

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

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

David T. Kindle, Chairman

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

**ABSENT:** None

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; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K. C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Gerald Miller, Duffield Community; Donald Horton, Citizen; and John Powers, Eagle Scout (Twin Springs High School Student), and parents, John and Joyce Powers.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Kindle announced additions to the agenda as follows:

Item VI. Claims – Additional claim for travel in the amount of \$100.00

Item VII. H. National Family Literacy Day

Item VII. I. Rye Cove Intermediate School – Blue Ribbon School

On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda with additions as announced by Chairman Kindle.

**PRESENTATION - VSBA ACADEMY AWARDS:** Superintendent Scott reported that school board members attend Virginia School Boards Association Academy workshops on boardsmanship skills and curriculum issues and presented Academy Awards for July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005 as follows:

Lowell S. Campbell – Certificate of Recognition

David Tipton Kindle – Certificate of Recognition

Glenn M. McMurray – Certificate of Recognition

Joe Darrell Meade – Certificate of Recognition

E. Virgil Sampson – Award of Excellence (Certificate & Silver Pin)

Chairman Kindle presented a VSBA Academy Certificate of Recognition Award for July 1, 2004-June 20, 2005 to Superintendent Scott.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield, expressed that he has had the opportunity to attend many meetings of the school board and is impressed by the attendance of the school board members. He stated that he is pleased to see that the school board members are very punctual, do an excellent job, and expressed thanks to them on behalf of the county.

Chairman Kindle asked Donald Horton, citizen member present, if he wished to address the board.

Mr. Horton indicated that he was in attendance to see if the school board had done anything on the school bus run discussed at a prior school board meeting.

Mr. Joe Meade, School Board Member, reminded school board members that he had spoken to them earlier about a project John Powers, Eagle Scout, had been working on. He also reported that there

are several other Eagle Scouts who have completed community projects. He felt school board members would want to hear about John Powers' project.

John Powers presented information on an on-going project, which is a Directory of the Nickelsville Baptist Church Cemetery. His mother, Joyce Powers, reported that he has worked over 350 hours on the project. His father stated that they hope to have this information available to the public in the future on a website. They expressed thanks to others for assistance in working on the project. John Powers explained that when he was thinking of a project to complete he wanted to do something that would last more than a year. He thought this project would be helpful since a lot of people come from out of town to visit the cemetery.

Mr. Powers reported on various other community projects completed by the Eagle Scouts.

Mr. Meade stated that he is very appreciative of the tremendous amount of work completed by the Eagle Scouts, their good behavior, and expressed pride for the job that they have done.

Chairman Kindle, school board members, and Superintendent Scott expressed thanks to the Powers family for their dedicated efforts and presentation on their project.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of September 6, 2005, Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$892,613.08 as shown by warrants #8071824-8072332. School Improvement/Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$3,610.10 as shown by warrant #1900384. Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$129,235.35 as shown by warrants #1007791-1007901 (#1007788-1007790 voided). Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$34,554.95 as shown by warrants #4579-4656.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** 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 Special Education Advisory Committee Members as follows:

David Gray, Chairman  
Pam Bellamy, 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 Campbell, School Board Member  
Chad Robinette, Special Education Teacher  
Judy Flanary, Special Education Teacher  
Allison Kimbler, Teacher  
Renee' Light, Teacher  
Gilbert Smith, Assistant Principal  
Anthony Robbins, Parent  
Tim Carter, Parent

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH/SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD:** 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 School Health/Safety Advisory Board as follows:

Jimmy Dishner  
Debbie Keith  
Katrina Smith Toole  
Jerry Broadwater or Designee  
Gary Blankenbecler or Designee  
Wayne McClelland or Designee  
Marilyn Foster or Designee  
Dr. Todd Cassel  
Susan Greene  
Theresa Newton  
Michael Brickey  
Jane Carter  
Jenny Gardner  
Janet Hill  
Kathy Funkhouser

Central Office Representative  
School Nurse Coordinator  
School Psychologist  
Scott County Sheriff's Office  
Scott County Department of Social Services  
Scott County Juvenile Probation Officer  
Scott County Health Department  
Medical Doctor/Parent  
School Food Director  
Head Start Representative  
Gate City High School Principal  
Rye Cove High School Guidance Counselor  
Gate City High School Guidance Counselor  
Gate City High School Health & P.E. Teacher  
Weber City Elementary School Parent

Sabrina Gray  
Savanah Salyers  
Caitie Adkins  
Kayla Daugherty  
Jeff Casteel

Shoemaker Elementary School Parent  
Rye Cove High School Student  
Gate City High School Student  
Twin Springs High School  
Special Education Teacher

**APPROVAL OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council as follows:

Terry Roberts	Special Needs	2005-06
Henry Clabaugh	Business & Industry	2005-06
Doretha Ross	Business & Industry	2005-06
Mark Blanton	Business & Industry	2005-07
Bill Franklin	Business & Industry	2005-07
Reggie St. Clair	Mt. Empire Community College	2005-07
Eileen Deckard	Special Needs	2005-08
Doug Gillenwater	Marketing	2005-08
Helen Smith	Family & Consumer Science	2005-08

**APPROVAL OF GIFTED PROGRAM LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** 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 Gifted Program Local Advisory Council Members as follows:

Brenda Byrd	Parent
Donna Mays Gillenwater	Parent
Charlotte Cox	Parent
Freda Burke	Parent
Jennifer Clark	Parent
Kim Dorton	Parent
Connie Adkins	Parent
Carolyn Godsey	Teacher
Ruby Rogers	Teacher
Jim Williams	Ex-Officio

**APPROVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HEAD START FY 2006 REFUNDING BUDGET AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION:** 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 2006 Refunding Budget (\$1,459,626.00) and Training and Technical Assistance Application as presented.

**APPROVAL OF HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:** 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 Head Start Policy Council Community Representatives as follows:

Marceia L. Holland  
Alicia Kern  
Lucretia Dawn Kitsmiller  
Walter M. Manis  
Trina Rollins  
Angela Edwards Sproles  
Mark Bo Taylor  
Rita Walters

Superintendent Scott explained that two community representatives, Mitzi Wilson and Marcie Gore, will continue to serve on the policy council for the 2005-06 school year.

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** Superintendent Scott reported that as of September 30 the enrollment was 3,728 students and that as of October 4 the enrollment is as follows:

Rye Cove Intermediate School	188
Dungannon Intermediate School	93
Fort Blackmore Primary School	93
Nickelsville Elementary School	280

Rye Cove High School	308
Shoemaker Elementary School	443
Hilton Elementary School	179
Weber City Elementary School	405
Duffield Primary School	323
Gate City High School	434
Gate City Middle School	514
Twin Springs High School	316
Yuma Elementary School	159
Total	3,735

Superintendent Scott stated that he thought school board members might be interested in seeing the number of students in the schools located in their district. He reported that the 2005-06 School Budget was based on 3,680 students. He also reported that although the school division will lose some students prior to March 31, the enrollment is expected to be well above the budgeted enrollment.

Mr. Campbell inquired about whether additional space might be needed at Duffield Primary School due to the expected industrial development in Duffield and the possibility of an increase in enrollment.

Superintendent Scott reported that Duffield Primary School and Shoemaker Elementary School probably had more of an increase in enrollment this year overall. He stated that, pending what happens with the industry and enrollment, it might become necessary to build additional classrooms at Duffield Primary School in the near future. He also reported that the number of students receiving free lunch in the school division has increased to 52%, with a 70, 71, & 72% rate at some of the schools. He reported that funding is being received based on rates from two or three years ago and that this would mean an increase in funding in the future.

**NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the following Literacy Challenge Committee National Family Literacy Day, November 1, 2005 resolution as received from Mary F. Carter, Literacy Chairman, Carter's Fort Chapter DAR:

*Whereas, As many as 44 Million adults in the country cannot read a level  
Necessary to succeed in today's society and*

*Whereas, Families, neighbors and volunteers in these United States must  
Unite in promoting literacy and help those with significant  
Literacy needs learn to read and gain independence by becoming  
Literate and*

*Whereas, When individuals learn to read they enable themselves and their  
Families to gain self respect and confidence and to reach life  
Goals that otherwise would not be obtainable, and*

*Whereas, The tireless efforts of the DAR members of Carter's Fort Chapter  
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are  
Contributing to the success of literacy programs, and*

*Whereas, The task will not be completed until all who have significant  
Literacy needs are given an opportunity to learn to read and this  
Can be accomplished if communities and organizations across  
The nation agree to meet the Literacy Challenge to promote and  
Observe National Family Literacy Day, November 1, 2005.*

*Now therefore, I, James B. Scott, Superintendent of Scott County Public Schools,  
Do hereby proclaim November 1, 2005 as National Literacy Day.*

#### **RYE COVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – FEDERAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**AWARD:** Superintendent Scott reminded school board members that Rye Cove Intermediate School was chosen as one of seven Virginia public elementary schools as "2005 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools." He reported that this was due to the school's dramatic gains in student achievement. He provided information to the school board members that he had just received information regarding an award ceremony being held in Washington, D.C. for the nation-wide schools that were chosen as Federal Blue Ribbon Schools. He informed members that, due to limited space, only two people, the principal and one teacher, are invited to attend this ceremony. He also informed board members that the former principal and all teachers at the school were instrumental in the school receiving the award and are to be commended. He stated that he would like to have board members' input regarding an appreciation

ceremony for them. He explained that this would include the three teachers for each grade (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>), the principal, and the former principal. Several means of celebrating were discussed and among those were; recognizing them at the county-wide inservice, having a reception on one of the days between the semesters, scheduling a board meeting at the new Rye Cove Intermediate School cafeteria and hold a reception at that time. Chairman Kindle informed everyone that Delegate Terry Kilgore has asked to be in attendance to recognize the school. Superintendent Scott stated that board members could think about this and decide on what to do but that he recommended that they do something relatively soon.

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

**RESIGNATION:** 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 Ms. Sarah Bellamy from the position of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective September 22, 2005.

**EMPLOYMENT:** 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 Delonda Spivey, Teaching Assistant, effective September 21, 2005.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of William Harrison Pippin, effective October 5, 2005, and Anthony Shelton, effective October 21, 2005, as maintenance employees.

Superintendent Scott reported that the maintenance department is behind considerably with their projects. He explained that with the employment of these two additional employees, the employees can break out into six two-man crews to work on various projects. He reported that he was aware of calls school board members have received and their concerns regarding maintenance projects that need to be completed. He also reported that one custodian has left and another has a medical problem; therefore additional custodial personnel are needed.

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 probationary employment of Mr. Carl Derossett, custodian, until November 1, 2005, after which date his employment would be full-time, if administrative personnel deemed appropriate at that time.

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 full-time employment of Peggy Cruby as a custodian effective October 5, 2005. School board members were reminded that Peggy Cruby had been working as a part-time custodian at Fort Blackmore Primary School.

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Mr. Sampson expressed thanks for the encouragement and kindness shown to him during the recent loss of his father. He stated that, as member of the Scott County Board of Supervisors for 24 years, he did not miss a meeting. He also stated that he has had to miss two school board meetings in the past year due to the loss of both of his parents. He expressed that it has been difficult for him this past year and expressed appreciation to everyone for their understanding and support.

Chairman Kindle asked Superintendent Scott for an update on the American Legion meeting room at the stadium.

Superintendent Scott reported that Mr. Danny Meade, Maintenance Supervisor, met recently at the Gate City High School stadium with Commander Dorton of the American Legion. He explained that they reviewed the situation at the stadium and also toured the site of the maintenance crew's classroom construction project at the Gate City Middle School. He also explained that Commander Dorton was informed that the maintenance crew expects to complete the classroom project in two or three weeks and estimates that the stadium project will take approximately three weeks to complete. He stated that

Commander Dorton understood the situation. He reported that the project will begin with the maintenance crew installing two large fans with the hopes that this will help the situation.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2005, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center.

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David T. Kindle, Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk