

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at the School Board Office in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

David T. Kindle, Chairman  
Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman  
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair  
Glenn M. McMurray  
Joe D. Meade

**ABSENT:** 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; Mr. Jimmy L. Dishner, Secondary Supervisor/Director of Testing; 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; Chad Hood, Duffield Community; Sherilyn Shepard, Citizen; Donald Horton, Citizen; Ron Dorton, American Legion Commander; Ronnie Gilliam; and Gerald Miller, Duffield Community.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Kindle presented changes and additions to the agenda as follows: Item V. Claims – Change *Coalfield Progress* from \$60.00 to \$30.00; Change *Barnes & Noble* from \$243.67 to \$256.50 and addition to Item VI. K. Other - Audit Report and Gasoline Inventory. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda with additions as presented by Chairman Kindle.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Commander Ron Dorton of the American Legion, stated that the American Legion is once again requesting assistance for repairs needed at their office at the Gate City High School stadium and inquired whether or not the school system is planning to assist with the needed repairs. He reported that the school system's maintenance supervisor had previously indicated that they would be completing work on the rest of the rooms at the stadium but he reported that this has not been done. Commander Dorton asked that repairs be made as they had been done at the football players' area of the stadium and also invited school board members to view the condition of the room at the stadium. He explained that the American Legion is a nonprofit organization with limited funds available and expressed appreciation for any assistance provided for this situation.

Chairman Kindle informed Commander Dorton that the school system has purchased a fan but has not had time to complete the installation.

Superintendent Scott reported that the stadium still has leaks in other areas as well as the area mentioned by Commander Dorton. He explained that currently the 8<sup>th</sup> grade football players area has a few places that water is coming in. He reported that this is happening in spite of the whole stadium being sealed and at a great cost to the school division. He further explained that in order to try to come up with a solution, he requested an architect review the situation. Superintendent Scott reported that based on all the information he has been able to obtain, he does not know if it would ever be possible to stop all areas from leaking. He stated that what was previously mentioned and agreed upon about getting air into the room would be a start on the problem. He reported that a section of wall has to be removed to install the fan. He explained that with the many maintenance projects that had to be completed for school opening, personnel have not had time to work at the stadium. He also reported that there are similar water problems at the Rye Cove High School stadium as well.

Mr. James H. Addington indicated that his presence was in support of Commander Dorton. He reported on the rusted condition of the weapons of the Honor Guard and condition of the meeting room at the stadium. He stated that the area needs metal roofing that slopes away from the field house.

Mr. Meade, board member, expressed that if the school system owns the building, then the school system should make it livable in some way.

Chairman Kindle stated that the school system will see what they can do to help the situation.

Sherilyn Shepard expressed concern to the school board regarding the safety of the children on the school bus for Route 600 and 601. She reported that the school bus is required to make a left turn in a blind curve with only a 40 foot view and that the children deserve a safer way home.

Superintendent Scott presented a map that was provided to him of Route 600 and 601 and presented a report of the bus stops for that particular run. Ms. Shepard presented a correction to the map.

Superintendent Scott reported that several school division personnel have traveled the school bus route and did not find any problem with the school bus route. He explained that there are worse areas of terrain that the school buses travel on when compared to Route 600 and 601.

Chairman Kindle asked Superintendent Scott and Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, if they felt that it was safe to travel the school bus route. Superintendent Scott stated "yes" and Mr. Johnson indicated that there are several school bus routes as dangerous.

Chairman Kindle expressed thanks to Ms. Shepard for her presentation. Ms. Shepard indicated that she hopes the school division does not get any children hurt.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of August 2, 2005, Regular Meeting as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS INCLUDING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:** On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the following payroll and claims including the changes and additions presented by Chairman Kindle:

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,414,826.98 as shown by warrants #8071308-8071823 (voided #8071618). School Improvement/Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$45,225.00 as shown by warrant #1900382-1900383. Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$105,712.99 as shown by warrants #1007688-1007787 (voided #1006814). Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$33,309.80 as shown by warrants #4514-4578.

**REPORT ON SUMMER PROGRAMS:** Superintendent Scott and Mr. Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction, both stated that this year's summer programs were the best yet and reported on participation in these programs as follows:

Summer Enrichment: K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades 46 students and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades 44 students  
Science in the Summer: Level 1 – 54 students, Level 2 – 44 students, and Level 3 – 21 students  
Computer Camp: Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – 19 students  
Library Nights (all grades): 351 students  
High School Remedial Courses: 10 students  
ESL Summer Program: 9 students  
Total 2005 Summer Program Students: 598 (Summer Program 2004: 398 total students)

**REPORT ON ENROLLMENT:** Superintendent Scott reported that the ten-day enrollment was 3,729 students and that the current enrollment is 3,733. He reported on how funding is based on the March 31 average daily membership (ADM). He explained that if students withdraw from school after March, it doesn't hurt. He reported that the Kindergarten class is large and the senior class to graduate is large also.

He reported on the K-3 teacher-student ratio and that some teachers had to be added to accommodate this requirement. He reported that the budget was built on 3,680 ADM.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Superintendent Scott presented a list of members for the Character Education Committee and stated that a school board members is needed to serve on the committee. Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. E. Virgil Sampson, Jr. to serve on the committee, motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Character Education Committee for the 2005-06 school year as follows:

Central Office Representative	Susan Greene, Director of Food Services
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 committee will meet the first of each year with the meeting date to be determined by the committee.

**TITLE 1 PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Title I Parent Advisory Committee members as follows:

Jim Williams	Director of Federal Programs
Angela Giles	Duffield Primary School
Sandy Green	Dungannon Intermediate School
Richie Neese	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Susan Hillman	
Lucille Baker	
Kim Jenkins	Gate City High School
Nikki Gardner	Hilton Elementary School
Tammy Hartsock	Nickelsville Elementary School
Carol Edwards	Rye Cove High School
Donna Palmer	Shoemaker Elementary School
Linda Laney	Twin Springs High School
Charnita Castle	Weber City Elementary School
Rhonda Franklin	Yuma Elementary School

**REMEDIATION COMMITTEE:** Superintendent Scott presented a list of Remediation Committee members and stated that a school board member is needed to serve on the committee. Mr. Meade made a motion that he would agree to serve on the committee, motion was seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Remediation Committee for the 2005-06 school year as follows:

Central Office Representative	Jimmy Dishner, Secondary Supervisor
Remediation Coordinator	Cathy Turner
Director of Food Services	Susan Greene
School Board Member	Joe Meade
Virginia Cooperative Extension	Patty Collier
Teacher	Joy Davidson
Teacher	Rhonda Dorton

Parent  
Davidson  
Parent

Kim  
Kim Gray

A meeting of the Remediation Program Standards Committee will be held each semester with the meeting dates to be determined by the committee members.

**SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS AND SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE:**

Superintendent Scott presented the list of Salary, Fringe Benefits and School Calendar Committee members and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Salary, Fringe Benefits and School Calendar Committee members for the 2005-06 school year as follows: Sue Arnold

Duffield Primary School

Johnny Trent	Dungannon Intermediate School
David Gwinn	Fort Blackmore Primary School
Lori Gilbert	Gate City High School
Scot Fleming	Gate City Middle School
Ruby Rogers	Hilton Elementary School
Kim Johnson	Nickelsville Elementary School
Michael Starnes	Rye Cove High School
Patricia Currier	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Rita Barger	Scott County Career & Technical Center
Kim Wilson	Shoemaker Elementary School
Joey Shipley	Twin Springs High School
Marie Barker	Weber City Elementary School
Delores Collier	Yuma Elementary School
Darryl Johnson	Director of Operations/Central Office Representative
Johnny Trent	SCEA Representative
Tim Spicer	Principal Representative
Patrick Johnson	Support Staff Representative

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Superintendent Scott presented the list of

Communications Committee members and stated that a school board member serves on the committee and that for the past few years, Mrs. Blair has served on this committee. On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board agreed for Mrs. Beth Blair to once again serve on the Communications Committee and approved the members for the 2005-06 school year as follows: George "Dusty" Newman

Duffield Primary School

Kristi Bagwell	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
Lisa Baker	Nickelsville Elementary School
Reagan Mullins	Rye Cove High School
Chad Robinette	Rye Cove Intermediate School
Judy Hensley	Scott County Career & Technical Center
Kelsey Taylor	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
John Ferguson	Principal Representative
Vickie N. Lane	Support Staff Representative

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS:**

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade,

all members voting aye, the board approved the Resolution as a Condition of Receiving Federal Funds as follows: *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:*

- 1. September 17 of each year shall be Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.*
- 2. Each year, on September 17, the schools of the School District shall conduct educational programs, designed to highlight the historic and continuing importance of the United States Constitution.*
- 3. When September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.*

*ADOPTED at a public meeting by the Board of Trustees of the Scott County School District on September 6, 2005.*

*AYES: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, David T. Kindle, Glenn McMurray, Joe Meade*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.*

*ATTEST: Loretta Q. Page (Signature)*  
*Clerk of the Board*

#### **APPROVAL OF BID FOR VERTICAL BLINDS FOR SHOEMAKER ELEMENTARY**

**SCHOOL:** Superintendent Scott reported that bids were solicited for vertical blinds for Shoemaker Elementary School and that only one bid was received for the project. He also reported on plans to purchase blinds for other schools as requests are received and funds are available. 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 bid received from Kingsport Drapery Center in the amount of \$12,718.00.

#### **APPROVAL OF BID FOR AIR CONDITIONING (ROOF-TOP) UNITS FOR**

**NICKELSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Superintendent Scott reported that bids were solicited for air conditioning units for Nickelsville Elementary School and that two bids were received for the project: Mechanical Equipment Sales, Inc. \$32,201.00 and Lissco \$31,350.00. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the bid received from Lissco in the amount of \$31,350.00 for air conditioning (roof-top) units for Nickelsville Elementary School.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE:** Superintendent Scott reported that the Gate City Middle School Classroom Project is going well and that the two labs and two classrooms should be completed within the next two or three weeks. He also reported that the heat pump has been installed in the band room at Rye Cove High School. He informed board members that, as he had previously reported and according to everyone he has discussed the project with, he is uncertain whether all leaks could be stopped at the Gate City High School stadium. He further reported that with the American Legion meeting room area being damp and kept locked up, it is difficult to try to much but he stated that hopefully a fan will help. He reported that the Rye Cove Intermediate School Cafeteria Project has gone well and is in place. He informed board members that since some of these projects have been completed, the maintenance crew will be working to catch up on some other projects. He provided an update on the window projects as follows: currently the windows are being installed in the school board office, Rye Cove will be next window project to be completed, and then Fort Blackmore Primary School windows will be completed.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING GASOLINE:** Superintendent Scott reported that the school division fleet uses approximately 500 gallons of diesel fuel each day. He reported that the school division could operate 30 days or so on the current fuel in the tanks. He reported that the school division tries to keep enough fuel to run for a while but also looks at whether the price might come down etc. Superintendent Scott explained that bids are solicited often and that there are sometimes up to four bids received. He also explained that from the time the bid is accepted and even with placing an order immediately following the bid, the price sometimes changes when the delivery is made. He informed board members that the school division owns their own tanks, which currently has approximately 14,000 total gallons of fuel: Rye Cove High School 5,753 gallons, Twin Springs High School 2,365 gallons, Bus Garage 7,633 gallons diesel fuel and gasoline 1,656 gallons. He informed board members that the fuel tanks could be "capped" off now but that fuel could possibly be cheaper in 8-10 days.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND AUDIT:** Superintendent Scott reported that Hicok, Fern & Brown have completed the School Activity Fund audit and will be at the principals meeting in October to discuss the audit and to make recommendations. Superintendent Scott presented copies of the School Activity Fund Audit to school board members. He directed their attention to Page 3 of the audit which contains the fund balances for each school and Page 5 that begins the school-by-school breakdown of fund accounts. Superintendent Scott informed board members that Mr. Jim Fern, auditor, is willing to speak to the school board members if they feel it is necessary.

Superintendent Scott reviewed some of the School Activity Fund information with school board members. He asked school board members if they have any questions or comments. School board members once again expressed that if schools have funds available for items their school needs, then the school needs to spend these funds.

Superintendent Scott informed board members of the recommendations of the auditor upon completion of the School Activity Fund audit as follows: Maintain an itemized listing of collections for each deposit. When possible, a person other than the employee collecting the money and writing receipts should make the deposit and match the deposit with receipts. With athletic tickets, give one out and keep the other as documentation. When possible, the same person should not order, receive, and process the order for payment. Schools should try to separate various bookkeeping duties between two or more employees so that one employee does not make the receipts and payments.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING FIELD TRIPS:** Superintendent Scott informed school board members that school personnel were notified that all field trips are postponed until further notice due to the gasoline situation. He also explained that the school personnel were notified that any exception to this must have his approval and would only be made if a trip has already been planned that would create significant loss for the parents, students, and schools. He reported that the school division is reimbursed .60 a mile for field trips and that the cost last year was 1.60 actual and probably 2.60 this year. Superintendent Scott reported that field trips are currently being reviewed here and in surrounding areas. He further reported that there are not a lot of trips at this time due to the SOL material being covered in the classrooms.

**PRESENTATION OF ART TO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Superintendent Scott presented art prints to each school board member of that particular board member, the school board office, the school division's seal, and the schools in the member's particular district.

**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. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Wally Ford, Rye Cove High School Golf Coach. Mr. Ford will serve as a volunteer golf coach.

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 Jennifer Mullins, Gate City High School Theater Festival Coach.

**LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE:** 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 leave-of-absence request from Agnes C. Estep, Head Start, effective August 14, 2005 to February 14, 2006.

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 leave-of-absence request of Alison Stallard, Elementary Teacher, effective for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year.

**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 Odene Nash as a school bus driver for the 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 personnel as follows:

Jessica G. Seaton, GCHS Theater Festival, (coaching with Jamie Duncan Perry 2005-06)

Kellie Young, Head Start Teacher, 2005-06 school year

Matt Bays, Rye Cove High School Golf Coach, 2005-06 school year

Tammy Dixon, Office Assistant, effective August 18, 2005

Robin Bond, Office Assistant, effective August 18, 2005

Sheila Mays, Part-time Office Assistant, effective August 22, 2005

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Mrs. Blair reported that she had the opportunity to visit and eat lunch at Rye Cove Intermediate School. She commented that the food was good and that the students and staff were very appreciative of their new facility. She stated that maybe this was one of the most positive projects that they have completed.

Mr. Meade expressed thanks and appreciation to everyone.

Chairman Kindle asked that everyone keep fellow board member, E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., and his family, in their thoughts and prayers due to the death of his father.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

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David T. Kindle, Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk