. She also reported that, at this time, the parents have chosen to opt out and not access these funds. She further reported that after the allocated timeframe for the set-aside funds, the school division would be eligible to expend these funds. On the recommendation of Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Special Education Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education Federal Program Part B, Section 611 Flow Through Funds Grant (July 1, 2005 ? September 30, 2007) in the amount of \$785,459.00 as written. Superintendent Scott stated he hopes the school division will receive additional funding for this grant and, if so, a request for approval to expend these additional funds would be presented to the board at a later date.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FEDERAL PROGRAM PART B, SECTION 619 PRESCHOOL FUNDS GRANT: Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education, presented the proposed grant budget for the Special Education Federal Program Part B, Section 619 Preschool Funds. On the recommendation of Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Special Education Supervisor, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education Federal Program Part B, Section 619 Preschool Funds Grant (July 1, 2005 ? September 30, 2007) \$32,700.00 as written.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START PERSONNEL FOR 2005-06 AND FY05 BUDGET REVISION: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the Head Start Program personnel for 2005-06 and the FY05 Budget Revision as follows:

Teachers Assistant

Vivian Rogers

Charnita Adams

Nora Robinette

Lillian Baldwin

Donna Frasier

Tammy Hensley

Renda Keith

One Position Open

One Position Open

Teachers

One Position Open

Kara Grizzel

Susan Lane

Kristy Davidson

Brenda Kennedy

Donna Blankenship

Donna Hufnagle

Londa Bowen

Joanna Qualls

Family Services

Betty Lane ? Family Resource Specialist

Doris Campbell ? Family Resource Specialist

Lisa Parks ? Family Resource Specialist

Denise Howington ? Family Resource Specialist

Parent Involvement Specialist ? Position Eliminated

Coordinators

Kelly Bledsoe

Katherine Wilcox

Theresa Newton

Secretaries

Michelle Ratliff

Catherine Sluss

Administration

Helen Henderson

July Calton

SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HEAD START FY2005 REVISED FUNDING
APPLICATION

Revenue

FY2005 Head Start On-Going	\$1,138,935.00
Training & Technical Assistance	17,377.00
Total	\$1,156,312.00

Expenses

		Changes
	<u>2005</u>	<u>For 2005-2006</u>
Personnel	\$ 722,989.00	\$ 682,762.00
Fringe	221,313.00	268,236.00
Travel	9,200.00	9,200.00
Equipment	6,356.00	0.00
Supplies	38,210.00	38,210.00
Other	140,867.00	140,527.00
Total:	\$1,138,935.00	\$1,138,935.00
Training & Technical		
Assistant	\$ 17,377.00	\$ 17,377.00
TOTAL GRANT	\$1,156,312.00	\$1,156,312.00

NON-FEDERAL IN-KIND

Total Non-federal In-kind	\$ 289,078.00
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Total FY2005 Head Start On-going &

Training and Technical Assistance	\$1,445,390.00
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APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF OUTDATED CHILD RESTRAINT SEATS:

Superintendent Scott requested permission to dispose of approximately 25 outdated child restraint seats. He explained that this request is being made due to possible liability issues if these seats were placed in a surplus sale. He reported that modern seats are available should they

be needed. In response to a board member question concerning the method of disposal for the seats, Superintendent Scott reported that the seats would be disposed of at the county landfill with personnel on site to wait for the seats to be covered by landfill personnel. On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the disposing of the outdated child restraint seats as presented.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WELLMONT HOLSTON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER,
MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC**

SCHOOLS: Superintendent Scott reported that he received an inquiry from Dr. Terry Suarez, Mountain Empire Community College President, concerning a proposed Nurse Program Partnership between Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Mountain Empire Community College and Scott County Public Schools. Superintendent Scott informed board members that according to discussion held, Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center has proposed to fund renovations in the area that was previously used as a machine shop at the Scott County Career & Technical Center. Also, that Mountain Empire Community College has proposed to provide the faculty for approximately 100 potential Registered Nurses for Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center. He further reported that the school division's current Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program would be considered a separate program but that Mountain Empire Community College has been asked to provide the LPN Program for Scott County Public Schools at no cost to the school division. Superintendent Scott stated that this could be a good opportunity for Scott County Public Schools students to get jobs in the future. He reported that it is hoped that the program will be ready by January 1, 2006. He informed board members that Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center representatives from Kingsport will travel to the proposed site to prepare plans for the renovations. He provided an opportunity for board members to express comments and to inquire about the proposed partnership. Board members did not express any opposition in proceeding with plans as proposed and Chairman Kindle requested that Superintendent Scott pursue the proposed partnership.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Scott explained the following dual enrollment fee structure agreement currently in place with Mountain Empire Community College (MECC):

Scott County Public Schools Provides Faculty for Dual Enrollment Courses

Student 10%

School Board 10%

MECC 80%

MECC Provides Faculty for Dual Enrollment Courses

Student 70%

School Board 10%

MECC 20%

Superintendent Scott reported that the school division is currently in the process of reviewing the fee structure and plans to propose that the student fee structure be changed from 70% to 40% for MECC dual enrollment courses that MECC provides faculty. He also reported that the dual enrollment is going well with parents and in the school division. He further reported that he expects additional subject areas to be included in the dual enrollment course offerings. He explained that if Scott County Schools faculty is used for dual enrollment courses, these teachers must have a Masters Degree in the area they are teaching.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER PHYSICALS: Superintendent Scott reported that the current process for school bus driver physicals at the Scott County Health Department has gone well over the past several years. He also explained that Dr. Sue Cantrell is the only employee at the health department eligible to complete the school bus driver physicals since they can only be completed by a physician that has D.O.T. Certification. He explained that due to the timeframe involved for receiving results from the health department and the timeframe involved for re-checks, another source for providing these physicals needs to be considered. He further explained that Dr. Cantrell serves Wise County, Lee County, Scott County, and the City of Norton. Superintendent Scott presented the fee structure from the Scott County Health Department and the Holston Medical Group. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved using the Holston Medical Group as another source for providing school bus driver physicals along with the Scott County Health Department.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Campbell made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 6:32 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 teachers, principals, and coaches and pursuant to Section 2.1-3711(A) 7 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 7:35 p.m. and on a motion by Mrs. Blair 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, Joe Meade, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Mr. Reagan Mullins as the Rye Cove High School Athletic Director, effective at the end of 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. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Renee Dishner as the Rye Cove High School Cheerleading Coach, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

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 resignation request of Ms. Patricia Bloomer as school bus driver, effective April 26, 2005.

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 resignation request of Mrs. Elizabeth BreeAnn Smith, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher, effective June 1, 2005.

RETIREMENT: 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 retirement request of Mrs. Peggy Irene Taylor, Yuma Elementary School Custodian, effective June 30, 2005.

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 request of Ms. Judith Holland, Twin Springs High School Teacher, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE: 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 leave-of-absence request of Ms. Pam Dean, Twin Springs High School Teaching Assistant, effective for the 2005-06 school year.

TEACHERS EMPLOYMENT FOR 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR : 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 employment of the following:

Robin Evans

Beth Hamilton

Bethany Clabaugh

Jennifer Oaks

Jennifer Garrett

Melissa Craft

Karen Miller

Felisha Rowland

Jeremy Collins

Charlotte Livesay

Teresa Duncan

Mike Castle

Tashina McCarty

PRINCIPALS EMPLOYMENT: 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 employment Ms. Renee Dishner and Mr. John Ferguson as principals.

CUSTODIAN EMPLOYMENT: 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 Ms. Rhonda Franklin as a custodian.

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER 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 Ms. Tina McNew as a substitute school bus driver.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Blair reported that the Shoemaker Elementary School Honor Society, which included her granddaughter, went on a field trip to Chattanooga and that her granddaughter expressed that each place they attended everyone was commenting on how well they behaved. Mrs. Blair stated that this speaks well of the students and school system.

Mr. Sampson reported that the Retired Teachers Resolution needs to be sent to the family of Anne L. Horton, due to her recent death and for recognition of her many years of service in the school system. Mr. Sampson read a thank you card sent to the School Board from Danny,

Nancy, and Cathy Ward in recognition of the retired teacher resolution they received honoring Anna Lyn Kinkead.

Mr. Sampson commended Mr. Dwight Lane for his work with students at the Weber City Elementary School Project Fit ?All Star? and for being named All Star Teacher by Project Fit America. Mr. Sampson also commended Ms. Judy Hensley, Scott County Career & Technical Center Culinary Arts Instructor, for the complimentary article in the Wednesday, April 27, 2005, *Scott County Virginia Star*, written about her experience with wanting to make a difference in the life of a particular student.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye. The next regular meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

David T. Kindle, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

